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MEETING NOTES

The Gunn Barn was dark and deserted this morning because all the action was happening at the Selkirk Grill. President Lynda eagerly started the meeting a few minutes early and Stan dragged the group through O'Canada in a variety of keys.

Lynda announced May is Asian Heritage Month and related how Chinese workers were instrumental in building the railroad across Canada and especially connecting the Pacific coast to the rest of the country cutting through the Rocky Mountains between 1880 and 1885. Over that time about 7,000 workers arrived in BC from China to work on the railway. The working conditions were harsh and unsafe, and the workers were poorly treated. It is estimated that between 600 to 2,200 of these people died from dynamite accidents, landslides, cave-ins, lack of proper food and medical aid, fatigue and drowning.

May 8th is also VE Day (Victory in Europe). On April 30, 1945 Hitler committed suicide and German forces in North-West Europe surrendered on May 5, 1945. VE Day was declared and officially celebrated 3 days later, May 8th.

Vince Introduced our guests today including our guest speaker Danielle Murphy of Hull Services and our extra special guest Lucy with mom Katie Hope.

Jamie provided our Sunshine report with birthdays and anniversaries and a great joke about how exercise and being married can add years to your life.

The "Plate Shiner" designation was awarded to Deb Duncanson as she is leaving us for the summer to spend time at her cottage in Lake Country, Ontario and she wanted to say good-bye to everyone.

PROGRAM

Introduced by Vince Vavrek, Danielle gave an informative presentation about Hull Services and the multitude of programs they provide for youth. Based on 28 acres of land plus locations throughout Calgary, Hull Services is Canada's largest campus for mental health and healing. They are a leader in brain science helping children 6 years of age and older facing mental health challenges, abuse, neglect, and developmental trauma. Last year they helped 8,700 kids and families. A lot of sad stories but with their stellar success ratios there are a lot of happy endings. Vince thanked Danielle for her moving and informative presentation.

NEW MEMBER

President Lynda announced membership applications from Steve Berini and Amrita Basu have been accepted by RCCHP board of directors.

Steve Berini.

Classification: Certified Executor Advisor

Amrita Basu.

Classification: Investment Advisor

Barring any objections from the membership over the next two weeks, official inductions will be scheduled.



MOTIONS

Wynne Bjorgan presented the following motion:

On behalf of **International Service** RCCHP International Services provide \$2,500 Canadian dollars for the Habitat for Humanity concrete floors project in Guatemala, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Los Altos. A district grant will be applied for, if possible, with club funds to be provided regardless. The motion was seconded by Peter Leigh and passed unanimously.

Brad Sewal presented the following motion:

On behalf of **Community Service**, Indigenous Relations Committee, RCCHP sponsor The Gathering at Moh'Kinsstis on **June 21** with \$2500, to support the day long event to celebrate National Indigenous People's Day at ContainR Park & Alexandra Centre in Calgary.

The motion was seconded by Bob Cove and passed unanimously.

50/50

Harold was in control of the tickets and the cards for the draw for the astonishing amount of \$21.50. John Radermacher, fresh from his Europe travels, had the lucky ticket but was challenged by the brand-new deck of cards and only managed to draw the 5 of clubs. We appreciate John's efforts reducing the odds for the next player.

DUTY ROSTER

MAY 15, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....TRACEY VAVREK
DOOR SALES & 50/50.....BRAD WELLCOME
INTRO & THANK.....BOB COVE
REPORTER.....ROGER SONNTAG

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

MINUTES

Brad Sewall announced a fellowship event on Saturday, May 30th at Bragg Creek. It will involve a relaxing hike, fellowship and maybe food and libations.

Mark the date on your calendar, more information to come.

Bob described how much fun he had at the District Conference and how impressed he was with the numerous high quality guest speakers, plus all the interaction with fellow Rotarians in the district and the fantastic entertainment including Friday night's Dueling Pianos. Bob says it was hard to convey how much he got out of the conference and strongly suggested everyone should attend a district conference.

HAPPY BUCKS

There were more happy bucks than we have room for in this Standard. They included the excellent District Conference, having baby Lucy at the meeting, our new members and Stan's new knees.

HELP NEEDED

Zenon volunteered to help Steve with a client selling a business

Lynda is looking for a reference for someone to repair some wind damaged fascia on her house so husband, Tony, doesn't have to risk his life climbing a ladder.

Rob Matthews wants to help a neighbor repair a damaged fence. Doug Kinley says he will investigate it and let Rob know.

What a wonderful community we have in our Rotary club.

CONCLUSION

President Lynda closed the meeting reminding us:

"A mother is like a flower; each one is beautiful and unique"

Happy Mother's Day to all those special moms in your life, both with us and those we have lost!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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SUSAN HOPE.....MAY 17

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

BRAD SEWALL(14YRS).....MAY 18