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MEETING NOTES

Vince Varick conducted O' Canada.

Joe delivered the land acknowledgement and gave thanks with an invocation that appropriately focused on young leaders. Today is World Food Day, Dictionary Day and Global Cat Day. Compassion, caring and learning. Stan introduced our guests: Sarah Bailey and Kai, Giselle, and Chance Harding, Stan Heeringa, Grant MacEachern, Anne-Marie Simpneau and Jan Vauthier.

Jen Aitken provided sunshine and cruising wisdom. Vince will celebrate his birthday on October 19.

Tables with guests first were greeted at the buffet by birthday boy Vince Vavrick.

Joe called the meeting promptly back to order to address a full agenda.

PROGRAM

Judy Cochran first introduced Sarah Bailey who attended RYLA 2026. Sarah is a St. Francis student. She experienced opportunities strengthening her ethics, communication, problem solving and introspection. Sarah is currently an interact president and aspires to be a pediatric nurse. Sarah has played tuba in the band since grade 7 and performs with the Mount Royal University band. She is also a fan of Lego and basketball. Sarah is currently learning French.

Kai Harding attend RAYEC 2026 for 13- to 15-year-old entrepreneurs. Kai is a grade 10 Bishop Carroll student, who enjoys and excels at sports. RAYEC provided Kai with an opportunity to learn, meet new people, and explore a potential future career as an entrepreneur.

Brainstorming products led to disagreements, which were resolved. His team's products were smoothie and protein bowls, which were unfortunately adversely affected by the weather. The result was owing the bank \$50; however the students were not out of pocket any money. Activities allowed Kai to bond with others, make friends and build his self-confidence.

Kai plans to be a junior counselor. He encourages students to attend even if they are initially nervous.

NEW MEMBER

Dawn Byford was welcomed to our club and received her name badge as the newest member of RCCHP. Dawn is already focused on international environmental issues.

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

The board has approved the applications of
Sami Alfakih
Classification Youth Cultural Broker
&
Vanessa Brown
Classification Accountant



50/50

With \$1,011.50 available, Judy's ticket was selected. The 4-way test followed and the 4 of hearts was selected.

HAPPY BUCKS

Dawn, Saskia, Bill Skinner, Lynda, Jen, Wynne, Doug Kinley, Vince, Judy and Roger were all happy. Much centered around the young leaders who provide for an inspiring future. Roger announced an upcoming chicken sale in early December, to benefit Polio Plus.

CLOSING REMARKS

The 4-way test was performed in a rap style to music by a Canadian Rotary club.

World Food Day reminds us that nourishing communities begins with nourishing potential. Dictionary Day reminds us that learning shapes the future. Our youth speakers remind us that Rotary's impact is not theoretical – it's person, visible, and growing. When Rotary invests in youth, the world

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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DOUG MACDONALD.....OCT 31

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

HARRY KIM (23YRS).....OCT 31

DUTY ROSTER

OCTOBER 23, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....JUDY COCHRAN

DOOR SALES & 50/50.....BOB COVE

INTRO & THANK.....JIM SAWERS

REPORTER.....ROGER SONNTAG

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

MOTIONS

Deb Duncanson moved that:

RCCHP donate \$1,500 to the Calgary Veterans Food Bank. Seconded by John Radermacher and passed.

RCCHP donate \$3,000 to Ronald McDonald House to pay for 3 meals, dates to be determined. Seconded and passed. For our information \$500 will be donated to Calgary Helps YYC for database funding.

MINUTES

RCCHP received a thank you from the Children's Cottage. Providing funds for proper evaluations and diagnosis will positively impact both the patient and their entire family. Our donations often have positive carryover impacts.

Wine raffle tickets are being distributed. The draw date is January 8, 2027. Please let Jamie Powell or Jim Davis know if you require additional tickets. Please submit all completed ticket stubs to Jamie. Members will be billed for their tickets in January 2027.

Vince Vavrick, wearing multiple hats, reminded us that October 24 is World Polio Day. He presented Joe with a certificate for our 25/26 donation.

Marlene Doherty reported on a wonderful ghost tour that began with 18 people.

More people are required for the October 25 musical performance to proceed. Please invite friends and family.

Purple Pinkie next Friday October 23. Bring a \$3 US donation.

Exchange student Stan was ill over Thanksgiving. He is now with his third host family. He enjoyed dinner with Richard and Linda.

RCCHP will revisit our 3-year strategic plan. Committee is now forming.

John Radermacher reminded us of Rotary Remembers, which will be well attended by RCCHP members. There is room for more people.