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MEETING NOTES

When the bell rang promptly at 7 am this chilly morning we found Joe Klassen at the helm. Without the usual anthem leaders present Phil stepped in to set the pitch of O Canada.

After the Land Acknowledgement, Brad Wellicome read the Sunshine Report and shared witty "things I have learnt" from people of all ages.

Guests : John McGurran, J. Graham Calder, Landis Jackson, Marianne Santopinto (RCC East), Ashley Yu

After a Rotary Grace from Joe we headed for the buffet.

PROGRAM

Puerto Vallarta trip 2025, including report on new management of the [Volcanes school](https://volcanesproject.com/). <https://volcanesproject.com/>

1. Sheila described the look (colourful) and feel (happy, energetic and supportive) of this school which complements the government school by providing a daily half a day of class.
2. Mark shared the school's new management team, required after the death this year of the school's founder, Art Fumerton. The RCPV Sur is very involved, members form part of the new Board of directors and the advisory board. (Our Phil H is a member of the advisory board.) The school principal, Megan Gallagher, is a Texan, a teacher and past volunteer at the school. She brings boundless energy, connections to the business community and ideas for the necessary fundraising. Donors will fund the school until summer but after that other revenue must be found. All involved believe that the new more business-like and accountable school management will be successful. The BECAS (Scholarship) prog is managed by RCPV Sur and not affected by the health of the school.
3. Linda showed what else a trip to PV can offer, beautiful scenes from the botanical garden, the butterfly sanctuary, the charming old mining town of San Sebastian and the Day of the Dead, a surprisingly joyous time celebrating lives lived. There is a parade and huge ornate skeletons (decorate the streets).
4. Eve's contribution was to encourage members to join a trip to PV. She showed slides of the very comfortable hotel, the lovely local beach and the base costs. i.e. for 10 days \$5000/couple, \$3500/single.

HAPPY BUCKS

50/50

Bill S, Phil, Linda, Sheila, Deb, Marlene, John, Walter were all happy about the PV presentation, Ukraine fundraiser, recent Blanket Exercise, SCAS drivers

Phil had the winning ticket but sadly a losing card.

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



MOTIONS

Youth Service – Judy Cochran

RCCHP provide funds for awards totaling \$1,100 in prize money to be distributed for the **Rotary 4 Way Test Speech Competition** to be held March 20, 2026. Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st prize \$500, 2nd prize \$300, 3rd prize \$200, and 2 runners up will receive \$50 each. Seconded by Deb

RCCHP provide \$1,500 to support a Jack James High School student to participate in the **SEEDS Connections program** in January to June 2026. This program is for 5-10 students from a participating high school to complete an Alberta Education approved course to build leadership skills with a focus on diversity and the environment. Seconded by Brad W

RCCHP provide \$3,500 to **GW Skene School** to purchase collaborative writing spaces. Writable surfaces support collaboration by giving learners a shared space to record ideas, solve problems interactively and making thinking visible. Seconded by Brian G.

Community Service – Deb Duncanson

RCCHP donate \$2,500 to Able Sailing Association to finance the refurbishing of two boat trailers. Seconded by John R

RCCHP donate \$1,000 to help fund the University of Calgary Rotaract Club's Spring Fling fundraiser in support of the U of C Recovery Community. Seconded by Joe K

RCCHP donate \$5,000 to the Alberta Lung Association to partially fund a future Rotary named space within a new Breathing Space facility. Seconded by Sheila

RCCHP Indigenous Relations committee contribute up to \$600 towards a Stardale movie evening to view one of Stardale's award winning short films (The Road) created by the Stardale Women's Group to be held in the spring of 2026. This is contingent on other Rotary Clubs providing the remaining \$2,400 cost. Seconded by Linda C.

MINUTES

Sheila Tyminski: Fundraiser for generators for the people of Ukraine. The need for generators in Ukraine is huge as Russia targets energy infrastructure. This fundraiser will buy US\$500 generators for homes and bomb shelters. The shelters double as schools during attacks. This fundraiser is supported by RC in Sweden, USA, Ukraine and Canada. Gerry Darichuk of Rotary Calgary North is leading the campaign locally. He has been to Ukraine 4x since the invasion began, including to the front lines, so he fully understands the need and how best to fill it.

Two ways to support (1) attend Classical Music & Opera Concert for Ukraine. \$50. Feb 7, 6-9pm, Cardel Theatre. (2) donate (tax-deductible) by cheque – The Rotary Club of Calgary North Foundation OR e-transfer to - RCCN 952FOUNDATION @GMAIL.COM

Linda Craig: Save the Date – Second Chance Art Sale will need volunteers April 17 & 18.

FOUNDATION AWARD

Marlene awarded Steve D with Paul Harris +3 and Mark R with PH + 4

Marlene acknowledged Sheila's membership in the Rotary Polio Plus Society (\$100, or more, annually) and encouraged more of us to join.

CLOSING REMARKS

Joe said a special thank you to John R, Sergeant-at-Arms, always first to the barn and last out. Please help put away the podium, flags etc. if you can. The meeting closed at 8:20 after the 4-way test recitation.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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BRIAN GENTLES.....FEB 7

ANNIVERSARIES

EVE & ALASTAIR ROBERTSON(47YRS).....FEB 2

JANET & DUANE BLAHUN (23YRS).....FEB 1

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

STEVE DUNK (15YRS).....FEB 8

SHEILA TYMINSKI (15YRS).....FEB 13

MARLENE DOHERTY (11YRS).....FEB 13

DUTY ROSTER

FEBRUARY 6, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....ZENON BEREZNICKI

DOOR SALES & 50/50.....WYNNE BJORGAN

INTRO & THANK.....JANET BLAHUN

REPORTER.....LINDA CRAIG

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find your own replacement.**