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MEETING NOTES



A very chilly morning at Heritage Park, you can certainly feel autumn in the air but it is warm and friendly in the Gunn Dairy barn as Graham Drake welcomed everyone to our Friday morning meeting. President Lynda rang the bell and Stan lead us in O'Canada to kick things off. President Lynda provided the land acknowledgement and welcomed our guests who included:

Keith Curtis our new corporate member rep from Heritage Park

Dave Leslie our Assistant District Governor

Kelly Choi and Eva Sirvent Milbra our guest speakers from Hatch Loom

President Lynda advised us that on this day in 1979 Mother Teresa was named the recipient of the Nobel Prize for Peace as the founder of a Roman Catholic order of women dedicated to the poor and particularly to the destitute of India,

After saying the blessing Lynda designated Graham Drake as our Plate Shinner. Graham did double duty today as he already did a great job as Greeter. Well done, Graham.

MINUTES

PROGRAM

Allisa Paivalainen introduced Eva Sirvent Milbra, CEO and Co-founder of Hatchloom, on the topic of "Beyond Resumes: How Youth Entrepreneurship Prepares the Next Generation for a World We Can't Predict".

Hatchloom provides programs to bridge the gap between school and what life actually requires. Their hands-on entrepreneur programs for junior and senior high students prepares them to think independently, solve real problems, and build something of their own.

Eva spoke about the issues youth face today and that surveys show teenagers spend upwards of 3 to 6 hours per day on social media, one out of three prefer talking to Artificial Intelligence instead of another human and teenage depression is twice as high as other social groups. Hatchloom is teaching students to be curious, creative, motivated and resilient. They teach critical thinking and improve communication skills along with technical proficiency. Some disturbing statistics but some positive programs to help teens going forward. Allisa thanked Eva and presented our certificate of vaccinating 20 children against Polio.

Member Jeromy Farkas, who was recently declared Mayor elect of Calgary, stopped in to bring greetings and thank all of those that helped with his campaign and voted for him while pledging to work diligently to for the benefit of all Calgarians. Jeromy is hoping to maintain his membership in our club and make at least one meeting per month. We look forward to seeing the Rotary 4 Way Test being applied to local politics.

Dave Leslie, on behalf of Rotary International and District 5360 presented our club with a certificate recognizing our contribution to the "End Polio Now!" campaign.

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MINUTES (CONTD)

Tracy Vavrek promoted the “End Polio Now!” campaign and encouraged everyone to donate to the cause as we are still just short of completing our goal of irradiating the wild polio virus worldwide. Rotary started Polio Plus 35 years ago working in conjunction with the World Health Organization and Gates Foundation. We have eliminated polio from 99% of the world's population with only a few cases reported in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Jamie Powell advised the Wines of the World raffle is off and running. He handed out tickets to those in attendance and will be following up with the members who weren't here today. This is a great fund raiser so make sure you get your tickets and contact all your friends and acquaintances, so they don't miss out on their chance to win.

Jamie will send out an email with template emails to make this easy for you.

Lorne Kelly announced the great success of the recent RCCHP Car Rally which was won by the team of Stan Christmas,

Allisa Paivalainen, and her parents. Congratulations!!

There was also a most creative team award which the club voted on from a collection of photos. Turned out it was a tie between Bob Clark's team and Don McArthur's team, but it was only for bragging rights as the food prize got eaten at the after party on Saturday night.

Bob Clark announced our “special meeting” coming up November 14th at the Gunn Barn. This special meeting will be chaired by Bob Clard and is intended to introduce and educate our guests about Rotary and hopefully encourage them to join Rotary. Bob encourages all members to attend and invite guests. Your guest's breakfast will only cost \$15; now that is special. The guest speakers will be Abdul and Henry from Aurrin Ventures a firm that provides microcredit to young entrepreneurs plus the directors from our club Avenues of Service will provide stories of Rotary's scope and impact around the world. Looking forward to a great turn out.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

HAPPY BUCKS

There were numerous happy bucks for the car rally and a number of other events to fill our coffers.

Thank you to all who contributed

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

Peace begins with a smile

In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love

A life not lived for others is not a life.

Mother Teresa

Her sayings emphasize love, service and finding joy in small acts of kindness.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

DOUG MACDONALDOCT 31
ELAINE DUNCAN (BRIAN GENTLES).....NOV 5

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

HARRY KIM(22YRS).....OCT 31
GRAHAM DRAKE (29YRS).....NOV 1
WYNNE BJORGAN (26YRS).....NOV 1
GARRY GRAY (25YRS).....NOV 1
ART SUMNER (12YRS).....NOV 1
VANITA SAPRE (6YRS).....NOV 1

DUTY ROSTER

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

GREETERJEROMY FARKAS
DOOR SALES.....JORDAN JANCHEV
INTRO & THANK.....BRIAN GENTLES
REPORTER.....LINDA CRAIG

If you are unable to fulfil your duties please

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