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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

June 11, 2019

Editor: Graeme Fraser

PROGRAM: Patty-Kay Hamilton: life and work reporting for the CBC in the Northwest Territories

President-Elect Ali Pahlavani ran the meeting today to fill-in for **President Pardeep** who was enjoying himself overseas. **Ali** started by letting us know that he planned to be at many more meetings in the near future as his new business has now been organized and doesn't require the same sort of focus as it did in the last few months.

Beginning

We were greeted by **Mike Traub** and **Jean Begin** while **Carol Bell Thompson** took our money for our luncheon. Once we had filled our plates at the buffet, we sang O Canada, led by **Rod Holmes** on keyboard and then **Eugen Achihaei** offered the grace. Other than our speaker we had no guests so there was no singing of our welcome song. Hmmm? **Allan Bowles** ran the Past Presidents Draw for a gift card from Chapters which was won by **Bill McIntyre**.

Announcements

Susan Diening had two announcements: the first was to remind us that time is very quickly running out to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation for this Rotary year, so get your money into her as soon as possible. Her second announcement was at the online Mums for Thanksgiving order forms are available for ordering plants. If you have difficulty completing the form let **Susan** know and she will alert **Joe Redhead** who can walk you through the process.

Stu Picozzi gave us a quick update on the Rotary Home Golf-a-Thon which took place the day before the meeting. About \$40,000 had been raised by the event plus another \$20,000 from donations but they had yet to finalize the numbers from the silent auction. His report indicated that the Golf-a-Thon certainly was a success and that we should expect a more comprehensive report from Cindy Wheeler of the Rotary Home at a subsequent meeting.

Graeme Fraser alerted the club that those attending the Club BBQ June 15 should indicate their meal choice- salmon, beef, chicken or vegetarian- as soon as possible so that that information could be conveyed to our chefs. **Rocco Disipio** would follow up with those that didn't make their choices known.

Program presentation

Gaye Moffett then introduced our speaker, Patti-Kay Hamilton, who has written an award-winning book: *TRAPLINE TO DEADLINE, trading a skinning knife for a CBC microphone*. Her story was about her career with the CBC from 1981 until 2012 working out of Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories telling about the people, and the events and adding colour to it all so that the listener could get a feel for what it's like living in the North. She told us this all started when she and a friend complained to the powers that be at the CBC that while there were reports on tennis matches in France and golf tournaments in the USA was never any mention of the dog sled races which were closely followed in the North. The CBC took note and asked her to report on a major race the next day. Watching the race from

a helicopter, Patty-Kay turned what was intended to be three minutes of reporting into a colourful 17-minute rant which the producers decided to leave uninterrupted even though it meant an unprecedented postponement of the hourly news report. And thus, her new occupation started. The timing was perfect because the price of furs had dropped considerably and making ends meet had become a challenge. It was clear from her presentation that Patti-Kay must have been a great communicator on the radio. She told us numerous stories from her book which included a plan, abandoned in 1991, to slaughter 4000 bison, the effect of dams on the Peace River and about the efforts to save the whooping cranes from extinction. Her love of the North, its people in those communities and her job as a broadcaster was very evident from her talk. The number of questions from the audience made it clear that she had certainly caught their attention. **Joan Heyland** expressed gratitude of the Club to Patti-Kay for sharing her story with us.

Happy Dollars

Henry Akanko was tasked with making his way around the room to collect.

He started with **Fred Christie** who was pleased at the number of West Ottawa Rotarians at the golf tournament the day before. **Fred** continued that he would be down East until August with a visit highlight being the wedding of his daughter.

Ken Murray threw in his money to say that he was thrilled to see **Bud McGinnis** back at our meetings. (Welcome back **Bud!**)

Bud then put in his happy dollar and thanked **Ken Murray** for bringing him to the meeting today. **Bud** and Gladys had just moved into a retirement home and were having the fun task of trying to figure out what was in some of their moving boxes.

Don Butler was up next, and he said that today's speaker's book was a great read and recommended it to everyone.

Our speaker also threw in a happy dollar to express how she had enjoyed her visit to our club.

And finally, **Fred Sirotek** was pleased to be here and for having an offer of a ride home.

Ending

President-Elect Ali then closed the meeting and reminded us to watch for potential Rotarians and invite them to one of our meetings.

Cash Calendar

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the period, May 29 – June 11, 2019 including the bonus \$1,000 draw on June 1st.

3377 \$50 Patricia Hyles, Mississauga, ON

0686 \$200 Kofi Tettey, Ajax, ON

2641 \$25 Robert Draper, Ottawa, ON

3874 \$25 Alicia & Erik Hogman, Otterburne, MB

2689 \$1,000 Nick Coleman, Osgoode, ON

1160 \$50 Jane Hansen, Ottawa, ON

0731 \$25 Brent Emmerson, Luskville, QC

1769 \$20 Miss Sydney Drew, Kanata, ON

2641 \$25 Robert Draper, Ottawa, ON

0118 \$20 Andrew Hawel, Arnprior, ON

0079 \$25 Jesse Laws, Ottawa, ON

0414 \$50 Brandy Gould, Brockville, ON
3575 \$100 Bruce French, Ottawa, ON
0501 \$50 Shirley Sanderson, Kanata, ON
1192 \$25 Gail Pritchard, Ottawa, ON

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Tammy Whelan: 'Rotary at Work' program at LiveWorkPlay

Intro: **Jen Soucy** Thanks: **Stu Picozzi**

Presiding: **Linda Flynn**

Greeters: **Rocco Disipio, Roy Miller** Reception: **Doug Rowlands** Grace: **Navin Parekh**

PP Draw: **Len Baird** Editor: **Joe Redhead** Meeting Fee/Attendance: **Mary Wattie**

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Virginia Spencer Classification Talk: "Holistic Nutrition"

Intro: **Dirk Keenan** Thanks: **Graeme Fraser**

Presiding: **Joan Heyland**

Greeters: **Joe Wattie, Caroline DeWitt** Reception: **Ron Doll** Grace: **Merv Letts**

PP Draw: **Nigel Lever** Editor: **Ginette Thomas** Meeting Fee/Attendance: **Carol Bell Thompson**



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