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**PRESIDENT
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MEETING NOTES

An enthusiastic greeting by Phil H., although he missed some of those who arrived on time.

President Joe had a technical issue getting started but the support team figured it out. A decent performance of O Canada; led by Stan started the program. Our guests were Jen Aitken, Tony Campbell (Lynda), Cheryl Matthews (Rob), Marco (guest of Lynda), Ashley Yu and from CFIB, Keily Loeppky and Kayode Southwood. After the introduction, Phil provided a series of "GG style jokes". Today is National Self Care Day, International Day of Cousins and Tell an Old Joke Day (coincidence for Phil). We were reminded of how Rotary makes a difference and does Create Lasting Impact.

PROGRAM

President Joe introduced our guest speaker, Keily Loeppky from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business and her presentation "Small Business, Red Tape and the Entrepreneurial Drought". The CFIB was started in 1971 over the tax strategies favouring large companies and to give voice to small business across Canada. Membership is 103,000 in Canada, 11,000 in Alberta and 2,000 in Calgary. And 98% of all businesses in Canada are small businesses. CFIB is a non-partisan, non-profit organization. Keily outlined how CFIB identifies their priorities (member surveys) and provided comments on red tape reduction, as many of Canada's regulations and processes are outdated, excessive and overly confusing or over administered. This has added to the rising costs of doing business, which has result in more businesses closing than opening for a net loss of small businesses in Canada. The smaller the business, the higher the regulatory costs as the scale is not there to widely distribute those costs. They estimate for a business with less than five employees, the annual costs for regulatory matters are \$10,000 per employee. CFIB estimates that \$18 billion of the \$51 billion in administrative costs are attributable to red tape. And red tape activities have increased 30% since 2020. The solution (per CFIB) is to reduce red tape with effective regulations. And we should "keep our loonies local". For each dollar spent at a local business, \$.66 stays local and that drops to \$.11 for dollars spent at multinational stores.

President Joe thanked our speaker and presented Keily with a polio immunization certificate. And as it was missed earlier, he gave the Land Acknowledgment.

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



MOTIONS

On to business with first motion brought forward by **Judy on behalf of the Youth Committee**. Moved: The RYE Committee moves that RCCHP and RCC North partner to jointly sponsor an Inbound (IB) and Outbound (OB) delegate in the 2027-28 Rotary year. Costs to be shared 50/50 between the two clubs to a maximum of \$7,000 each. Seconded and unanimously carried.

Marlene presented a motion on behalf of Club Services. Moved that RCCHP support the Community Paul Harris Citizenship Award using our Paul Harris Points. To be presented during Foundation week. Seconded and unanimously carried.

50/50

John offered Brad S a chance to win the 50/50 after Ashley Yu drew his ticket. A flawless 4-way test was followed by his selection of the 10 of hearts. The \$450.50 will continue to grow.

HAPPY BUCKS

A few Happy Bucks for the coffers. Phil for FIFA and his 101-year-old Dad. Judy for a 50th party celebration and Marlene for a new granddaughter.

DUTY ROSTER

JULY 31, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....HARRY KIM
DOOR SALES & 50/50.....DOUG KINLEY
INTRO & THANK.....DOUG MACDONALD
REPORTER.....PETER HARDING

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

UPDATES

President Joe announced that a calendar of Events is being put together to help members gain awareness of and plan for future events. Asha has offered to look after Guess Who Is Coming To Dinner for 2026/27. Lorne gave an enthusiastic plug for the Backyard Rodeo planned for Sept 26th. And he is also looking for a backyard host for the event. He mentioned a couple of events which this reporter didn't catch enough to describe, but they sounded like great entertainment.

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board has approved the membership of Jen Aitken.

Classification: TBA

Barring any objections from the membership she will be inducted in a few weeks.

Ashley is having a busy summer at Inclusion Alberta and is always looking for employment placement. If you, or someone you know, could use one of Ashley's clients, please make the introduction.

CLOSING

The parting words of wisdom (paraphrased) was moments of service, kindness and showing up for one another over time is what creates lasting impact. Every action matters!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

CAROL STEEVES (JOE KLASSEN).....JULY 26
KAREN SONNTAG.....JULY 27
MINI THOMAS.....JULY 28

ANNIVERSARIES

BOB COVE(232YRS).....JULY 25
MARK ROWE(18YRS).....JULY 30