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MEETING NOTES

President Joe, after a well-deserved camping trip, was back in the saddle and raring to crack the whip. It took two strikes of the bell to corral the boisterous crowd. By 7.01 am, we were back on track singing O Canada under Stan's ever-patient guidance.

Jamie Powell enthusiastically welcomed our guests: Jenna Jepson (speaker), Lydia Colclough, Brian Lee, Amanda Gibson, Vanessa Brown, Stan Heeringa (RCCHP youth exchange student), Janice Vauthier, David Leslie, and the much-missed Graham Drake.

President Joe reminded us that it was National Red Wine Day, National Thoughtful Day, as well as National Rainbow Bridge Day, a day to remember our beloved pets that have passed.

After President Joe acknowledged the sacred land we inhabit, Greeter Saskia Knight provided the Sunshine Report. Birthday wishes were extended to Harold Aitkenhead and Brad Sewall. Congratulations to Steve Dunk and Catherine Brunschot for 44 years of marriage, and to Thampi Thomas for his second anniversary as a Rotarian. She noted the sad passing of a much-loved icon, Dolly Parton.

The blessing was given by our president who then invited all (guests first) to the breakfast buffet. Zenon had the honour of shining our plates! Or did he honour us?

PROGRAM

Velma Noble graciously introduced our guest speaker Jenna Jepson, Community Engagement Coordinator Alzheimer Calgary. Jenna's powerful presentation "Let's Talk Dementia" opened the doors to helping us understand more about dementia and how Alzheimer Calgary's services can aid both caregivers and those with dementia. Dementia is an umbrella term that refers to a group of symptoms, including Alzheimer's, that impact daily activities. Her insightful and sometimes humorous talk reinforced the belief that a "diagnosis [of dementia] should open doors for support, not close doors." The startling statistic that one in five Canadians are affected by dementia is, indeed, unsettling and a reminder to "move more, connect more, learn more and live with meaning". A doctor's referral isn't required. What's more services are free.

Velma gave a heartfelt thanks and presented Jenna with a certificate noting that 20 children were vaccinated against polio.

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



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Bob Clark invited Brian Lee (inductee) and Landis Jackson (sponsor) to the front where he proceeded to led a joyful induction ceremony for Brian whose classification of Talent Assessment. The members enthusiastically welcomed Brian to the club.

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.

HAPPY BUCKS

Bill Hope happy to contribute many happy bucks for granddaughter Lucy's birthday.

Phil H was happy about his and Fran's recent trip to Croatia.

50/50

Vince Vavrek had the winning number but failed to draw the joker.

CLOSING REMARKS

President Joe ended the meeting at 8:21 am.

DUTY ROSTER

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....BILL SKINNER
DOOR SALES & 50/50.....AL SUMNER
INTRO & THANK.....VINCE VAVREK
REPORTER.....EVE ROBERTSON

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

MINUTES

Lydia Colclough, Philanthropy Officer Alzheimer Calgary, quickly told us about the WalkRun fundraiser for Alzheimer Calgary on October 11 at Prince's Island Park

www.alzheimerwalkrun.ca.

Visiting Rotary Youth Exchange student Stan Heeringa was introduced by Phil Hochhausen. Stan arrived two weeks ago from The Netherlands and is settling in. We will enjoy Stan's company until next July. Stan, resplendent in his orange jacket filled with buttons received at the recent student orientation, thanked us for our support and gently reminded (educated) us that Holland is a region of The Netherlands! He'd like to take advantage of his proximity to the mountains and learn to ski. Any support would be appreciated.

Marlene Doherty: On behalf of Club Service, thanked Stan Christmas for leading the walk around Inglewood on August 22, and she reminded the Club to sign up for the Backyard Rodeo curated by Lorne Kelly, which happens September 26.

Marlene announced the **Paul Harris Citizenship Award** that recognizes service above self. If you know of anyone who should be nominated, please contact Marlene.

Sheila Tyminski reminded us about two upcoming events. Plan to attend the Club meeting on September 4 when Elder Casey Eagle Speaker will talk about truth and reconciliation. Also plan to join us for a visit to USAY (Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth) on Saturday, September 19, 1:00-2:30 pm.

An email about both events will be sent out.

David Leslie, Rotary Club of Calgary Downtown highlighted two upcoming events:

September 9 — Mayor Jeromy Farkas discusses Calgary's future in the State of the City Address, 12-1:30 pm Glencoe Club. Registration required.

September 23 — Adopt a Village Fundraiser, 6-9pm Ranchman's Club or attend virtually. Registration required.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYSS

BRUCE BYFORD.....SEPT 4

ANNIVERSARIES

BRAD & KIM SEWALL(44YRS).....SEPT 4