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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

July 2, 2019

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PROGRAM: President Pardeep Ahluwalia- RI 2019 Convention in Hamburg and RFE visit to Russia

WE GATHER

We entered the brightly lit hall greeted by Doctors **Merv Letts** with **Baxter Willis**, who was doing double duty working at Reception replacing **Eugene Achihaei**. Meeting fees were taken by **Linda Flynn**. Past President Draw was manned by **Ken Murray** and the meeting photographer was **Graeme Fraser**. At 1200 hours **President Pardeep** asked the members to proceed to the buffet. Shortly afterwards **Doug Heyland** announced that he was circulating a get-well card for us to sign for former member Brian Langill,. At 1225 **President Pardeep** rang the bell and called to order our 1st meeting of the Rotary year. He reviewed the program for today noting that if time did not today permit the report on his Rotary Friendship Exchange he would do that report at another meeting. He then asked us all to stand and we sang O Canada accompanied by **Rod Holmes**. **Henry Akanko** followed with an inspirational Grace.

Baxter Willis then introduced our two guests: Deborah Foster wife of member **Brian Foster** and Pat Henry wife of **Keith Henry**. We sang them Welcome, again with **Rod Holmes** at the keyboard. For the PP Draw **Ken Murray** came forward with TWO prizes. The first lucky ticket holder was **Henry Akanko** who won a Rotary International endorsed "hand picked" tea set and a fridge magnet from St. Petersburg, Russia. The second prize was a set of Tim Hortons Gift cards won by **Graeme Fraser** who managed to take a "selfie" with **Ken** using his camera and not a smart phone! I'm sure we can't wait to see the camera selfie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Merv Letts** thanked Club members for attending the Rotary Home Foundation Golf a Thon. It was a tremendous success earning \$76,000 with a profit of \$49,000 for the Rotary Home.
2. On behalf of **Andrew Young**, **Merv Letts** then reminded us that on Tuesday July 9 **Andrew** and Dorothy, after the Company of Fools performance of Romeo and Juliette beginning at 7PM in Glabar Park, will host a reception for Club members and cast and at their house on Hare Avenue. The Actors are excited to come to this reception. Please bring finger food nibblies and leave them at the Young's house before the show. RSVP if you are coming.
3. **Brett Brooking** told us to watch for his email announcing another shoe sorting for Shoe Bank Canada event Saturday morning July 6th at the Dymon Storage facility in Kanata.
4. **Susan Diening** for the 2020 Calendar committee asked that we look for companies or people to buy the small ads on the back of the calendar which help pay the calendar production and prize costs so the Calendar purchase price all goes to fund our community programs.
5. **Bob Harrison** made a very passionate announcement about the importance of literacy which our Rotary Dictionary 4 Life and public school reading programs help to promote. Reading at Agincourt P.S. have been **Alan Bowles**, **Mary Wattie**, **Robert Shaw-Wood**, **Bob Harrison**, and non-Rotarian Sean McIndoe; and at Regina P.S. **Larry Chop**. Anyone wanting the thrilling experience of seeing children learn the joy of reading, should contact himself or **Linda Flynn**

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Pardeep hoped we had had a wonderful 152nd Canada Day party and continued that there were no birthdays in the week and added that he would not be wearing a tie until after Labour Day.

He thanked **Past President Jean Begin, President Elect Al Pahlavani, Past President Linda Flynn** and **Past President Joan Heyland** for replacing him while he was away the past month.

He then asked that we please complete the President's survey as he had only received a 25 % response rate. He needs the information to him help to determine the committee memberships and the various Chairpersons of the Committees.

PROGRAM:

Hadi Mortada began his introduction saying **President Pardeep** did not need an introduction. **Hadi** had also attended the RI 2019 Convention in Hamburg along with his wife Theresa. The RI conventions are chance to meet Rotarians from all over the world and are worth going to. **Hadi** told us that next year he will become the District Governor. He is planning for the District Convention in October 16-18 so stay tuned for more information.

President Pardeep thanked **Hadi** for his non-introduction and then told us about the 2019 Convention. The theme established by new RI President Mark Maloney for his new Rotary year is "Rotary Connects the World". There were 25,000 registrants and 17,000 attendees Thirty-five attendees were from our District including Hadi and **Pardeep** from our Club with their wives Theresa and Simmy. Plus, he ran into our seasonal member, Tony Watkins, who was there from District 7030. **Pardeep** had an excellent power point slide presentation which is posted at <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000000512/en-ca/files/homepage/2019-07-02-hamburg-convention-summary/190702---Hamburg-Convention-Summary.pdf>.

The presentation shows **President Pardeep's** "take aways" from the event which range from the Rotary mission, through training Rotarians, the need for the Rotary contribution to be better known, gender balance, Rotary Foundation changes. RI finances, cooperation with the UN and Rotaract.

Invited by **President Pardeep** to add comments, **Hadi Mortada** told us he is planning a Rotaractors field trip in 2020 to the UN and that he is looking for Ottawa corporations like Shopify to sponsor activities. Another comment from the floor noted that the Convention House of Friendship, being in Hamburg, had included a beer tent.

President Pardeep noting time constraints said he will tell us about his RFE visit to Russia on a later date

HAPPY DOLLARS:

President Pardeep chose **Brian Foster** to collect.

Brian told us "today was the 36th anniversary of his wedding to his lovely wife Deborah" and he was planning a Cape Breton Ceilidh

Hadi put in the returned deposits on the bottles from the Club BBQ.

Suren Gupta announced his granddaughter graduated from Glebe Collegiate with 2nd highest grade average.

Bob Harrison attended his family's Cooper, Harrison & Laplante Reunion June 30th on his nephew's farm

Merv Letts said he and **Marilyn** had attended the Perth Theatre's "Voice of Turtle" and he highly recommends it.

Ken Murray welcomed back former member Wilmer Pulido from teaching in China, and suggested he be a program speaker (He's booked for July 23rd). He also thanked the Club members who had generously pledged all the items he had requested by email to outfit a visiting family from Holland

Bea Osome thanked **Ken Murray** for picking her up at the bus stop and bringing her to the meeting.

Brett Brooking told us the turnout of people to be tested for bone marrow to match Hillary McKinnon's (a student of his wife's) was overwhelming but no one matched. A second appeal was launched for testing a St Xavier. A donor must be 17- 35 and males are strongly preferred

President Pardeep was happy to be home.

ENDING

Linda Flynn announced she was ready to take membership dues

President Pardeep reviewed the program for our next meeting and asked for announcements of meeting to follow our adjournment. He adjourned the meeting with the reminder to invite potential members to a meeting

CASH CALENDAR

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week, June 26 – July 2, 2019:

2685 \$50 June Whyte, Edwards, ON
3273 \$50 Mr. Glen Piper, Osgoode, ON
3787 \$25 Bruce Buie, Nepean, ON
2341 \$125 Fred Turcotte, Kemptville, ON
3974 \$25 Marie Claude Vallée, Ottawa, ON
2652 \$20 George Darouze, Greely, ON
0193 \$25 George Papadopoulos, Ottawa, ON

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

“youturn” - A youth support service - Cathy Hay and Shirley Rocque

Intro: **Dirk Keenan** Thanks: **Dave Morton**

Greeters: **Tammy Whelan, Victor Mazzola** Reception: **Baxter Willis** Grace: **Rami Alsaqqa**

PP Draw: **Keith Fraser** Editor: **Roy Miller** Photog: **Jean Bégin**

Meeting Fees/Attendance: **Linda Flynn**

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

NO MEETING

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Wilmer Pulido “Teaching on China”

Intro: **Ken Murray** Thanks: **Hadi Mortada**

Chairing: **Alan Bowles**

Greeters: **Sabby Duthie, Henry Akanko** Reception: **Joe Wattie** Grace: **Ed Balys**

PP Draw: **Joe Parkinson** Editor: **Rod Holmes** Photos: **Larry Chop**

Meeting Fees/Attendance: **Mary Wattie**