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MEETING NOTES

There was a chill in the early morning when Steve Dunk rang the bell and called the meeting to order. Janet Blahun presented the sunshine report. 'Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and service turns enough into abundance. When we give thanks and give of ourselves, we create a harvest that nourishes the whole community.' Stan Christmas led the National Anthem. Steve expanded on the land acknowledgement to acknowledge that there has been art, music, dance, storytelling and ceremony on this land since time immemorial and it is in the spirit of this land and its people that we do our work. Guests: Vanessa Brown & Dan Coska. Visitors: Dan Doherty – Monkinstsis & Dawn Byford – Canmore. Walter Zuk was assigned as plate shiner. Steve highlighted that today marks three important themes that align very well with Rotary International's theme: World Post Day – Communication creates impact
Curious Events Day – Curiosity creates impact
National Cupcake Day – Small acts – cupcakes, kindness, gratitude – create impact

PROGRAM

Bruce Byford introduced our club's own Marlene Doherty to speak about Gratitude.

Marlene shared that Gratitude has been defined as a state of thankfulness and appreciation. She went on to list synonyms of gratitude – Roget's would have been impressed! She also quoted such the teachings about gratitude by such notables as the Dalai Lama; Desmond Tutu; Martin Luther King; and Mother Teresa. Really set the stage for the rest of her talk.

Marlene described her story of humility, love and service. She was exposed to Polio Plus by a Rotary friend via a NID trip to Ethiopia. She regaled us with many examples of the impact the trip had on her. A fun fact from the movie Mary Poppins the song a spoonful of sugar was inspired by the Polio Vaccine

Her presentation continued as Marlene spoke of her gratitude and thankfulness for all that is the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Par

Support for Marlene and Dan when she underwent brain surgeries
Many other examples as well.

Marlene then directed members to select one of the cards on the table and reflect on someone, something or an aspect of your life that you are grateful for. It was very interesting to see the number of smiles and acknowledgement this exercise generated amongst the club members.

Marlene wrapped up with learnings shared by Rotarian Brian Rusch. Travel safe my friends & Blessed Thanksgiving to all!!!

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



MINUTES

Steve Dunk - A reminder to sign up for the Rotary Remembers Event on November 11. Speaker is retired general Barry Ashton who did a wonderful job speaking here at our Club a few months ago. Registration closes October 30 and you should have an email from Rick Istead with a link.

A reminder to please **sign up for breakfasts** so we can help Heritage Park determine the right amount of food and table arrangement.

Wynne - Via Zoom, tested the audio system to confirm we can have a remote presenter.

Marlene - Reminder to get back to Asha re Guess Who's Coming to Dinner by Oct. 15.

There's still room for the **Heritage Park Ghost Tour** on Oct. 14. Sign up closes Monday.

14 people have signed up for **Oct. 25 concert** at the Doherty's. Still room for 25 more.

Deadline for Paul Harris nominees is Oct. 10.

Brian Gentles - Centennial's fund raiser for Alberta Lung Breathing Space is on Oct. 20 at Ranchman's. Sign up and enjoy some fall two-stepping!

Jim Davis - Provided an update on how the Wines of the World fundraiser will work this year (only \$100 packages; no credit card payments, etc.). Details to be shared shortly.

Jamie will be coordinating the ticket sales.

Stan the Younger - enjoying school; lots of walking; will have Thanksgiving dinner w his host family; joined the drama club; loves saying, "YES!!", to invites out.

Steve Dunk - I am in a play as part of the Ghouls Night Out with performances Friday, Saturday Oct 23/24 at 6:15, 7:15 and 8:15. Sunday October 25 at 4:15. 5:15. 6:15. Also an 18+ evening Thursday, we are on at 7:15 8:15 and 9:15.

CLOSING REMARKS

As we head into Thanksgiving weekend, let's remember that gratitude is more than a holiday theme — it's a Rotary value. It strengthens our fellowship, deepens our service, and reminds us why our work matters.

May your weekend be filled with good who make your life richer, including those in this room.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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MOTIONS

Jim Davis moved that RCCHP authorize \$5,000 in expenditures for purchases related to the 2026 Wines of the World Raffle." Seconded by Brad the Younger. Carried.

"On behalf of the Board of the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park (RCCHP), **Brad Wellicome** moved that RCCHP's budget process for the annual President's Social Event includes a reasonable dollar amount per member multiplied by the expected number of members attending, including the President's spouse. If the actual number of members attending exceeds the budgeted number of members, the club pays the excess. Guests pay full per person cost." Seconded by Brad the Elder. Carried.

50/50

John shared that there is \$925.50 in the pot. Dan picked Doug Kinley's number; he recited the 4-way test and then drew the 8 of Diamonds. Better luck next time!

HAPPY BUCKS

Every member that shared Happy Bucks thanked Marlene for her thoughtful presentation.

Jim Davis Great trip to Norway and Denmark

Doug K Loved visiting the ranch - fall colors were beautiful

Vanessa Parents 50th Anniversary weekend

Mark Rowe mail in your ballots today

Doug MacD. - Could use some help with t-fence posts and

snow fence to keep rabbits out

Sheila - Use the advance polls

Judy C - Think of outings for Stan (as long as you have your

Vulnerable Sector Clearance!)

Walter - Could use some help on his ToDo list he has a hangnail on one finger.

list

DUTY ROSTER

OCTOBER 16, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....LYNDA CAMPBELL

DOOR SALES & 50/50.....STAN CHRISTMAS

INTRO & THANK.....ALLISON COLPITTS

REPORTER.....BOB CLARK

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