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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA;
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

February 19, 2019

Editor: Gaye Moffett

Program: Martha Weaver, Governor, District 7040

Gathering:

The lone greeter today was a healthy-looking **Bill Rolph**; **Sucha Mann** handled Reception, PP Draw was done by **Peter Fisher**; and meeting fee and attendance were collected by **Carol Bell Thompson**.

The Meeting:

At 12 noon, **President Pardeep Ahluwalia** invited Club members to partake of the pasta and salmon buffet served on real china. At 1230 he rang the bell and called the 30th meeting of the year to order.

President Pardeep made a special thank you to District Governor Martha Weaver, who would be introduced by **Hadi Mortada** and thanked by **Jack Troughton**.

Rod Holmes then played, and we sang O Canada and **Jim Maxwell** gave a mindful Grace.

Sucha Mann introduced our guests: international Rotarian Professor Johnny Marques and his wife Delia Marquez from Venezuela; Area Governor Julia Cugalj from the Ottawa Downtown Club and Theresa "Tess" Whitman, Past President of the Orleans Club.

Professor Johnny Marquez came to the microphone and exchanged with **President Pardeep** his Caracas Rotary banner for ours from Ottawa.

Announcements:

-**Rod Holmes** asked everyone to review the draft new Club roster that was on the tables

- **Alan Bowles** said his announcement was sponsored by Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary. He asked Club members to open the envelopes on the tables and take out and review the Awards nomination criteria and nomination forms. He urged Club members to nominate fellow Rotarians and other deserving people for one of the awards. Nominations close on March 19th, one month today!

-**Merv Letts** told us he was responsible for recruiting drivers for the 2019 Mums campaign. The Committee has decided to ask people to do 2 delivery runs per person. Mums deliveries will be done October 2-5 2019.

-**Graeme Fraser** got our attention by asking when the Music for Humanity concert will take place, **President Pardeep** then announced it was April 13th, 2019.

-**Larry Chop** asked that we not only correct the paper Club roster, but also encouraged Club members to update the Club roster on the Club website.

President Pardeep's announcements:

-He told us there were no birthdays this week except for **Keith Fraser** who celebrated his 97th birthday yesterday. We all sang an impromptu Happy Birthday to him. **Keith** at the urging of his son **Graeme** told us he was happy and healthy and enjoying his place where he lived with many friends and that his greatest joy was being a Rotarian for 60 years.

- Awards Night will be early this year on May 28th, 2019. Remember, Award nominations will close March 19th.

-Again, Music for Humanity will take place on April 13th, 2019

-District Foundation Dinner and Training Assembly will take place in Cornwall on April 6th & 7th.

-Friendship Exchange with District 2220: the Russian inbound group will arrive mid-April.

Program:

President Pardeep asked **Hadi Mortada** to introduce District Governor Martha Weaver. District Governor Martha has been engaged in community service since her first job in social service administration. DG Martha grew up in California where she raised her son. DG Martha and her husband Jim, who wanted to retire in the Adirondacks, moved to New York's north country. Martha joined Rotary when she was the director of economic development in Franklin County New York. She recognized that membership in Rotary is a good way to meet and interact with local leaders.

DG Weaver began her presentation by talking about the “Dreaded Statistics”. In July 1st, 1999 District 7040 had 2435 members and numbers measured in June 2018 were only 1748 members. Worldwide the number of members has flat lined at 1.2 million. Membership is shrinking in North America and growing in India and Asia. In January 2018, she decided to conduct an exit survey of 32 members who all responded. The findings were very interesting: 90% said they joined to do community service and second at 54% was for networking. She asked us to re-examine the PURPOSE of Rotary and remove the “politics” in all forms in Rotary. She asked us to do “Servant Leadership” by sharing information, simplifying procedures and following the 4 Way test. To reduce the time costs of membership, consider different meeting formats, times and frequencies and membership types. This way Rotary can inspire the under 40’s to consider joining. District Governor listened to many comments all with the goal to serve actively service and not just write cheques

Jack Troughton thanked DG Weaver in his most gracious way.

President Pardeep told us he had formed a committee to look into the inspiring ideas we had heard and will report to us soon.

Happy Dollars:

President Pardeep asked **Larry Chop** to conduct HD’s. Many Rotarians were happy and here’s why:

* **Larry Chop** said he was happy having just returned from a family weekend in Prince Edward county with his family including his 8-month-old Granddaughter.

* **Bob Harrison** was happy to be back from St. Petersburg Florida. He said for the first two weeks the morning temperature was 6°C and rose to a high of 10°C. He also told us it took 2&1/2 days to get back because of all our bad weather.

* **Rocco Disipio** was delighted to announce his son and daughter in law had a baby girl on Sunday. Stella Constance was 6 pounds and 7 ounces.

* **Graeme Fraser** pinch hitting for his father **Keith Fraser** who donated a cheque for Polio Plus celebrating his 97th BD.

* **Bud McGinnis** donated celebrating his 71st wedding anniversary. He married Gladys on February 14th, 1948.

* **Sucha Mann** was happy to have a break this week from teaching environmental studies at university

* **Gaye Moffett** said the Butler and Moffett household had enjoyed hosting a Foundation Dinner with **Sucha** and his wife and **Frank Cranton** and his wife who had braved freezing rain to come.

* Johnny Marques our Venezuelan Rotarian and his wife were happy to be at our meeting. They were visiting their Canadian born, 4-year-old grandson, Sebastian.

* **Brian Foster** was happy that he and Deborah had attended a Foundation Dinner with **Mary and Joe Wattie** and **Clive** and Patricia **Talbot**. And it was **Brian**’s first anniversary of becoming a Rotarian.

* **Peter Fisher** told how his 23 month old granddaughter was keeping him in line and warned Rocco to be prepared for the same soon from his new granddaughter. **Rocco** said he was looking forward to it!

* Theresa “Tess” Whitman from the Orleans Club would be very happy if we all attended the 2019 District Conference in April.

Closing:

President Pardeep told Club members that there would be a Mums Warehouse team meeting afterward and asked Club board directors to stay behind and meet with District Governor Martha Weaver.

He then outlined the following week’s program and adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM

Meeting pictures

<https://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2019-02-19-dg-martha-weaver>

Video of ShelterBox presentation @ meeting Feb 12

<https://youtu.be/qOxnhYLPuNg>. A second chance to take in this presentation. Worth the time.

Cash Calendar

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week, February 13 – 19, 2019:

3405 \$25 Eric Rancourt, Stittsville, ON

0174 \$25 Joel Allaire, Ottawa, ON

0673 \$100 Paul Rouleau, Arnprior, ON

0236 \$25 Caroline McIntyre, Vancouver, BC

1154 \$50 Brad Dawes, Ottawa, ON

3807 \$25 Aimee Van Allen, Kemptville, ON

0922 \$50 Karen Johnson, Victoria, BC

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mary Ellen Perkin, Environment Canada: Reducing environmental risks from consumer products

Intro: **Sucha Mann** Thanks: **Andrew Young**

Greeters: **Jeremy Klein, Ed Balys** Reception: **Brett Brooking**

Grace: **Clive Talbot** PP Draw: **Graeme Fraser** Editor: **Roy Miller**

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

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Birket Foster, PP RC Chesterville: "A First Nations water project"

Intro: **Pardeep Ahluwalia** Thanks: **Gaye Moffett**

Greeters: **Ali Pahlavani, Brian Foster** Reception: **Victor Mazzola**

Grace: **Susan Diening** PP Draw: **Keith Fraser** Editor: **Rob Shaw Wood**

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