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MEETING NOTES



Judy Cochrane greeted the members and guests and Stan Christmas led the National Anthem.

President Lynda started us off with the traditional land acknowledgement. She went on to share that Sept 19 is Powley Day in Ontario where The Metis Nation of Ontario and Metis communities across the country celebrate the recognition of Metis rights in R. vs Powley. While other Metis rights cases were before the courts, Powley was the first appealed all the way to the Supreme Court. In a unanimous decision, the Supreme Court affirmed that section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, is a substantive promise to the Metis which recognizes their distinct existence and protects their existing Aboriginal rights.

Guest: Dr. Elder Doreen Spence. Visitor: David Leslie, Downtown, Assistant Governor.

PROGRAM

Brad Sewall introduced Elder Doreen Spence and shared her humble beginnings with the Saddle Creek Cree Nation in Northern Alberta. He covered her wide experience both locally and internationally then concluded with a summary of her involvement with local Rotary Indigenous Relations. Some highlights from Grandmother's presentation: As a 13 year-old she had firsthand experience with racism when she had to help the local school teach the reserve students, while staying in poverty conditions – no lights, no heat, minimal food. She was taught we all have two wolves inside of us whispering to us – the big, mean, negative energy one and the quieter, kind, wise and caring one. She encouraged us to listen for the quiet one. Doreen's mother and grandmother both went to residential school. She only heard the stories through her aunties as her mother never talked about it. Needless to say, the stories sat heavily with her. She sees herself as a peacemaker, to walk with those who are struggling to deal with their position. She reflects her core values of love, truthfulness, honesty and respect in an attempt to live up to her given name, "Bald Eagle Woman Who Leads". Doreen shared the importance of Orange Shirt Day. First acknowledged in 2013, the orange shirt is represented of the loss Phyllis Webstad experienced as she entered Residential School. The goal is to increase awareness of the impact of residential schools, to celebrate the survivors (Every Child Matters) and to honor those who did not survive. She shared a quote from Murray Sinclair, Chair of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission. "Reconciliation is not an Indigenous problem; it is a Canadian problem." Doreen wanted to be clear that she is not having this discussion to make anyone feel bad or to offend. Rather, she sees this as understanding the past to learn and set sights on a better future. "We must navigate the darkness can see the light." She closed with a quote from a family member, "The past cannot be changed, but the future is ours to shape."

FRIDAYS 7 AM. GUNN'S DAIRY BARN, HERITAGE PARK, 1900 HERITAGE DRIVE SW, CALGARY



HAPPY BUCKS

- Lynda happy to be back after 3 weeks. Appreciated Doreen's talk.
- Steve survived his hiking trip to Italy
- Sheila USAY grand opening of their new building this afternoon from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Graham glad to be here – liked the metaphor of the two wolves
- Brad glad to have Doreen Spence out and the chance to chat with her
- Richard pleased to be back in the land of the walking
- Zenon Doreen's presentation
- Peter Doreen's presentation and National Talk Like a Pirate Day. Their favorite letter is not "RRR", it's the C Matey!!
- Lynda sad buck for Raju's poor health. Connect with Asha if you'd like to arrange a visit.

CLOSING REMARKS

President Lynda wrapped up the meeting with a moment of thanks. "The more you know, the less you need." A powerful reminder that wisdom outweighs material wealth – the deeper your understanding of life, the fewer possessions you require for fulfilment. "Those who lose dreaming are lost."

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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BOB COVE.....SEPT. 28

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

JUDY CHOCHRAN...(11YRS).....SEPT. 28

ALIISA PAIVALAINEN...(11YRS).....SEPT 28

MINUTES

Doug MacDonald – On behalf of the Indigenous Relations Sub-Committee, Doug shared that the committee is promoting the Orange Shirt Day – Pokaiks walk on September 30. An email will be coming out shortly to register – it's free, but we'd like to know how many are attending. The walk starts on the Peace Bridge (Eau Claire side) at 11:00.

Stan Christmas reminded the club of the upcoming Historical Walk of downtown Calgary. See the website to sign up. We'll be meeting at 10:00 a.m. in front of old City Hall for about a 2-hour tour. The group will retire to Jameson's Pub on Steven's Avenue to debrief the tour.

Don McCarthy asked that the Treasurer email rcchptreasurer@rccheritagepark.ca be used when you are contacting him about financial or treasurer content. He is managing several e-mails and it would make life easier to stay top of things.

Brad Sewall recited poetry and had a pop quiz to encourage members, family and friends to sign up for the Car Rally which takes place on Oct. 18. A few spots are still available! Singles are encouraged to sign up for the event and indicate in the comments that you would like to be added to a team. Enthusiastic debrief anticipated at the Limerick Pub on McLeod Trail.

DUTY ROSTER

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

GREETERJIM DAVIS

DOOR SALES.....DOUG KINLEY

INTRO & THANK.....OLA OLUTUYI

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