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MEETING NOTES

Brad Wellicome was our warm, enthusiastic and friendly greeter for a beautiful sunny Alberta Fall morning.

Following our now well seasoned President Joe's prompt 7am call to order, and the land acknowledgement, with our good sized crowd of around 40 attendees, the meeting crowd produced an impressively good rendition of Oh Canada, led by our very capable Stan Christmas.

Next, after his fact filled opening remarks about it being World Dream Day, World Pharmacists Day, and National Tune-Up Day, President Joe reminded us that Orange Shirt Day is next week, which promotes to Canadians the "Every Child Matters" organisation, and to raise awareness and provide sustainable safety for children who have lived lives of suffering, whether they are survivors, families or communities.

President Joe then called on Saskia Knight to welcome our many guests, Vanessa Brown, potential new member, Laura Kim, guest of Harry Kim, Sarah Murdoch, Ashley Yu, Mike Mammel.

Joe then read a great invocation prior to the breakfast, and awarded the surprise plate shiner duty to Ashley who did a excellent job. Joe invited everyone to head to the buffet after our guests of course, for an awesome and delicious breakfast including perfectly poached eggs, care of Heritage Park's friendly catering team.

PROGRAM

Amrita Basu introduced our guest Speaker from Crimestoppers David King on Community-Wide Fraud Prevention, how Crimestoppers works, and how we can be an active part of that process.

David is a very engaging and humorous speaker, and gave a riveting presentation on Community-Wide Fraud Prevention. With lots of free swag thrown to the crowd for right answers to his questions, it was fun too. Some interesting key facts from David's presentation: Crimestoppers started in 1972 in Mexico, and since 1982 in Canada, and Calgary's chapter is the oldest in Canada. There is no federal funding, and it is a 100% a volunteer operation. Fundraising is purely for rewarding anonymous tipsters. Copper theft is rampant now due to the market price, as well as catalytic converter, and supercharger thefts from school buses parked in storage lots and streets. The illicit tobacco trade (evading tax) is another big problem involving South Asian extortion.

Following David's presentation, and question time, Amrita Basu thanked David for his presentation, and in appreciation of his talk, presented him a with a certificate from the club showing we have donated inoculations for 20 children against polio.

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



MINUTES

Marlene presented a **Paul Harris Fellow** award and pin to Bill Skinner, Lorne Kelly and Lynda Campbell. Marlene also presented Asha Paul, with a Polio Plus Society pin.

Heritage Park is offering our RCCHP club members up to 30 tickets for members, to join the Oct.14th "**Spooktacular**" **ghost tour** around the park, with friends and family, deadline for booking spots is next Friday Oct. 2nd.

Marlene is hosting the **Travelling Dales folk music band** at a matinee home concert on Oct. 25th. \$40/ticket. Contact Marlene for details. BYOB, or there will be coffee and tea provided.

Lynda Campbell and Lorne Kelly promoted the **Backyard Rodeo** and pot luck social on September 26th at 4pm at Sheila and Peter Leigh's house in Oakridge.

Doug Mac.Donald encouraged as many of us as possible to sign up for the National Day of **Truth and Reconciliation event** on Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at the Dalhousie community Centre, admission is free.

John Radermacher reminded us to book as soon as possible if we want to attend the **Rotary Remembers** event and lunch at the Carriage House Inn & Convention Center from 10am to 1:30pm. Cost \$55/person. Tickets are at the 5360 website. Stan Christmas has found a very reasonable price for anyone wanting a **Rotary logo** on any of their clothing items, contact

Stan by 15th October, 2026 with your item.

Asha reminded us to get **Guess who's coming to dinner** responses to her in the next week !

CLOSING REMARKS

Joe shared with us the hilarious story of his lost and found cell phone -long story, see Joe for details.

On closing the meeting at 8:30am, President Dr. Joe had us all repeat the 4 Way Test.

DUTY ROSTER

OCTOBER 2, 2026

GREETER & SUNSHINE.....ZENON BEREZNICKI

DOOR SALES & 50/50.....STEVE BERINI

INTRO & THANK.....WYNNE BJORGAN

REPORTER.....PETER HARDING

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

ENDOWMENT

Jamie Powell along with Harry and Laura Kim, introduced Program Director Laura Lee Crook, & Board Chair Janice Bushfield from the Canadian Association of Disabled Skiers Calgary, they were presented with a cheque from the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation Endowment Fund, which has been financially supported by donations from the Kim family, the cheque is for \$10,000 for a sit-ski enabling 4 to 6 disabled skiers to experience skiing in spite of their challenges. The organisation has 180 disabled students, and 350 volunteers. Janice thankegenerous donation which will benefit many disabled skiers for years to come.

HAPPY BUCKS

Richard Broadwith just lost a dear friend, however, he and of course his dear wife Linda Craig are celebrating having a brand new grand daughter.

Bill Skinner's new knees have been given the all clear to put the pedal to the metal aka drive !

Peter Harding gave big thank yous for the last minute team of community kitchen volunteers, and Dolly Parton !

Jamie Powell – C.R.C.F. - keep your contributions coming.

Bob Cove gave thanks for his first grand daughter.

Don McArthur still has an XXL jacket he wants to pass on to someone who fits it !

Judy Cochrane celebrated a birthday on September 18th

Stan Christmas - in appreciation of Dolly, Stan is working from 9 to 5

50/50

Stan Christmas had the winning ticket, but alas, could not find the joker, so the \$830 pot continues to grow.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

ASHA PAUL.....OCT 3

PHIL HOCHHAUSEN.....OCT 4

ANNIVERSARIES

BRYAN LEE& AMANDA GIBSON(7YRS).....OCT 1

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

LYNDA CAMPBELL(20YRS).....OCT 1

TRACEY VAVREK (20YRS).....OCT 3

JANET BLAHUN (8YRS).....OCT 1

OLATUYI OLAJIDE (8YRS).....OCT 1

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