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MEETING NOTES

We were met with a warm welcome from Asha.

As we had been advised, President Joe is away, and Linda Craig stepped in to ably chair our meeting. She did mention it had been a while since chairing a Rotary meeting.

Peter led us in a moderately successful rendition of O Canada.

Linda advised us it is Rotary Membership Month and International Never Give Up Day and National Fajita Day. Sheila provided the Land Acknowledgement highlighting Louis Riel.

Jamie introduced our guests, Stan Peake (guest speaker), Brian Lee and Sami Alrakis. Asha provided birthday and anniversary greetings and Linda with a reflection to be thankful for our ability to do Rotary's work.

PROGRAM

Landis introduced Stan Peake, the Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Networking Lead at Bow Valley College (BVC) who has extensive experience in starting new enterprises in the world of business. Stan's role at BVC is to help students round out their soft skills and build their confidence through networking, building their valuation proposition and other events. He assists students in the identification of pattern recognition of history that could lead to business and economic opportunities. The students are in a safe place to fail and get exposure to entrepreneurial thinking while learning from others.

Stan has observed the those going into business from BVC start the typical "mom and pop" enterprise or join an existing organization as an employee. The average age is higher than most post-secondary institutions and many have families to support and are upgrading their education and learning how the Canadian systems work. BVC has a signature program, Venture Quest, which is a six-month preparation and development program culminating in a pitch presentation on a business opportunity. The program includes the preparation of a business idea, a business plan, value proposition leading to a two-hour mini trade show where they are judged by businesspeople and BVC. The prizes are cash for seed money for taking the opportunity to reality. About 165 participants start the program and are narrowed down to 8 or 9 after the business plan completion for the final pitch competition.

After the Q&A, Landis thanked Stan for his presentation and presented him with a certificate indicating we had vaccinated 20 children against Polio in his name.

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



MINUTES

Jim Sawers provided an update on BVC activities. There is tour of BVC on Nov 17 focusing on the Health & Wellness, and Indigenous departments, we presented at \$1,500 bursary and hoping to get that matched so we can offer one more and lastly, there is a networking event that may lead to a BVC Rotaract Club. Jim is looking for a BVC faculty member to champion this project. We also had an update on the mentoring program and looking for mentors for the coming year (6 meetings incl 2 online) for the program starting in October.

NEW MEMBER TRANSFER

This is the second notice that Dawn Byford has applied for membership in RCCHP, and barring any objections she will be inducted shortly.

MOTIONS

Judy made a motion that on behalf of the Youth Committee, RCCHP approve the payment of \$1,000 to District 5360 for the Rotary Youth Exchange In-bound student fee. Seconded by Bob Clark and carried.

HAPPY BUCKS

Happy Bucks for the coffers. Bill S for his successful knee surgery, Sheila for our speaker coming on Sep 4, Casey Eaglespeaker, Bob Clark for the Inglewood walk, for the social to meet Stan Herringa (exchange student) and of course, the Guns N Roses concert next Wed in Edmonton!

50/50

Brian Gentles had a chance to win the 50/50 after his ticket was drawn. An ok 4-way test was followed by his selection of the 9 of clubs. The \$621.50 will continue to grow.

INGLEWOOD HISTORICAL WALK
A most enjoyable day. Thank you Stan.
Photographs curtesy of Jen Aiken.



DUTY ROSTER

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GREETER & SUNSHINE.....SASKIA KNIGHT
DOOR SALES & 50/50.....JIM SAWERS
INTRO & THANK.....EVA SERVANT MILBRAT
REPORTER.....LINDA CRAIG

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYSS

HAROLD AITKENHEAD.....AUG 22
BRAD SEWALL.....AUG 23

ANNIVERSARIES

STEVE DUNK & CATHERINE BRUNSCHOT (44YRS).....AUG 28

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

THAMPI THOMAS (.2YRS).....AUG 23

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