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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA;
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

January 22, 2019

Editor: Rocco Disipio

Program: Bytowne Brigantine Inc

In the chair: **PP Linda Flynn**

Greeter: **Ed Balys**; Reception: **Henry Akanko** subbing in for **David Morton**

Past Presidents Draw: **Frank Cranton**; Grace: **Brian Foster**

Meeting fees and attendance: **Mary Wattie**

We gather

On this very cold and damp Mid-January day we all gathered in the Church Basement, our home for the next three months, for this year's 25th Rotary Meeting. Promptly at 12:30 **Linda Flynn**, subbing in for vacationing **President Pardeep Ahluwalia**, called the meeting to order. **Rod Holmes** accompanied us in the singing of our National Anthem and **Brian Foster** delivered a very thoughtful grace. **Henry Akanko** introduced guests and visitors: Cindy Wheeler from the Rotary Home and a guest of **Stu Picozzi**, Jill Yarnell from the South Nepean Rotary Club and Lynn Sherwood a guest of **Marilyn Letts**, and our guest speakers Christy Griffin and Peter Dalton. We welcomed them in song as usual.

Frank Cranton called upon our one of our guest speakers to draw the winning PP Draw ticket. It belonged to **Doug Heyland** who won this week's prize of \$25 in cash. Congratulations **Doug**.

A card circulated to express condolence at the passing of Deanna Armstrong, the daughter of **Blair** and Betty'Don **Armstrong** and sister of **Eric Armstrong**. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Armstrong Family. Visitation was on January 24 and the Celebration of Deanna's life on January 25 at the Pinecrest Remembrance Chapel.

Merging golf tournaments

Cindy Wheeler and **Stu Picozzi** spoke to us on merging the golf tournaments of the Rotary Home and the West Ottawa Rotary Club. The most recent West Ottawa tournament was successful thanks to the efforts of the Golf Committee and especially the Committee Chair, **Cameron Ross**. It is however increasingly difficult to attract golfers and participants and the merged golf tournament would create additional interest and economize on the costs.

Current thinking on the format of the proposed new tournament would have each participant, rather than paying a flat fee, secure sponsorship for as much as possible but at least \$275. The goal for the combined tournament would be to attract 144 golfers. Last year the West Ottawa event only attracted 60 golfers. The date would probably be June 10 and probably be at Andersons Links. The larger event would allow all participants to have more fun, provide better fundraising opportunities for both the Rotary Home and the West Ottawa Rotary Club. Accounting for and distribution of the funds raised has been discussed. A show of hands indicated our Club supports the idea.

Mums

Joseph Redhead, for the Mums fundraiser, reported that **Brian Foster** has joined the small Mums Committee, and that the Oslo International Rotary Club, on behalf of West Ottawa, will name as a Paul Harris Fellow Geir Engdahl, the developer of Optimap which our Club has used extensively in the charting of delivery routes. We have told the plant supplier we will take the same number of plants as last year. The supplier says we can add up to 300 or so plants should sales thrive. On Mums workload **Marcia Armstrong** and **Andrew Young** have found a way to share the administration work among 10 people. Finally, **Joseph** said he had a letter from a McGill University student which would be shared with the Club by **President Pardeep** on his return.

Other announcements

Joan Heyland is looking for candidates for Global Grant Scholarships and the Rotary Peace Fellowships. These opportunities are available to all except relatives of current Rotarians. Awards are given to pursue a master's or PhD degrees or obtain 3-month Professional Certificates. Know anyone who would be interested? See **Joan Heyland** for an application.

Meeting Chair Linda told us about the Great Chili Cook Off on Saturday January 19, at the Parkdale Food Centre. **Ginette Thomas, Linda Flynn, Jean Bégin, Rocco Disipio** and partner Anna Jasiak, **David Morton, Robert Shaw-Wood, and Brett Brooking** prepared 60+ delicious servings of both beef and vegetarian chili. A great big thank-you to **Jean Bégin** for her really tasty recipes and for organizing this event.

There were no Birthdays this week.

Program

Newer/Newest Member **Baxter Willis**, replacing **Bill McIntyre** introduced our guest speakers Christy Griffin and Peter Dalton. Christy Griffin, General Manager Tall Ships Academy, Bytowne Brigantine Inc. challenged us by asking us what a brigantine is. We learned that it is a vessel with two masts of which the front mast is square rigged. Bytowne Brigantine runs two ships, the 87-foot Black Jack, a 1904 logging tugboat converted to tall ship, and the 110-foot Fair Jeanne. Tom Fuller, a Navy Captain during World War II, purchased the Black Jack as a family yacht.

His son Simon and a teenage crew took the ship to a regatta in Quebec City in the 1980s. This was the origins of the Bytowne Brigantine program. Tom Fuller, wanting a larger boat, built the Fair Jeanne. Now both the Black Jack and Fair Jeanne are lent to Bytowne Brigantine to be used over the summer months for youth adventure and training camps. The Black Jack has programs for youths aged 12 to 14 and they tour the 1000 Islands. The Fair Jeanne takes youths aged 14 to 18 on 5-day programs and a 22-day High School Certificate Program. Youth are taught seamanship, teamwork and leadership go without cell phones except when ashore. Peter Dalton, Director of Bytowne Brigantine, is responsible for the electronics of the vessels, and also runs the adult program, a 5 day sailing training adventure in September from Brockville into Lake Ontario and back for \$800 The capacity of the Fair Jeanne is 30 whereas the Black Jack can take 10.

Answering questions from **Ed Balys, Don Butler, Stuart Picozzi, Ken Murray** and **Ron Scott** Peter Dalton told us -the Fair Jeanne had some small guns for naval battle re-enactments. It accurately reflects ship construction of the 1840s.

-goal of the one-week adult adventure was to have fun and develop friendships and not to learn the names of the 106 ropes.

-Tom Fuller had been called "Pirate of the Adriatic" for his exploits in the Mediterranean theater as a naval officer during WW2.

-after winter storage a month was required to get vessels ready to sail. Students take courses throughout the winter including first aid, VHS and mapping to prepare for summer programs.

-the 5-day program on the Black Jack costs about \$900.

- a 12-day trip on the Fair Jeanne costs \$2,124 and the 22-day certificate program \$3,900.

-The T.G. Fuller Bursary Fund enables participation by those interested but unable to afford the cost.

Joseph Redhead thanked our speakers giving them the usual mementos and telling them of the \$25 donation to End Polio Now

Happy Dollars

Peter Fisher collected from:

-**Marilyn Letts** who liked the program and put it on her Bucket List.

-**Clive Talbot**, former teacher in South Africa, reminded us that January 22 was the 140th anniversary of a Zulu attack which wiped out a British force invading Zululand.

Ken Murray was pleased at selling his 55-year-old turntable and record collection.

Stu Picozzi happy that his granddaughter Grace, aged 4 years and 2 months can print her name. Congrats **Stu**.

Mary Wattie had happy dollars for a great trip to Mexico despite the change in temperature from +25 to -20 drop. But she had sad dollars at the loss of very good friend, Judy Booth, in the recent bus accident. Our thoughts are with you, **Mary**.

Ed Balys pleased it was finally cold enough to showcase his Christmas present, a very impressive sweater from Iceland.

Finally, **Linda Flynn** who had enjoyed chairing the week's meeting.

Meeting adjourns

As meeting Chair **Linda** reminded us that next week's meeting will be a Club Assembly with meetings of the Cash Calendar, Mums and Music for Humanity Committees. Reminding us that Rotarians should Be the Inspiration and to bring acquaintances sharing Rotary values to a meeting. This meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

CANCELLED BECAUSE OF SNOW WARNING

~~**Ali Pahlavani**, Chair~~

~~**Committee Meetings**~~

~~Greeters: **Tammy Whelan, Inna Flyazhenkova** Reception: **Henry Akanko**~~

~~Grace: **Doug Rowlands** PP Draw: **Jean Bégin** Editor: **Joseph Redhead**~~

~~Meeting fee/Attendance: **Linda Flynn**~~

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Jean Bégin, Chair

Prof. Ian Badgley: Lac Leamy park archeological dig.

Intro: **Merv Letts** Thanks: **Bill McIntyre**

Greeters: **Ken Murray, Sucha Mann** Reception: **Mary Wattie** Grace: **Doug Rowlands**

PP Draw: **Doug Heyland** Editor: **Ginette Thomas**

Meeting fee/Attendance: **Carol Bell Thompson**



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