



# THE STANDARD

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## MEETING NOTES

Stan Christmas conducted O'Canada.

Joe delivered the land acknowledgement and gave thanks with an invocation that fueled our commitment as Rotarians. Today is both World Leadership and Social Justice Day

Velma introduced our District Governor Darcy and his son Nate, Rotarian to be Jen Aitken with her entourage, three potential new members (Jilie Aitkin, Sami Alfakis and Vanessa Brown) Rebecca Finley, and Vera Ilnycki. Jesse from the University of Calgary Rotaract Club.

Peter and Elaine Harding will celebrate 54 years of wedded bliss on August 19.

Velma advised us to watch words which lead to actions which lead to habits which shape our character and ultimate destiny.

Tables with guests first were greeted at the buffet by Graham Kennelly.

Joe called the meeting promptly back to order to address a full agenda.

## PROGRAM

Aliisa introduced our District Governor Darcy who began by acknowledging the contribution of Club Presidents (Joe), Polio Eradication (Marlene), past District Governors (Tracey) and zone treasurers (Vince). Often when people do a great job, there is calming silence.

Darcy views his role as listening, connecting, and removing barriers. He congratulated 7 Calgary clubs, including Heritage Park for collaborating.

The Rotary experience we create will hopefully involve connection, fun, and making a difference in a leadership laboratory in which ideas lead to action.

Darcy used the analogy of the flamingo from the District Conference. Everyone faces the same direction, but one who proceeds with the flock or strikes out in a different direction. He also referenced the book "Good to Great" by Jim Collins. Good is the enemy of great. Let's always strive for great.

Darcy believes Calgary and the world in general need more Rotary, people who can calmly disagree and then focus on solving problems and getting things done. Increased visibility increases opportunities and our impact grows!

## 50/50

With \$586.50 available, Judy's ticket was selected. The 4-way test followed and 4 of clubs was selected

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

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## PROGRAM (CONTD)

Our exercise was to address the Rotary 4 pillar action plan on index cards:

1. Impact – what is the problem to solve? 1. Reach – who should we invite to join us?
2. Engagement: what will current and new members remember?
3. Adaptation: what do we simply do and more importantly what should we do?

Cards were completed and then collected. President Joe was challenged to select one goal for each of the four pillars.

Aliisa thanked D.G. Darcy.

## NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Jen who is by classification a Travel Advisor and by attitude and commitment, a flamingo, was inducted as the newest member of our club. Jen was supported by her mom and her business coach. Jen has already actively participated by attending RCCHP meetings, visiting other clubs, and enjoying Rotary social events. Jen is proud and excited to become a Rotarian. She has overcome a tragic automobile accident and maintained a positive outlook on both her life and the opportunity to help others. We are delighted to have Jen as a member of our club.

## DUTY ROSTER

AUGUST 21, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....ASHA PAUL  
DOOR SALES & 50/50.....JAMIE POWELL  
INTRO & THANK.....JIM SAWERS  
REPORTER.....ROGER SONNTAG

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

## MOTIONS

Marlene led a Club Service update, which included new terms of reference.

The Club Service Committee develops, co-ordinates and carries out the internal workings and activities necessary to make the Club function successfully and achieve its goals. The goal is to offer monthly fellowship events.

The Club Service Committee, through appropriate activities and events for Club members, also promotes fellowship as a springboard for service

Members were thanked for their participation in a survey. The goal of at least one activity per month was established.

Mark communicated that there will be both continuity and also some variety with the activities.

Asha promoted our clubs unique Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. Two options are now available:

1 Host 4-6 people and then guest twice or

2. Pick and reserve a restaurant for 4 – 6, with the bill split equally.

Please choose your option by September 30 and indicate dates in November, January, March and May

John stressed that seeing people in their own environment enhances relationships. Please choose based upon your comfort level

## HAPPY BUCKS

John had \$2 to welcome Jen.

Peter Harding had \$20 for his upcoming anniversary.

Jesse had \$5 happy for future collaboration with us and other Rotary clubs.

Judy had \$20.

Stan Christmas had happy bucks and was open to future activities

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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PETER & ELAINE.(54YRS).....AUG 19

STEVE BERINI & SHEILA KEARNS (20YRS).....AUG 15

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