

Minutes from May 26th RCCHP Meeting.

A rowdy and robust crowd was brought to order by president Harold's bell ringing at 7:00 am.

O Canada was lead by both Peter Harding and Joan Bedard.

Grace was given by Don McArthur, who beseeched us to remember how fortunate we are.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians were introduced by Jamie Powell:

Wynne Bjorgen – Red Deer East Club

Bill Sumner – Calgary South

Jim Fitzowich – Calgary South

Bill Cox – Guest Speaker

Lorne Kelly

John McPhee

Karla Mayfield

Leah Smyth

Paul Webber

Maxwell Webber

Michael Comassotti

Christine Gingerich

Dave Wavver

John Lockhart

Our Plate Shiner was Bill Hope, whose image was presented in caricature, depicted as pre-and-post-retirement!

Sunshine Report by Don McArthur:

Don repeated the birthdays and anniversaries from the previous week

Don's story of wisdom related 2 lumberjacks, a rookie and a veteran of the profession. The rookie was surprised that he was outdone by the man who was smaller and weaker than he, but the sage lumberjack shared that his secret to success was to pause and sharpen his saw (Steve Covey reference, for sure!)

Guest Speakers:

Mr. Cox is a highly decorated retired military personnel, having retired in 1979, then spent 35 years serving in various roles at Telus. He has served tirelessly with Scouts Canada over several decades and has been a life member of Royal Canadian Legion.

The Legion provide representation, advocacy and financial assistance to serving and retired Veterans and their families, free of charge, Legion member or not.

We honour the men and women who put their lives on the line for their country and work to ensure Canada never forgets.

Legion members contribute countless volunteer hours, and fundraise millions of dollars each year for their communities.

There are over 300,000 Legion members across Canada within 1400 branches. Alberta has 9 branches with over 40,000 members. But membership is declining with attrition of older members not being replaced with new members.

Membership rules have changed and now membership guidelines expanded.

Younger Vets are using Social Media as their "network"

Funding - There is no public funding for operations and the Legion functions as a Non-Profit. The Poppy Fund provides none of the operations funding.

The Veterans Food Bank in Calgary is the only Veterans Food Bank in Canada.

A number of years ago, Truman homes proposed a redevelopment of the property to include a portion of the new building that can be used as a commercial leasing and a revenue stream for the Legion. A well-designed members lounge occupies one of the levels, a pub and restaurant called 1918 will be featured as part of the redevelopment, and the remainder of the building will be used by Truman Homes.

Grand Opening for the new building will be June 20th, 2017

Doug MacDonald Thanked the Speaker, whom he had known for many years. When the meeting proceeded, Bill Cox returned to the front to deliver a gift to Doug, appearing to be a bouquet of flowers but was revealed to be a rubber chicken (inside joke). Then Bill Cox offered a sizeable fine to the club for having interrupted the flow of the meeting

Announcements:

Al Hardstaff gave a save the date about the Hays Breakfast. Sign up sheets and more details to follow

Jim Sawyers declared the names of 2 new proposed members:

Dave Warren

Lorne Kelly

After 2 weeks of posting in the Standard, and in the absence of any objections, the new members could be inducted at June 16th, 2017 meeting.

Asha Paul - presented a cheque for \$3000 to Calgary Public Library specifically to support the "It's a Crime not to Read" program. A representative from the Library was onsite to receive the donation. She mentioned that this program has won several Literacy Awards Nationally.

Art Sumner talked about the Golf Tournament at Redwood Meadows June 22, 2017, and conducted the Early Bird Sponsorship Draw which was won by Brad Sewall. Art mentioned we need 8 more participants and Silver Sponsors,

Jeanette Pyle introduced John Lockhart who is a Rotarian and works at Community Futures in Alberta. Jeanette presented a cheque for \$2000 in support of the Youth Entrepreneurial Camp. This will cover 2 campers full fees. This camp relies on volunteers. During the week of camp students develop and work a business, along with other fun camp activities.

We then heard from Matt and Mike, who had been campers in previous years.

YEX International Dinner - June 3, 2017 - MacDougall United Church – 8516 Athabasca St SE, Calgary, Alberta 5:30 Reception

To book your tickets call or see your Exchange Student or email Ron Prokosch at:

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ON SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2017 FROM 7PM - 10PM, AT HILLHURST SUN
NYSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 13205 AVE N.W.

Motions:

There were 2 motions brought forward from Community Service Committee – Phil Hochhausen

- 1. To fund the shortfall, not exceeding \$600, for the purchase of a new Patient Lift for L'Arche Calgary for a total of \$3,600 . L'Arche Calgary has funds from the Rotary Club of Calgary South of \$3,000 towards this purchase.**

Seconded by Greg Smyth and carried by majority show of hands

- 2. That RCCHP pay membership of \$200 to Friends of Heritage Park**
Seconded by Doug Hood and carried by majority show of hands

50/50: Rob Matthews hosted the 50/50 draw and our YEX Student Claire Hung chose Brad Wellicome's ticket! The joker evaded Brad, so the pot continues to grow to over \$1000!!

Happy Bucks:

Garry Gray – many foggy nights at the Legion
Doug Hood – for his great nephews
Brad W – glad to have Claire's parents coming
Peter H – looking forward to a week of golf in BC
John R – needs a golfer for his team
Fran – looking forward to Shelterbox dinner
Surinder – happy to have his \$1 loan back from Ginny
Ted W – thanks to M+M the students who presented
Stan – glad to have so many visitors
Bill Hope – So many plates to shine
Walter – sad buck because his plate was shone suboptimally
Bill Hope – happy that Walter wasn't presenting today

Sheriff:

Surinder was the sheriff this week and members were fined according to the following:

Daryl Luhr – for not collecting Surinders happy buck
Doug MacDonald – for being late for his greeter duties
Asha – for parking in the handicapped spot – Asha rebutted with a declaration of a sore leg, and was fined for talking back
Stan Christmas – for rudeness - commenting on some members not shaving
Jim Coyle – for not shaving

Thought for the Week:

Don't Underestimate Me -

I know more than I say, think more than I speak, and notice more than you realize

Next Meeting June 2 Club Assembly

June 8th is Presidents Social