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LYNDA CAMPBELL**

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MEETING NOTES

President Lynda rang the bell at 6:59 eager to kick off the first meeting of 2026.

A rousing, and actually on key, O'Canada added to the start of a great New Year.

The group was quite boisterous making it hard for this reporter to hear Lynda and I am guessing she provided a First Nations Land Acknowledgement followed by a welcome and best wishes for the New Year. Lynda advised us that on January 9, 1915, Mahatma Gandhi returned to India from exile in South Africa and led India to independence from England changing the lives of Indians forever.

Our greeter introduced our guests including our guest speaker Paulose Paul, our Assistant DG Dave Leslie, Henry Huynh and Graham Kelly guests of Bob Clark, Karen Sonntag guest of Roger and Kieth Curtis from Heritage Park.

Lynda provided a blessing and designated Rob Matthews as our plate polisher followed by the rush to the buffet.

PROGRAM

Asha introduced her son, Dr Paulose Paul, who is an orthopedic surgeon in Edmonton and who volunteers with CAMTA each year in Quito, Ecuador to conduct life changing surgeries.

Dr Paul provided a very informative and moving presentation about the CAMTA latest trip and the impact their work has had on poor and vulnerable individuals and families in and around Quito, Ecuador. Each year's mission includes about 80 doctors, nurses and medical assistants and extends over 2 ½ weeks with teams arriving with 150 hockey bags full of medical equipment, implants and supplies, all of which is donated or paid for from donated funds. Team members themselves donate their time and expertise, cover their own costs and are charged with raising \$3,000 each in cash donations. The teams work with local doctors and provide training so the local professionals can look after the required patient follow up. Sadly, time and resources limit the teams from helping everyone. Dr Paul finished his presentation with three stories about individuals who receive the benefit of this life changing surgery. These were extremely moving and resulted in a lot of discussion in how individuals and our club might be able to help with future CAMTA missions.

If you are interested in finding out more about CAMTA or how to donate please go to their website or Facebook page.

Asha thanked Dr Paul and presented him with our certificate acknowledging the vaccination of children against Polio on his behalf.

<https://camta.com/mission/mission-2026/>



MINUTES

City and Country Urban Winery: Jamie reminded the wine lovers in the room about the upcoming tour and tasting January 29th.

Veggie and Plant Fundraiser: Linda Craig announced the 12th annual veggie and plant fundraiser in support of NSTEP and RCCHP. Lots of stunning flower planters, hanging baskets and vegetable plants for sale at reasonable prices for a good cause. Order deadline is January 31st with pickup May 20th just in time to beautify on your patio.

Indigenous Committee-Blanket Exercise Event: Marlene Doherty reminded us of the upcoming Indigenous Committee-Blanket Exercise Event January 17th at the Grace Church here in Calgary. You can register on the RCCHP club website.

50/50

Art Sumner conducted our 50/50 and the pot is \$255 which would be a great way to start the New Year. Dr Paul was asked to draw the lucky ticket which belonged to Stan Christmas. Unfortunately, Stan's attempt to draw the Joker only turned up the 4 of diamonds. Fortunately, Stan won't have to wait until next year to try again.

CLOSING REMARKS

President Lynda closed the first meeting of the year with a quote from David Bowie.

"I don't know where I am going from here, but I promise it won't be boring."

Filled with food and the warmth of Rotary fellowship we all stood and recited the Rotary Four Way Test before heading out to welcome the day and a New Year.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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LINDA CRAIG.....JAN 11
ART SUMNERJAN 12
JESSIE ZUK.....JAN 16

WINES OF THE WORLD

Right after breakfast Jim Davis and Jamie Powell conducted our Wines of the World raffle draw. Jim read the rules, Jamie was the ticket controller and bin agitator, and Deb Duncanson was our official ticket puller. She didn't pull my ticket however there are a lot of happy people who will receive their wine winnings over the next couple of days.

The full list of winners will be posted on our website as well as our various social media sites. The Wines of the World raffle was a sell out again this year and raised \$15,600 for our club to do good in our community.

HAPPY BUCKS

Lots of people happy in 2026 including Joe Klassen for winning some wine, Jim Davis that the Wine Raffle was a success, his 36th year in Rotary and that he is heading to California,

Linda Craig about the plant fund raiser, John Radermacker for starting another year upright, Roger Sonntag that the 3 chickens and a pie fund raiser netted \$2,030 for Polio Plus, Bob Clark for his two guests and having enjoyed 30 years teaching at SAIT, and Marlene Doherty for all Bill Hope's work getting notices on the RCCHP website. A couple of sad bucks from Bill Skinner and Bill Hope that they didn't win any wine, again. Although they were happy we raised so much money for our causes.

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GREETERTRACEY VAVREK
DOOR SALES.....VINCE VAVREK
50/50.....TED WOOD
INTRO & THANK.....
REPORTER.....DEB DUNCANSON

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