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MEETING NOTES

How many, I wonder, remember the old TV show Dragnet, which had nothing to do with RuPaul, but was all about Sergeant Joe Friday and his classic line “Just the facts, Ma’am.” Well, with that in mind, what follows is the facts on the RCCHP meeting of Oct 2, 2026. The location was, as usual, the Gunn Dairy Barn in Heritage Park. A new guy named Jim Sawers was standing in for President Joe Klassen. Will he be able to handle this rowdy bunch? I guess we’ll see. Jim rang the bell to start the meeting dead on 7:00. A solid start. Jim designated the national anthem to his cohort, Stan Christmas, who got the gang in tune almost immediately. Nice hand off. We had 3 witnesses, I mean guests, Sheila Kearns (guest of Steve Bernini), Dan Kostka and guest speaker, Melanie Kjorlien.

Sheila Tyminski provided an Indigenous minute and spoke about the sad story of Canada’s residential schools which ran from the late 1820’s to 1997. Thousands of Indigenous children were taken from their homes and forced to attend the schools. The facts are still being sorted out but an estimate 4,000 plus of those children never came home. That is a black mark on Canada’s history.

Zenon Bereznicki initially stumbled with the Sunshine Report but bounced back at the last minute with Birthdays, Anniversaries and Rotary Anniversaries. I suspect it was a planned delay to build suspense, great job Zenon.

Jim informed us Oct 2nd was designated as Non-Violence Day and Architecture Day. He reminded us that being safe and having a place to live should be a human right.

Harold Aitkenhead took the stand and provided the blessing before we all stepped up to the buffet where Brian Gentles did a great job of presenting the hand polished plates.

PROGRAM

The ringing of the bell got everyone’s focus back on the meeting and Wynne Bjorgan introduced our guest speaker, Melanie Kjorlien, President and CEO of the Glenbow Museum.

Melanie is excited about the new Glenbow Museum at the J.R. Shaw Centre for Arts and Culture which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2027. Thanks to a huge donation from the Shaw family, general admission to the museum will be free. With the new lay out, smaller galleries and over 3,000 pieces of art and artifacts plus innovative programs that Melanie described I think everyone will be excited about visiting the new facility again and again.

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



MINUTES

Wynne Bjorgan made a plea to the membership to join the International Service committee. A chance to do good things around the world. They meet every 3rd Monday so let Wynne know if you would like to come out and see what it is like.

Velma told us about the New Generations Exchange through Rotary International. Open to anyone from 18 to 30. An opportunity for you or someone you know to travel and share your experience and expertise. Contact Velma for more information.

Brian Gentles announce a Chinook Rotary fund-raising event in support of Alberta Lung Breathing Space. Tuesday October 20th at Ranchman's Cookhouse and Dance Hall. Great food and entertainment at a reasonable price for a great cause. Contact Brian for more information and to sign up.

Marlene Doherty is looking for nominations for the RCCHP Paul Harris award. If there is someone you know in the community that deserves recognition for community service let Marlene know and let's get them the recognition they deserve. Marlene also reminded us of a couple of upcoming events:

The Heritage Park Ghost Walk Oct 16th. She has a few spots remaining for this fun evening.

The afternoon **home concert at the Doherty** residence featuring Kick Start. Great music and snacks in a small cozy gathering plus whatever beverages you want to bring.

RYE student Stan updated us on his adventures. Stan is settling into Henry Wisewood High School and is the team photographer for the volleyball and football teams.

He has been out to the mountains hiking and is enjoying bike riding in the fine autumn weather. Stan is also involved with the school play so stardom may be in his future.

SHERIFF

It has been a while since we had a sheriff in town but Brad Sewall fit the bill admirably and managed to lighten the

MOTIONS

Jim Sawers put forth the following motion on behalf of Vocational Service:

RCCHP provide a \$1,500 bursary for a student in the Bow Valley College (BVC) mentorship program. The winning recipient will be selected by BVC faculty base on criteria previously established by RCCHP. Seconded by Zenon Bereznicki. Motion Passed

HAPPY BUCKS

I don't recall as many happy people as we had today. John was run off his feet gathering the money from the joyous group. One special note: Ola Olutuyi has published a book on his perspective on Nigeria's progress entitled "Thoughts Unveiled" available on Amazon

50/50

Wow! The pot is up to \$883.50. John handled the duties and Vince Vavrik had the winning ticket and recited the Rotary 4-Way Test perfectly but faltered when faced with the spread of cards and the joker eluded him. Thanks for reducing the deck for the next person. Vince.

CLOSING REMARKS

Jim Sawers was direct and succinct in adjourning the meeting. No fancy summation just "that's all folks, see you next week" just like Sgt Friday's "Just the facts ma'am". In the end I think Jim did a perfect job, case closed.

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GREETER & SUNSHINE.....JANET BLAHUN
DOOR SALES & 50/50.....RICHARD BROADWITH
INTRO & THANK.....BRUCE BYFORD
REPORTER.....BRAD SEWALL

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

SHEILA TYMINSKI.....OCT 10
IVY KRAUSE-MACDONALD.....OCT 15

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

BRUCE BYFORD(16YRS).....OCT 15

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