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MEETING NOTES



Fall was in the air on this Friday morning. We were greeted by Past President Bill Skinner. Warm welcoming also came from our door salesman Vince Vavrek. Stan Christmas joined the table to offer raffle tickets towards a flat of Rotary beer (with John Radermacher emphasizing it was a flat of beer not just a 6-pack)! Who could refuse with the proceeds going towards the Polio Plus campaign? At 7 am sharp, guest host Bob Cole called us to our seats and introduced our guests:

Katie Paulsen (Rotary Employment Partnership), Saleem Jessani, Tofi Olutuyi (Ola's son) and visiting Rotarians Gary Williamson, Chris Bailey and Peter Kinsch, all from RCC Centennial. Stan Christmas led us in Oh Canada. Bob Cole provided a land acknowledgement and then shared the story of Jim Thorpe, a Native American, who was one of the most outstanding athletes of the twentieth century: he won 2 Olympic Gold Medals in the 1912 Olympics, played football in the NFL, and baseball in the MLB. Sheila Tyminski was then asked to be our plate shiner.

PROGRAM

Bob Cole explained that as our scheduled speaker cancelled due to a family emergency, Bob Clark graciously stepped in to provide us with a quasi classification talk that he subtitled 'Second Chances.' Bob began by describing his young years where, as the smallest and smartest in class, he shrunk into the background. Thus began a series of challenges, opportunities and second chances that he took. Here are some of them:

- Studied business at university until he hit a barrier: computers.

- Studied classical music in his early years, then discovered punk rock, which sent him to work at a record store as a summer job: opportunity (love of alternative music).

- Took a law course during his undergraduate degree and had a chance to attend a trial (where he was captivated by the skills of both the crown and the defence): opportunity (love of the law).

- Failed to get into law at U of C (due to computer course lowering his GPA) led to him attending his first year of law at a small university in Montana: second chance. (he then transferred to U of C to complete his degree. (happily for Bob, law is one profession that lagged on adoption of computers for lawyers).

- Had an opportunity to act as an agent at the law courts as a summer job where he met another aspiring lawyer Dana Chittick. Opportunity: set up a law firm with Dana, which continued for the majority of his career.

- Was encouraged by a partner in the law firm where he articulated, to join Toastmasters. Bingo! A second chance for someone with real public speaking anxiety.

Bob concluded with words of encouragement to us all: unlock your skills and chances, turn your nerves into electricity, and take that passion to make connections and seize second chances. You need to be not only a giver but a receiver – open yourself up to those second chances. Bob also noted the number of connections our club has to his Toastmasters group including Raju Paul and David McKeowan.

Bob Cole Thanked him.

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



MINUTES

1. Stan Christmas will lead a walking history tour on Sept. 27th in our city centre. Following the walk along Stephen Avenue the group will retire to the James Joyce Pub for lunch. Register [here](#).
2. Bob Clark invited us to sign up for the Second Annual Car Rally on Oct. 18th. Cost is \$20 per car and we are encouraged to go as teams. It starts at Heritage Park and ends up at Limerick's Pub on Macleod Trail. Register [here](#).
3. John Radermacher asked Linda Craig to pull the winning ticket for the Iron Lung Ale beer raffle. Vince V was the winner and we raised \$150 towards the Polio Plus campaign.
4. Bob Cole offered a heartfelt request to assist one of our members, Peter McLaughlin, to help find him a job and help him move.

CLOSING REMARKS

Bob Cole closed the meeting by reminding us that on this day in history, in 1978, the historic Camp David Accord was signed by Anwar Sadat, Menachim Begin and Jimmy Carter.

HAPPY BUCKS

Host Bob opened the floor to **Happy Bucks**:

- Vince for winning the beer raffle – and gave us all a second chance by offering to share his winnings with everyone who came today.
- Doug MacDonald – as a shout out to Kate Paulsen at Rotary Employment Partnership.
- Kate Paulsen – to share some recent successful employment placements.
- Judy – for her trip to Newfoundland and for the past New Generations Service Exchange participant Julie, who is getting married.
- Mark – to thank Vince and Tracey, for hosting such a wonderful potluck picnic.
- Bill S – to also thank Stan for his work in organizing the picnic potluck.
- Marlene – to promote big Polio Plus event on Nov. 1.
- Linda C – to thank the hosts and organizers of the picnic potluck and for Bob for an amazing talk.
- Sheila – for discovering her own second chance to excel at a sport (Corn Hole).
- Doug McKinley – for providing sage advice to his son about his granddaughter starting high school ('what goes around comes around, son.')
- Bob Cole – for being part of such an amazing group.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

MARK ROWE	SEPT. 16
VANITA SAPRE	SEPT. 17
GINNY MURPHY	SEPT. 19
SANJAY POKHRIYAL	SEPT. 11
REESE MIKKELSON	SEPT 16

ANNIVERSARIES

BILL & SUSAN HOPE (48YRS)	SEPT. 17
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DUTY ROSTER

SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

GREETER	TED WOOD
DOOR SALES.....	WALTER ZUK
INTRO & THANK.....	HAROLD AITKENHEAD
REPORTER.....	DEB DUNCANSON

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