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MEETING NOTES

The wind was blowing outside and it also seemed to be blowing inside with all the banter going on before the meeting. To ensure we got out of the park before 8:30 President Lynda rang the bell at 6:59 as people scrambled to their seats. If anyone knows how many keys there are in music, please advise. Gauging by this mornings rendition of Oh Canada, there must be at least 35 as every participant used their unique key.

After a brief land acknowledgement, President Lynda expanded on Asian Heritage Month by reminiscing some key learnings from a fellow hiker she met last weekend. Turns out she has some listening skills (who knew) as she entered into a lengthy monologue on a small greenhouse in the Banff area that ran from 1927 to 1973 by Chinese Canadians that provided fresh produce to soldiers during WWII, and to local businesses. They overcame significant challenges as the 10 acre parcel used was considered non arable and the Chinese Exclusion act of 1923 which restricted Chinese Canadians from farming or owning land.

PROGRAM

Randall Dyck provided the group with a very interesting and informative presentation on the quality of post-secondary education today. Randall has written two books on the subject (Life as a Professor, and The University Professor) and his assessment is the quality of education is diminishing. He spoke passionately about:

Communication with Students - answering questions in a timely manner

Grading - timing and reasons for grades

Desire to Learn Online Website - due dates, expectations and timelines laid out in advance.

Course Outlines – clear indication on what will be taught and clear expectations

Assignments – time expected to complete them.

Classroom instruction – give guidance on topics, expectations for group work and testing only on topics taught

Classroom Logistical Requirements – desk spacing, equipment available and ensure it is working before class begins

Course Preparation – detailed instruction on what will be taught, weekly schedules and grading structure.

Test Preparation – based only on materials taught.

Conducting classes

Course evaluation – negative feedback should only be a concern when most of the class is affected. If we cater to making all students happy quality of education will suffer.

Zenon Bereznicki is currently working at Dixon Mitchell Investment Counsel Inc which is an independent, employee owned investment company managing over \$8 billion in assets. Although one of his first loves was education but he had to give up the idea of being a professional student when reality hit. He is loving proof that the theory of twins skipping a generation is indeed a myth. Zenon's mother is a twin, he has a twin sister, and his younger brother and sister are also twins.

While going to university Zenon also worked full time at Home Depot to pay the bills. After working 3 years he looked at his pension earnings and it was a grand total of \$1,500. This small amount was his inspiration to embark on his professional journey. He wanted to help people prepare for their future. After a stint in the banking industry he joined Dixon Mitchell where he 'took peoples money and then gave it back to them later. While the political climate, past stock performance, future trends, tax strategies and what his clients all fit into the discussions, Zenon found that most of the direct discussions centered around future uncertainties and whether clients are ahead or behind in achieving their desired financial future. Clients want to know if they will be ok. The ability to deal directly with clients on a personal level has really been rewarding for Zenon.

Zenon enjoys volunteering. What he didn't enjoy as

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



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.

MINUTES

May 29 we will have the induction of Steve Berini.

Bill Skinner – Calgary Climate Symposium in Calgary climate week is June 1-7 go to website or see Bill to register

Brad Sewall – needs help May 30 hike around elbow falls sign up and enjoy

Marlene and Lynda Craig – Nstep flowers need help
DG Manon Mitchell Challenged clubs to increase the District Polio Plus society by 108 people. We are happy to announce that Lynda Craig, Lynda Campbell, Doug McDonald and Asha Paul have joined the society.

Jaimie Powell – The membership committee needs volunteers to become Rotary pals reach out to existing members for informal discussions on club satisfaction and direction as well as possibly answering questions for new members.

PROGRAM (CONTD)

much was the search for various volunteering opportunities when one project was completed. He saw Rotary as a perfect fit to bridge that gap. We are glad he did!!

HAPPY BUCKS

Unfortunately we ran out of time so there were no happy bucks or communication of member requests for help this meeting.

50/50

Brad Sewall had the lucky ticket and pulled the Queen of Diamonds...maybe not so lucky. The pot grows.

CONCLUSION

Nothing is impossible. Even the word itself says I'm possible.

DUTY ROSTER

MAY 22, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....WALTER ZUK
DOOR SALES & 50/50.....HAROLD AITKENHEAD
INTRO & THANK.....ZEN BERESNICKI
REPORTER.....STEVE DUNK

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

SUNSHINE REPORT

Tracy Vavrek, in her cheery morning voice rallied everyone in congratulating the following people:

Susan Hope – Birthday

Brad Sewall – celebrating 14 years in Rotary this week.

Tracy closed with a quote from Mother Theresa. "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop"

After the blessing President Lynda scanned the room and found the best dressed person in the room to be plate shiner. Without mentioning names, his initials were Jamie Powell.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

BILL HOPE.....MAY 22
VELMA NOBLE.....MAY 25
JOE KLASSEN.....MAY 27
PATRICIA RADERMACHER.....MAY 26