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MEETING NOTES

A warm greeting by Doug Kinley set the tone for the morning.

Our rendition of O Canada; led by Stan and was apparently accompanied by soft music. Pres Lynda provided a land acknowledgment and an interesting part of our history highlighting the resilience and contributions of Asian Canadian communities, which grew significantly during WW II in SE Alberta, as we celebrate Asian History month. The Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden in Lethbridge was created as an enduring symbol of friendship. Our guests today were Steve Berini (with induction soon, guest status is coming to an end), Aita Aghebo and Ashley Yu (Inclusion Alberta) We then had the blessing which in part was *"grant that each of us may feel the responsibility to Rotary, to our community, to our country, and indeed to all countries and peoples"*. We were then directed to the buffet, led by our guests, where Peter Leigh was busy shining plates.

Pres Lynda ended the socializing by drawing our attention to the business at hand.

PROGRAM

Bill S introduced Bob Cove, Chair of Vocational Services as our speaker today. Vocational Services has an impressive list of completed, new and continuing projects which the Club should be proud of. Bob identified several projects including Woods Home YICAP, Prospect Homes, Bow Valley College and SAIT. He and Jim S then provided more detail on two other projects. Aventa, started in 1970, is an organization providing support to women. Bob had many statistics on why the need is great and how Aventa has helped through counselling to transition services. In 1970, they had 8 beds and provided a 21-day counselling program. In 2024-25, they had 500 admissions to their program. RCCHP supports Aventa through scholarships for further education of program graduates.

Jim S explained the workings of Windmill Micro Lending, an organization started in Calgary in 2005. They provide loans of up to \$15,000 to those with credentials in other countries for training/education to obtain certification in Canada. To date they have made about 15, 000 loans across Canada. Jim provided a "small chart" on the screen (which was too small to read) but he did say that Windmill has a 95% collection rate, interest only payments are required during the training, 75% obtain employment in their field and a graduate's income is approximately tripled after the training is completed.

Bill S thanked our speakers and acknowledged the great growth of areas of interest in Vocational Services.

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



MOTIONS

Roger brought a motion. On behalf of Community Services, RCCHP donate up to \$1,500 to L'Arche Society of Calgary for the purchase of paint and cinderblocks to support our club members painting the interior of the Marymount facility and our installation of nine rain barrels. Carried. And then he brought another motion. On behalf of Community Services, RCCHP donate \$5,000 to Ability Workshop Society. The money to be used to purchase/update equipment required to allow them to continue doing the work required. Carried.

And then he brought up the chickens... after a wee diversion, we learned that for \$100 members receive 4 chickens and 1 berry pie. Order deadline is May 30 (making us eligible for a matching program) with delivery planned for our June 12th meeting.

And back to motions. By Judy. On behalf of Youth Services, RCCHP moves to support My First Bookshelf for \$1,000. This is a Calgary Library Foundation program. Carried.

LOOKING FOR HELP

Judy has a friend, a RYLA delegate, looking for a place to rent. Roger needs some eaves troughing done and

Marlene is helping two folks from Ukraine find work, one is a chef, the other a legal assistant. If you can assist, get in touch with your fellow Rotarian who is looking

DUTY ROSTER

MAY 29, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....WYNNE BJORGAN
DOOR SALES & 50/50.....JANET BLAHUN
INTRO & THANK.....BRUCE BYFORD
REPORTER.....BOB CLARK

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

MINUTES

After the motions, came the minutes. Marlene recognized two new members of the PolioPlus Society – Jamie Powell and Jim Davis. Janet shared feedback received on the Habitat for Humanity project in Guatemala. It was a thank you note for our contributions towards concrete floors in homes. Bill S was instrumental in raising US \$22K from several Clubs to fund the project. Pres Lynda indicated our Club computer is AWOL, no reward, but information leading to its capture would be appreciated.

HAPPY BUCKS

Stan – new HP gravel on the road,
Sheila – 285 km of the Camino done with Eve (16 days)
and 1/3 left to do.

Bill S for the Guatemala project.

Ola for the presentation and learning new things, and our guest Aita. Judy – back from Edmonton (whew) and for RYLA, RYPEN and Adventures programs.

50/50

We had our 50/50 draw for \$114. Stan's number came up, but the joker did not.

CONCLUSION

Lynda's parting thought was a Japanese legend "if you get on the wrong train, get off at the nearest station, the longer it takes you to get off, the more expensive the return trip will be" and it is not only about trains!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES

JOHN & TRISH RADERMACHER (38YRS).....MAY 30
ROB & CHERYL MATTHEWS (52YRS).....JUNE 1

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

VELMA NOBLE (33YRS).....JUNE 1
PETER HARDING (27YRS).....JUNE 1