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MEETING NOTES

The meeting on this sunny Friday morning was brightened by the warm welcome of our Greeter, Marlene Doherty, with Brad W. and John R. adding to the vibe with their work on door sales and 50-50 ticket sales. President Lynda Campbell rang the bell at 7:00 am, and following Oh Canada led by Stan Christmas, provided a land acknowledgement. Reminding us of this being National Indigenous History Month, she shared the Seven Indigenous Sacred Teachings and the animal that exemplifies it in the natural world. They are: love (eagle); respect (buffalo); courage (bear); honesty (raven); wisdom (beaver); humility (wolf); and truth (turtle).

Marlene welcomed our guests: Jen Aitken, Sami Alfakih, Dr. Akolisa Ufodike (guest speaker), and visiting Rotarians Deb Hymers (Calgary West), Barb Young and Madeline King (both from Calgary Downtown). Happy birthday to Graham Kennelly and Fran Hochhausen, and Rotary anniversary congratulations to Brian Gentles (19 years).

Marlene then shared with us the inspiring words of Rotarian Brian Rusch, "I am a product of gratitude." After listening to Tibetan monks whose lives were marked by hardships unknown to most of us and felt not self pity but gratitude, Brian came to realize that he too, felt gratitude not fear or self pity when facing a rare and potentially life-threatening medical problem. In Brian's words, "gratitude is not the reward at the end of the journey. It is the way we travel. I am a product of gratitude." Following a blessing, we headed to the breakfast buffet, with plates shone by Garry Gray

PROGRAM

Ola introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Ako Ufodike. Dr. Ufodike's resume and credentials are extensive: PhD U. of Calgary; MBA Cornell U; tenured Assoc. Prof. in the School of Administrative Studies at York U; spent 25 years as a finance executive. He became the first Black Canadian appointed as a Deputy Minister in Alberta, leading the Ministries of Trade and later Immigration and Multiculturalism. His talk focused on his research to understand the reasons for Canadian companies demanding Canadian experience, as this discriminates against internationally trained professionals and results in underemployment or wage penalties. After making a compelling case for why we need more immigrants and foreign trained professionals he shared the findings of his listening research into how Canadians rationalize objections to hiring foreign trained professionals by theme: 1 public interest rationale – we are not sure if their non-Canadian experience is transferrable to Canadian context; 2 equity rationale – the idea that there may not be enough jobs to go around; 3 spatial rationale – things are worse elsewhere, as if this justifies underemployment here; 4 temporal rationale – that it's better now than before; and 5 supply side fallacy – suggesting that the issue is lack of supply of qualified immigrant graduates. He refuted each of these arguments with strong data to the contrary. His talk then moved to why we urgently need to change these attitudes and take actions to fully employ foreign trained professionals. Briefly, Canada has a productivity problem which means that in comparison to other countries we have less output against our inputs (labour, etc). He spoke about his work as deputy minister of immigration and one successful program to employ

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



MOTION

Brad Sewall: On behalf of **Indigenous Relations** (as part of Community Services), RCCHP provide up to \$1000 to provide chef's jackets to students who successfully complete the food services training program offered by the Tsuut'ina First Nations for their youth. Seconded by Bob Clark. Motion carried.

Judy Cochran: On behalf of **Youth Services** Committee, RCCHP provide \$3,000 to USAY (Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth) for their backpack program. Seconded by Peter Harding. Judy noted that there will be a 50% matching dollars with Birdies for Kids. Motion carried.

HAPPY BUCKS

There were numerous happy bucks

50/50

Peter Leigh's ticket was pulled but he did not pick the joker. Sorry Peter.

PROGRAM (CONTD)

foreign trained pharmacists (of which there is a real shortage in rural AB communities) by funding their upgrade to Canadian pharmacist standards in Saskatchewan, where the training was quicker, to allow them to accept positions in rural communities in AB where the need was high and Canadian trained pharmacists did not want to work. Ultimately the employers assumed the training costs as they benefited from a workforce willing to take jobs in rural areas. Ola thanked Dr. Ufodike and gave him a polio plus certificate

DUTY ROSTER

JUNE 26, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....RANDALL DYKE
DOOR SALES & 50/50.....JORDAN GANCHEV
INTRO & THANK.....BRAD WELLCOME
REPORTER.....EVE ROBERTSON

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

MINUTES

Judy Cochran: on behalf of Youth Services, requesting that anyone who may consider spending any 'alone' time with our inbound exchange student Stan (who is coming in August) requires a volunteer screening. The process is straightforward, and in 3 parts: take a brief online course on working with vulnerable sectors (NAYAN); complete the police check; and obtain 3 non-familial references. Please call Judy if you have any questions or need some help. . **Madeline King & Barb Young** from the International Services Committee of the Downtown Club: Madeline has written a children's book about the experience in obtaining a 'used' firetruck from Calgary and driving it down to Guatemala where it is now making a difference in lives there. Books are available, donations gratefully accepted; suggested price \$15 with all proceeds going to Rotary

Reminder that on June 26th immediately following our club meeting, we are invited to attend the dedication ceremonies of our club's signature anniversary project of education shelters in the First Nations Encampment. We can drive our vehicles to the site, and need to leave by 9:00 am. Please consider attending.

Doug Kinley on behalf of Community Services, is looking for 6-8 volunteers some time in the next 2 weeks to help paint the interior of one of the homes of the Larch Society. Sign up sheet available at the meeting.

Phil member survey regarding interest in supporting the 2027-28 long term youth exchange results are in, 83% of members agree for us to continue the program; fewer responses to provide actual support, but many members responded 'unsure' likely as they may need more information about the opportunities.

Deb Hymers – thanking our club for supporting the veggie plant fundraiser.

CONCLUSION

An eye for an eye only makes the whole world blind.

Lynda adjourned the meeting with the Four-Way Test.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES

WALTER & JESSIE ZUK.....JUNE 21

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

ROGER SONNTAG (10YRS).....JUNE 17