

THE STANDARD

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FOUR WAY TEST

In all things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH ?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

In the beginning:

We were greeted by Christine Mihaledes as we walked in, many members bright and early to have a hot cup of coffee and conversation to reminisce about the prior week.



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

President Jim Sawers called the meeting to order at 7:01 after repeatedly ringing the bell a couple of times to bring order to the rowdy crowd still engaged in friendly conversations about the weather and golf Tee-off times.

Brad Sewell led us in the loud rendition of our national anthem.

Grace was offered by Velma Noble reminding us the events in Charlottesville.

Ginny Murphy introduced **the visiting Rotarians and guests:**

Scott Campbell from Richmond, Hans Tiedeman and Bryan Warden from Calgary South

Heidi Upham former exchange student and guest speaker Ron Kustra

Plate shining was by Ginny who missed the assignment last week.

Guest Speaker Ron Kustra from Canadians for Sustainable Medicare was introduced by Jim Coyle.

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Our meeting.

“Canadians for Sustainable Medicare” – Your voice for Patient Choice:

Mr. Kustra talked about the failure of the Canadian Health System and the high cost of providing the current model in a sustainable way. His talk encouraged a private/public model in providing an efficient healthcare system.

Alberta spends 40% of its budget on healthcare and it is projected to grow to 60% by 2036 and it becomes unsustainable.. It has been rising at 6% annually for the last 20 years well beyond the inflation and population growth. The Canadian average health spending is \$3400 per person where as in Alberta it is \$4800. According to the Health Minister Sarah Hoffman, “Alberta is not always getting the best health outcomes for our health dollars”. In her campaign to “bend the cost curve,” Hoffman is targeting hospital acute care, prescription drugs and physician compensation. Patients may find they have less choice and reduced access. A typical Canadian family of four will pay \$11,735 for public health insurance in 2015.

The Association of Canadians for Sustainable Medicare (C4SM) promotes:

- Introducing Patient choice
- Guaranteeing Timely access
- Instituting Care Guarantee when Medicare fails to deliver timely access
- Ending Public Sector monopoly on hospital and physician services
- Making Medicare sustainable and accountable
- Growing the healthcare system, not shrinking it through rationing
- Encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship of private sector.

He was thanked by Asha Paul

Sunshine report: Velma Noble

Birthdays and anniversaries:

Manuel Tejeda –Aug 15

Cheryl Ryan –Aug 17

Al Black -Aug 18

Max Patel- Aug 18

Harold Aitkenhead – Aug 22

Brad Sewall – Aug 23

Peter and Elaine Harding are celebrating 45 years of happy marriage on Aug 19.

50/50: Jamie Powell

The guest speaker pulled Heidi’s ticket and she flawlessly recited the Four-Way Test,



although Jamie had doubted her Rotary knowledge.

Unfortunately she didn't draw the joker from the deck.

Happy Bucks: Jim Sawers, Scott Campbell, Phil, Fran, Ron Kustra, Bob Clark, Martin for potential RI Convention coming to Calgary in the 2020s, and Jim Coyle (sad bucks for three of his friends passing away from alcohol related issues recently)

Minute people: Phil about the Mattamy-Rotary Greenway opening on Sept 02 and needing volunteers.

Peter Harding about the Fall Harvest Dinner on Oct 30 (EXPERIENCES)

Sheriff: Doug Hood

Fined a toonie each: Birthday boys, Jamie for overdressing and Phil for under-dressing, Fran for letting Phil come that way and Doug, John & Raju for no good reason.

Next meeting: Aug 25 Classification talks: Jim Davies and Christine Mihailedes

Thought for the day: "Forever is composed of Nows"

Duty Roster for August 25

Greeter: TBA

Door sales: Jamie Powell

50/50: Jeanette Pyle

Grace and Sunshine report: John Radermacher

Introduce speaker: Eve Robertson

Thank speaker: Mark Rowe

Standard Reporter: Peter Ruptash

Duty Roster for September 1

Greeter: Brian Semeschuk

Door sales: Brad Sewall

50/50: Bill Skinner

Grace and Sunshine report: Roger Sonntag

Introduce speaker: Dennis Tillotson

Thank speaker: Brad Wellicome

Standard Reporter: Sheila Tyminski

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

Aug 25	Classifications—Christine Mihailedes, Jim Davis
Sept 1	Marla Ferg—Introduction to CJCC
Sept 8	Sarah Pousette—Global Grants scholar Eve Robertson—Global Grants Proposal
Sept 15	Rick Istead—District Governor
Sept 22	Velma Noble—Introduction to "YEAH" training

