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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA;
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

February 5, 2019

Editor: **Ginette Thomas**

Program: Professor Ian Badgley – The Archeological dig at Lac Leamy

On duty

Greeters: **Ken Murray** Reception: **Mary Wattie** Meeting fee/attendance: **Carol Bell Thompson** Past President's Draw: **Doug Rowlands** Grace: **Doug Heyland** Editor: **Ginette Thomas**

We gather

We assembled in the meeting room under the cathedral, as we will for next few months.

At noon, **Past President Jean Begin**, replacing **President Pardeep Ahluwalia**, asked us to serve ourselves and at 12:30 sharp she rang the bell as she welcomed us to the 28th meeting of the Rotary Year. She hoped that everyone had a relaxing week off the week before when we didn't get the predicted snowfall! She thanked **Linda Flynn, Mary Wattie, Ken Murray, Joan Heyland, Jim Maxwell, Marilyn and Merv Letts** and **Alan Bowles** who helped her call and confirm the cancellation with everyone.

We sang O Canada led by Music Master **Rod Holmes** on keyboard and **Bill McIntyre** delivered a thoughtful grace.

Mary Wattie recognized our guests today: our speaker Ian Badgley, and former member (and frequent visitor!) Wilmer Pulido along with his young son, Shoghi. We heartily sang our Welcome Song, again accompanied by **Rod Holmes**

Doug Heyland conducted the Past Presidents' draw and the lucky winner of the Chapters gift card was **Gaye Moffett**.

Birthdays: none that week.

Announcements

Larry Chop encouraged us to submit photos for next year's calendar and provided us with guidelines, both technical and artistic, to ensure that our favourite photos are selected. He announced that the theme for the next calendar is "nature in the greater Ottawa area", and then proceeded with a Photography 101 course about how to best capture photographic moments. The technical specifications and suggestions for photographic consideration are outlined in a presentation soon to be distributed separately.

Brett Brooking invited everyone to the next shoe sorting event on Saturday February 9, 2019 at the Dymon Storage location in Kanata

Blair Armstrong, on behalf of his wife Betty'Don, son Eric and daughter Laura, expressed their heartfelt appreciation to all those who joined his family at the reception to remember his daughter DD and for the comfort they received from the extended kinship expressed in cards and good wishes that they received from everyone.

Alan Bowles: this year the call for Award nominations will start earlier – on February 19, and the closing date will be earlier – on March 19. In addition, he will be circulating an email to everyone about the new Rotary District Avenue of Service Award this year (distinct from the RI Avenues of Service Award) for which the Awards Committee will also want nominations.

Dave Morton read a thank you letter that he received from Cornerstone Housing for Women on Princeton Avenue. Our donation will allow them to set up more rooms and our name will appear on the Donor Wall that they are preparing

Meeting Chair Jean Bégin announcements:

- Owing to member concern expressed over the amount of styrofoam and plastic used for meetings **PP Jean** was pleased to announce that it had been possible to open one of the storage pods and retrieve reusable glasses and cups for us! Other updates: the main kitchen has now been gutted, so the chef is working out of the kitchen in the basement (right behind us!) and the dishwasher was repaired this week.
- Sad news that **Claudette Léger-Paillé** will be undergoing major surgery for cancer and will be away for some time. We all send our best wishes for an uneventful recovery. We will respect her request for privacy during her hospital stay and visit later date when she is recuperating at home.
- **PP Jean** finished with the news that earlier that day, while **Andrew** and Dorothy **Young** prepared for Dorothy's hip surgery Monday the 11th, they were in their kitchen when they heard a swooshing sound, and the drywall fell off the ceiling. It was a close call, but both are fine. and it had an amusing side.

Program: The Lac Leamy archeological dig

Merv Letts told us that he and **Marilyn** had met Professor Ian Badgley at the archeological dig in Lac Leamy Park, the site of a First Nations settlement in Gatineau. Professor Badgley's impressive experience covers planning, development and management of cultural heritage projects over 40 years working closely with indigenous communities across the Arctic and in the National Capital Region.

Our speaker's enthusiasm about the Lac Leamy dig was inspiring and his description of the precious archeological finds in sites around Ottawa captivated the attention of the room. Using pictures of ancient artifacts and a graphic map of the trading networks of the Indigenous peoples who came from across the continent and settled in the Ottawa area, he drew for us an historical picture of the rich cultural life that existed in the 1600s.

He discussed two major challenges that face archeological digs. The first is soil erosion causing the loss of millions of valuable archeological artifacts. He showed pictures of soil erosion along the shores of local lakes. The second is the fact that Canada doesn't have an adequate, well catalogued collection of national treasures as they do in other countries, like in China. He spoke of the few treasures that did go on exhibit for the Olympics in China and a few other countries, and the need for Canada to dedicate even more resources to the preservation and presentation of the archeological history of Canada.

Closer to home, Professor Badgley spoke passionately about how opening the Lac Leamy archeological digs to the public, widens appreciation and understanding of the history of the Ottawa area. It also attracts helpers to assist with the digs.

Bill McIntyre thanked Professor Badgley for his presentation of the rich history of the National Capital Region, and his invitation us to participate in unearthing artifacts. He was presented with a token gift and certificate of a \$25 donation to End Polio Now.

Past President Jean asked **Brian Foster** to proceed with the auction of three jars of port jelly that he made to raise funds for RCWO. **Jim Maxwell**, **Ken Murray** and **Gaye Moffett** each purchased a jar for a total of \$45.

Happy Dollars:

Joan Heyland collected from:

- **Merv Letts** happy to see **Denzil Feinberg** in shorts!
- **Denzil Feinberg** \$75 to celebrate his 75th birthday!
- **Gaye Moffett** announced that the twins Debra and Jen Wyatt, are still with Rotary but cannot make our noon hour meetings. They are instead enjoying membership of an on-line club
- Wilmer Pulido was happy to be here in Canada with his son at this time. He is going back to teach grade 12 geography in China, but he plans to come by and visit us again when he returns in the summer.
- **Ken Murray** was happy that Shoghi Pulido took time off school to bring his father, Wilmer, here for lunch today!
- **Joe Redhead** was happy that, after their tennis game, he and **Peter Fisher** came out and found the snow had been cleaned off their cars.
- **Carol Bell Thompson** just back from a stay in 'Trumpland' Florida was happy to be back in the political situation here in Canada.

Before closing the meeting, **Past President Jean** put to a vote the inclusion of LCBO gift card in the mix of prizes for the past-president draw. A majority of the members present approved

Meeting Ends

Past President Jean closed the meeting with his reminder that Rotarians should be the Inspiration and to invite likely contacts to come to a meeting.

Two meetings followed: the Mums Committee with **Joe Redhead**, and the Calendar Committee with **Carolyn DeWitt**.

Meeting pictures

Cash Calendar

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the period, January 1 – February 5, 2019, Including the February 4th \$1,000 Bonus Draw:

0284 \$50 Helen Young, North Augusta, ON
1891 \$20 Jamie & Joanne Desormeaux, Oxford Mills, ON
3561 \$25 Laurie Cucheran-Morris, Stittsville, ON
1082 \$25 Bill Rolph, Ottawa, ON
3071 \$200 Katelyn Balchin, Manotick, ON
3611 \$50 Kathy Albers, Kemptville, ON
3661 \$20 Ahmad Badawi, Kanata, ON
0250 \$25 Iranga Chikuru, Ottawa, ON
0625 \$100 Linda Van Santen, Oxford Mills, ON
0073 \$50 Lori Bumstead-Clarke, Greely, ON
2133 \$25 Kristina Johnson, Kitchener, ON
1913 \$50 Benjamin Shaw-Wood, Kanata, ON
2211 \$25 Cathy Campbell, Ottawa, ON
2294 \$25 Ginette Thomas, Ottawa, ON
2281 \$50 Anne Marie & Jim Cavner, Thunder Bay, ON
2729 \$25 Denise R. Custodio, Ottawa, ON
2963 \$50 Robert Pegrum, Nepean, ON
1754 \$25 J. Gerald Drew, Kanata, ON
3130 \$50 Lorraine Wilson, Kemptville, ON
3599 \$25 Lynda Maiorino, Stittsville, ON

2315 \$50 Bradley Pinhey, Kemptville, ON
0785 \$25 Peggy Reid, St. John's, NL
0672 \$20 Lynn Leclerc, Ottawa, ON
3271 \$100 Elspeth McKay, Ottawa, ON
3700 \$50 Joy Picozzi, Ottawa, ON
1125 \$25 Roland & Sharon Beaulne, Kemptville, ON
1506 \$125 Canadian Curling Assn., Cumberland, ON
1925 \$50 Joanne McEvoy, Greely, ON
3832 \$25 Terry A. Cohen, Chesterville, ON
3784 \$25 Sylvia Patterson, Arnprior, ON
2686 \$25 Ron & Joyce Perrin, Cardinal, ON
0780 \$25 Greg Peddle, Mt. Pearl, NL
1251 \$100 Todd Tuttle, Ottawa, ON
0014 \$20 Kristian Peshev, Ottawa, ON
1526 \$1,000 Housing Help Corp., Ottawa, ON
2641 \$25 Robert Draper, Ottawa, ON
2521 \$125 Gertrude Stutz, Ottawa,

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Dave Hallett: On the ground with ShelterBox after the Indonesian earthquakes

Intro: **Marilyn Letts** Thanks: **Stu Picozzi**

Greeters: **Brian Hartley, Roy Miller** Reception: **Jeremy Klein** Grace: **Carolyn DeWitt**

PP Draw: **Linda Flynn** Editor: **Graeme Fraser**

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

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Martha Weaver, Governor, District 7040

Intro: **Hadi Mortada** Thanks: **Jack Troughton**

Greeters: **Ali Pahlavani, Stu Picozzi** Reception: **Sucha Mann**

Grace: **Jim Maxwell** PP Draw: **Peter Fisher** Editor: **Gaye Moffett**

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