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MEETING NOTES

I hadn't been to a Rotary meeting for a few weeks, and it was great to walk through the door of the Gunn Barn and be immediately greeted by a smiling Harry Kim, John Radermacher and Judy Cochran. It's quite early Friday morning and yet the coffee is ready and the room warm and welcoming with the faint aroma of bacon wafting from the kitchen.

President Joe kicked off the meeting au natural with no microphone but that doesn't hold back a Rotarian. Stan led a resounding and moving O'Canada followed by Joe with a Land Acknowledgement and a moment of reflection on the blessings we should all be grateful for.

Harry welcomed guests, soon to be member, Jen Aitken and Vanessa Brown.

After announcing birthdays and anniversaries, Harry told a story about an aging Rotarian that, I think, several of us could relate to.

President Joe advised us it was National Mutt Day, Uncommon Instrument Awareness Day and Jump for Jelly Beans Day.

Mutt Day celebrates loyalty and compassion, Uncommon Instrument Day that everyone brings a unique voice and Jelly Beans reminds us that life and Rotary works best with a bit of colour.

With that he announced breakfast was served and appointed our own compassionate, unique and colourful Harold Aitkenhead as plate shiner.

PROGRAM

We were fortunate to have two Classification Talks today: Steve Berini and Keith Curtis.

Steve is President of Compass Estate Management helping families move forward and dealing with the issues surrounding estate settlement. He described his extensive path to this career as he traveled around the world with the oil industry, developed his background as an IT specialist and learned to deal with families as a registered home inspector. He is happily settled in Calgary with his family including 4 children. He and his team at Compass Estate Management are always available to advise on issues around wills and estate planning and settlement.

Keith Curtis is Director of Fund Development at Heritage Park.

Keith was a prairie kid and, by his admission, a little rambunctious.

This led him to getting involved with the Navy League Cadets which he says is the best thing that happened to him as he learned team work, commitment and dedication.

It also included becoming a drummer in the Regimental Pipes and Drums of The Calgary Highlanders.

Along his career journey he became a Red Seal Chef and owned, operated and managed a Keg Restaurant and two KFC franchises in Grande Prairie where he lived for 32 years.

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



MOTIONS

Wynne Bjorgan related her amazing experience volunteering at the Rotary Adventures in Career and Financial Wellness Camp where campers between the ages of 12 to 18 learned the practical skills of setting goals, exploring investment strategies, learning about mortgages and insurance and major purchases like home and car buying.

It included a visit to the Cochrane Toyota car dealership and local entrepreneurs relating their experiences in business plus an archery lesson to help with focus on the target. Wynne is also looking for committee members for International Service Committee. Want to help with this? Contact Wynne for more information.

Judy Cochran reminded us about the Furniture Assembly at the Children's Cottage Society this coming Wednesday, August 5th from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. Assembling 3 IKEA baby cribs.

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

Phil Hauckhousen happy to report our RYE student, Olivia, is on her way to Germany.

Bob Cove pleased about the pending arrival of grandchild #9 and this time it's a girl.

DUTY ROSTER

AUGUST 7, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....DON MCARTHUR
DOOR SALES & 50/50.....GINNY MURPHY
INTRO & THANK.....BILL SKINNER
REPORTER.....BRAD SEWALL

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

PROGRAM (CONTD)

While in Grande Prairie he volunteered got involved with Rotary and was on the board of the Grande Prairie Hospital Foundation expanding their hospital facilities and starting up a residence, similar to Ronald MacDonald House, for families coming to the hospital in Grande Prairie.

Now retired from his chef career he lives in Calgary with his wife and 2 daughters and continues his dedication to philanthropy through his role as Director of Fund Development at Heritage Park. If that isn't enough to make you like him, he loves wine and vinyl records.

They were both introduced and thanked by Bob Clark.

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board has approved the membership of Jen Aitken.

Classification: Travel Advisor

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

CLOSING

President Joe closed the meeting relating back to our great classification talks and reminding us: Every member strengthens the fabric of our club and when we combine our diverse experiences with Rotary's mission, we create lasting impact- one relationship, one project and one act of service at a time.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

WALTER ZUK.....AUG 7
MARY ANN COVE.....AUG 2