

August 9, 2019

Rob Matthews as today's Greeter welcomed today's guests: Hendrik Kray (Calgary Olympic), Alondra Valerio, Faria Khan (Short Term YEX Students), Kate Cherba (YEX) and Daniella Galindo.

President Brad kicked off the meeting nicely with our national anthem and grace was followed by Ginny Murphy.

Our plate shiner today was Jim Sawers.

Ginny reported the only anniversaries this week with Laura and Harry Kim (35 years). There were no rotary anniversaries or birthdays to report. This was followed by some cute photos of dogs to put a smile on everyone's face:



Our guest speaker today was our own Bill Skinner, who was introduced by Velma Noble. Bill has been apart of our club since 2011. A former Geologist, he is passionate another a number of topics, most notably international development and politics. He's also very interested in historical topics, which today was water agreement on the St Mary's River between Canada and US. Bill has paddled this river multiple times.

Bill discussed the initial problem: the St. Mary River has high flow throughout the irrigation season. Canada wanted to use that water for irrigation in southwestern Alberta meanwhile, the USA wanted to use that water for irrigation in eastern Montana, by diverting the St. Mary into the Milk River. As such, it would flow through Alberta and back into Montana. As a solution, in 1909 Canada and the USA signed the Boundary Waters Treaty. The International Joint Commission was created by the Treaty to adjudicate water disputes. The IJC first met in 1912. It has since resolved more than 100 disputes on many different areas and topics. It settled the St. Mary problem by allocating each country about half the water. The American diversion plan proceeded on a slightly smaller scale, and Canada developed the St. Mary River Irrigation District.

Having paddled the Milk River multiple times, Bill showed some photos of the diversion dam and canal headworks as well as the siphons for the water (over 100 years old). He also highlighted a few key spots such as the Gold Springs Park (a great base for paddling the Milk River) and the Bow Waters Canoe Club paddlers at Poverty Rock; This was a historic meeting and party place for area farmers and ranchers at the end of the farming season.

If anyone is keen to paddle the river, it's also important to note that the Milk River diversion flow can be shut off occasionally. It happens when the American managers needs to do major maintenance work on the diversion and control structures. As a result, river depth can drop from 1 metre to a few centimetres over a couple of hours. Fortunately, they give warnings about that, so that paddlers and others know when to expect it.

Meeting Minutes

- Dani Galindo took a quite minute to discuss this years 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner' and encouraged everyone to sign up. They will be running 4 events this year between October – June.
- Hendrik Kray from Calgary Olympic made an announcement for their event 'Walk a mile in her shoes' on Sunday, September 15, 2019. Calgary Olympic would like to make it a Rotary Calgary initiative. He encourages everyone to sign up. He passed information about the event around the tables or people should contact him for more details.
- Ginny Murphy – ran a draw for the June Give Blood Month. Brad Wellicome was the winner of bottle of wine.

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Dong Kinley shuffled the deck well, but Kate our YEX student drew the 4 of clubs.

Happy Bucks today included many shout outs from: Jim Coyle, Garry Gray, Stan Christmas, Velma Noble, Brian Gentles, Doug Kinley, Martin Harvey, Fran Hochhausen and our BEKAS exchange students Faria and Alondra.

Sherriff today was Jim Coyle and he dinged Rob Matthews, Darryl Luhr, Max, Lynda Campbell, Phil Hochhausen, Aliisa Paivalainen, Neil Cameron and Ginny Murphy.

Next weeks meeting on August 16th our guest speaker is Alice Post from Dementia Side by Side.

Brad closed the meeting with these words of wisdom:

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."

– Booker T. Washington

Position	Assigned Member
☰ 📅 August 23, 2019	
☰ Greeter	Rowe, Mark
☰ Door sales	Ruptash, Peter
☰ 50/50	Sawers, Jim
☰ Grace and Sunshine report	Semeschuk, Brian
☰ Introduce Speaker	Skinner, Bill
☰ Thank speaker	Sonntag, Roger
☰ Standard reporter	Sumner, Art
☰ 📅 August 30, 2019	
☰ Greeter	Tillotson, Dennis
☰ Door Sales	Tyminski, Sheila
☰ 50 50 Sales	Wellicome, Brad
☰ Grace Sunshine Report	Wood, Ted
☰ Introduce Speaker	Zuk, Walter
☰ Thank Speaker	Aitkenhead, Harold
☰ Standard Reporter	Bailey, Patricia
☰ 📅 September 6, 2019	
☰ Greeter	Bedard, Joan
☰ Door Sales	Blahun, Janet
☰ 50 50 Sales	Cameron, Neil
☰ Grace and Sunshine report	Campbell, Lynda
☰ Introduce Speaker	Christmas, Stan
☰ Thank Speaker	Clark, Bob
☰ Standard Reporter	Coyle, Jim