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**PRESIDENT
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MEETING NOTES

It was a blustery spring day outside, but inside the Barn, members and guests received a warm and enthusiastic greeting from Ginny Murphy. President Lynda Campbell brought the meeting to order promptly at 7 AM. Stan Christmas returned to the Barn on crutches after his successful knee(s) replacement so Lynda gave him the day off and we were led in a singing of Oh Canada by Peter Harding.

After the land acknowledgement, Lynda noted that April 24 featured several notable observances, of which our reporter only recalled two. National Pigs in a Blanket Day and National Bucket list Day, which Lynda noted encouraged both indulgence and personal reflection.

Lynda also shared the sad news that Jean Sadler, wife of longtime member Bob Sadler, passed away Friday April 17. Ginny welcomed our guests. Steve Berini – potential new member; Ashely Yu – Inclusion Alberta; Lee Bryan; Frances Schwartz; Madeline King – Guest speaker; Ed Engstrom; Jackie Engstrom; Bob Taylor.

After the invocation, Lynda assigned Club member Mayor Jeromy Farkas as plate shiner.

PROGRAM

Mark Rowe introduced our speaker, Madeline King.

Madeline was awarded an Immigrant of Distinction Lifetime Achievement (Calgary) and a Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Award (Alberta) in 2022. She is an active Rotarian and former President of the Downtown Club. Author of 2 memoirs, "Expulsion" in 2020 and "Caring for the Heart of Our City" in 2026, she spoke to us about her second memoir, which described her time as a City Councillor (Alderman at the time) from 2001-2007.

Her riding was in the inner city at a time when Calgary was rapidly growing out to the suburbs. She worked to ensure that the inner city was not left behind while city funds went to the outskirts, potentially leaving crumbling infrastructure and neglected green spaces. The city was expanding their transportation network, mostly by road, so she worked to install traffic calming measures in local neighbourhoods. As well, she helped establish the Beltline as a vibrant neighbourhood with mixed use buildings that included housing, business and bar/restaurants. She also helped lead the revitalization of Central Memorial Park.

She described herself as an activist councillor but was able to build collaborative relationships over time with the mayor and other councillors with different views. As a councillor she sat on numerous committees. She noted that councillors vote on stray cats in one vote, and on a multimillion-dollar capital plan on the next vote.

After losing a close election in 2017, she was inspired and comforted by numerous letters and emails received by colleagues, community associations and mayors and councillors from other communities.

In the Q&A, Mayor Farkas gave a lovely thanks for the work that Madeline had championed and noted that current council is able to succeed because of the foundations she and several of her colleagues established 20 years ago.

50/50

Steve Dunk's ticket was drawn and to his surprise, he pulled the Joker. Pot won was over \$700. He did a happy dance.

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



MINUTES

Linda Craig and Steve Dunk thanked the organizing committee, the Rotary and non-Rotary volunteers for our most successful art sale. While final tallies are not in, the art sale raised at least 20% more than last year, with the total raised expected to be more than \$45,000

Rob Matthews noted that the Fish Creek gathering would start at 2:30 rather than 1:30 due to expected bad weather. The potluck will still be at 4:30

Lynda reminded everyone of the District Conference in Red Deer May 1-3 in Red Deer

Brad Wellicome asked members to mark June 26 after our meeting for the dedication of the Indigenous Shelter at Heritage Park. He read the dedication plaque which was written with consultation from the Park, the Club and Indigenous community members.

Ashley Yu told us that Inclusion Alberta has partnered with AgeCare who operate a number of care homes in Calgary. Inclusion Alberta has placed two clients with them and Ashley asked us to pass along any similar opportunities with retirement facilities that we may be aware of.

MOTION

Judy Cochrane/Linda Craig – Youth Services moved that RCCHP provide \$600 of which \$225 is to send 9 Rotaractors to DisCon, \$50 for a House of Friendship table and \$325 for materials for a service project for the Interact Club. .
Motion passed.

CONCLUSION

President Lynda closed with a quote from Nelson Mandela

“It always seems impossible until its done”

DUTY ROSTER

MAY 1, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....JIM SAWERS
DOOR SALES & 50/50.....EVA SIRVENT MILBRA
INTRO & THANK.....BILL SKINNER
REPORTER.....PETER LEIGH

**If you are unable to fulfil your duties please
find your own replacement.**

HAPPY BUCKS

Bob Clark – thanks to Casino volunteers and he is retiring from SAIT

Brian Gentles – complimented Jeromy on his tartan tie. Jeromy told him it's a Calgary tartan and gave it to Brian

Steve Dunk was happy about the speaker, winning the 50/50 and heading out for his Camino.

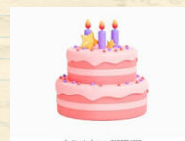
Guest Bob Taylor noted that Madeline keeps a poster of the 4 Way Test on her bedside table

HELP NEEDED

Doug McDonald is looking for someone with experience in Lifecycle review that can help parse a 300-page engineers report into something that can be reduced to action items. It will require 4-5 meetings over 1 month

Phil H announced that in conversation with Bow Valley College, he mentioned that he was trying to write a Procedures Manual. The HR department at BVC offered to help. As they are looking to develop those types of manuals for small business

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

CHERYL MATTHEWS.....MAY 1
TIEN DANG (BOB CLARK).....MAY 1

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

VINCE VAVREK (30Yrs).....MAY 1

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