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MEETING NOTES

The chill of the early September morning was no match for the warmth emanating from inside the Barn, thanks to our greeter Tracey Vavrek, supported by Door Salesperson Bob Clark and 50-50 ticket salesperson John Radermacher. After ringing the bell to call the meeting to order, welcoming everyone and providing a land acknowledgement, and offering an invocation. Joe called Tracey to the podium to introduce guests: Marty Birky, Vanessa Brown, Dan Kosta, Dawn Byford and Sami Alfakis (all potential members) and Raegan Reiter (guest speaker). Birthdays: Nuri Perani, wife of Din, and Stan Heerani (our RYE student). Today is the 25th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the US; it is a day of sadness and of hope, as witnessed by the incredible hospitality shown to travellers in Gander, regardless of their background. Peace starts with you and me. Today is National day of Service and Remembrance, a reminder that even in the face of tragedy, communities rise through compassion and action. Stan H was called up to shine the plates, and we were off to the buffet!

PROGRAM

Steve Berini introduced Raegan Reiter, from Fund Development, Momentum. Raegan is a past participant in one of Momentum's programs, that of financial empowerment. Momentum has 3 pillars plus policy work:

Financial empowerment: Includes a matched savings program for youth; Participants who complete the program successfully receive matched savings towards an investment in their future (e.g. post secondary tuition);

Employment skills training: Includes several industries including automotive, mechanics, roofing, glazing, carpentry, and welding. Students can complete their high school and over several months, pre-apprenticeship training and get into a job quickly.

Small business training: Over several months, learn various facets of small business including starting up and accounting.

Policy work: o all levels of government, advocate for changes that improve the lives of those living on low income. Goal is for everyone to be able to provide for their families; while income is not the only barrier, it is critical.

Raegan answered many questions. Here are some of them: program acceptance in based on income; organization began in 1991, assumed the name Momentum in 2005; funding for Momentum is 48% government and 52% community based; enrollment about 2100 students/year; promotion is primarily word of mouth. She then shared her own story, where she learned about the program while her mother was in an emergency women's shelter (Raegan was 17 y.o. at the time). Steve thanked Raegan and handed her a certificate where our club will pay for 20 children to be vaccinated against polio.

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



MOTION

Motion by Bill Skinner, on behalf of International Services Committee, to revise a previously approved motion from Oct. 17/25, due to change in circumstances. New motion: RCCHP approves \$1000 for the Chiminisiguan School repairs as proposed by Corazones y Manos via RC Loreta, Baja Sur, Mexico. Funds to be sent to RC Lake Atitlan Guatemala. The funds will be used to rehabilitate the school playground. Seconded by Bob Clark. Carried.

HAPPY BUCKS

Happy bucks by Tracey, Judy, Vanessa, Jim S, Doug K, Janet and Bob C.

50/50

50-50 draw won by Roger who did not pick the joker. Sorry Roger.

CLOSING REMARKS

Joe closed the meeting by reminding us of the importance of this day as a day of service and

MINUTES

Encouragement by Bill Skinner (now our Grants Director) to consider our AOS projects that may be suitable for a District (CSC or ISC), Youth (YSC) or Global (ISC) grant. The District is offering an online grants seminar on Oct. 24th, anyone is welcome to register. Attendance is required for those wishing to access the district grants site. Bill emphasized the ease of completing youth and district grants (global grants require more work). Bill is available to support completing grant applications. Pay attention to deadlines. Note there is much information about the grants on the district site here: [District Grants Subcommittee | Rotary 5360](#).

Discussion by Brad Wellicome member in club dues and charge members and guests any costs in excess of this amount. Brad wishes to take a recommendation to the Board on Sept. 21st, therefore wishes member input prior to then. Membership update by Ginny: we are now at 66. Attrition is inevitable; our club (10%) is below the Rotary average of 15% but it still reminds us of the need to recruit new members.

Happy Birthday to Stan Heeringa – with a signed card, a gift and some cupcakes.

Indigenous Relations events by Linda Craig: (1) Invitation by USAY to attend a gathering at their new facility on Sept. 19th from 1-2:30; (2) to honour the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30, a showing of the award winning film The Road will be held at Dalhousie Community Centre. For both events, family, friends, other Rotarians all welcome, register online, both events are free.

Lynda accepted a Club Excellence Award by RI
Bob Cove has had to step down as Director of Vocational Services; Jim S has stepped in to take his place. Thank you Jim!

DUTY ROSTER

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....BRAD WELLCOME
DOOR SALES & 50/50.....TED WOOD
INTRO & THANK.....SASKIA KNIGHT
REPORTER.....PETER LEIGH

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

MARK ROE.....SEPT 16
RENEE MIKKELSON.....SEPT 16
KIM SEWALL.....SEPT 17

ANNIVERSARIES

BILL & SUSAN HOPE (49YRS).....SEPT 17