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MEETING NOTES

The skies were a little cloudy and smoky outside, but a real ray of sunshine welcomed us as Lynda Campbell said hello to everyone as they came in. President Joe started the meeting and Stan Christmas led the national Anthem. Joe acknowledged the traditional territories of Treaty 7 people.

Guests: Leor Rotchild, Saskia Knight, Christopher Davis, Andrew Hedderly, Jen Aitken, Vanessa Brown, Mel Warman

Visitors: Graham Drake (Sun Peaks), Dan Doherty (Mohkinstsis), Tony Knight, Arien Knight

Over the past few weeks, we've been exploring what it means to *Create Lasting Impact* - in our club, our community and the world around us. Each meeting builds on the last, helping us strengthen our club's role as a catalyst for positive change. Today we continue that journey by looking at impact on a global scale. Calgary Climate Week isn't just a headline; it's a reminder that meaningful change begins with informed conversations and small, consistent actions. Rotary has always been about service that outlives us, and Graham Drake was assigned as plate shiner.

PROGRAM

SPEAKER: Eve Robertson introduced Leor Rotchild. Leor is a consultant, facilitator, and strategist with more than 2 decades of experience in corporate sustainability, leadership and entrepreneurship. He is the founder of the Calgary Climate Week which is his topic for today.

Leor opened with the question, "What do you think of when you hear the words, 'Climate Change'?" We heard lots of "Hot", "Dry", "Fires", "Drought", "Money", and "Conflict". Leor built on the word conflict as he sees Calgary Climate Week as a way to encourage discussion about Climate Change in a way that encourages looking ahead and looking for creative solutions to the challenges it presents.

Calgary Climate Week (CCW) was a 6-day gathering that hosted 30 events at 9 locations. It opened with an Executive Forum then moved into their Calgary Climate Symposium which was hosted by the City of Calgary. A number of Partner Events provided insight to the work of a number of local organizations such as Alberta Eco-Trust, Climate Calgary, Calgary Health Systems Alliance, Calgary Board of Education and Aboriginal Friendship Centre Calgary. Innovators and Investors was another evening event where the two groups were brought together to network and investigate options to move many of these innovations forward. There were also Show and Tell Tours such as the one attended by Bill Skinner to Deep Sky's carbon removal facility that is reducing carbon dioxide while also improving the quality of cement being produced.

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



MOTIONS

Marlene Doherty gave a heads up that District Governor Darcy Mykytyshyn will be attending our next meeting. She encourages everyone to wear their Rotary logo'd clothing or pins to show Darcy how strong our club passion is.

Marlene also provided a Save the Date for Aug. 22 for a Historical Walk through Inglewood led by our own local historian Stan Christmas. Stay tuned for details.

Lynda Campbell provided a reminder of the Back yard BBQ scheduled for Sept. 26. Prepare for Chuckwagon races, Chicken strutting, Pot luck fun and laughter!

50/50

John Radermacher managed the ticket bucket and cards for the draw.

With 42 cards remaining and \$475.50 up for grabs Wynne's ticket was drawn but her luck quickly faded as the Joker eluded her.

HAPPY BUCKS

Graham Drake – great to be hear and see Saskia join the best club in town.

Phil – great to see Graham.

Eve – excellent speaker.

Rob Matthews – thanks from Cheryl and him for the great Hutterite tour.

Tony Knight – loves coming to his favorite club to see his favorite (only) daughter get inducted.

Wynne – going to be away for a month (were those cheers I heard??).

John Radermacher – welcome Saskia.

DUTY ROSTER

AUGUST 14, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....VELMA NOBLE
DOOR SALES & 50/50.....OLAJIDE OLUTUYI
INTRO & THANK.....ALIISA PAIVALAINEN
REPORTER.....BOB CLARK

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

PROGRAM (CONTD)

Over 1,000 individuals registered for CCW. Leor shared a number of statistics to show the success of this first year for the gathering.

Leor noted the alignment of his work with RI's Areas of Focus – Environment. He would love to see Rotary take a role in CCW events next year such as Community Cleanup; Creating tours or events; or mentoring youth on the potentials for helping out with the Environment cause.

His ask of Rotary, "Nominate two champions to represent Rotary for the Calgary Climate Week 2027. Join the advisory council and contribute to next year's success." If interested, contact Leor Rotchild at leor.rotchild@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Bob Clark led the ceremony to induct Saskia Knight into RCCHP. IT was particularly moving with the attendance of Saskia's parents – Tony and Ariel. Welcome Saskia!

CLOSING

Earlier, we reflected on how each meeting this year is part of a larger journey toward creating lasting impact. Today's conversation reinforces that impact isn't measured only in projects – it's measured in awareness, responsibility and the courage to act.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

JIM SAWERS.....AUG 8
JOAN BELICK.....AUG 8

ANNIVERSARIES

HARRY & LAURA KIM..(42YRS).....AUG 11