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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

June 18, 2019

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PROGRAM: **Tammy Whelan**: 'Rotary at Work' Program at LiveWorkPlay

ALSO: Special presentation by PDG Tony Watkins: Changes from Rotary Council on Legislation 2019

Past President Linda Flynn ably filled in for **President Pardeep** on a return visit to Russia as part of Rotary Friendship Exchange with District 2220 which was hosted by our District in Canada April 18-30. **Chair Linda** had enjoyed watching excellent performances by the Toronto Raptors as they won the NBA Championship for the first time.

BEGINNING

We were greeted by **Roy Miller** who did double duty as a Greeter. **Doug Rowlands** recorded guests and visitors while **Len Baird** sold Past President's Draw tickets. **Mary Wattie**, with wit and smiles, collected the Meeting fee and noted Attendance. A thoughtful Grace was offered by **Navin Parekh**. With **Rod Holmes** on the keyboard we sang the National Anthem. **Doug Rowlands** introduced our three guests: Hudson Brooking, son of **Brett Brooking**, Cindy Wheeler, Director of Development of the Ottawa Rotary Home, guest of **Stuart Picozzi**, and Vaughn McKinney, guest of **Tammy Whelan**. All guests enjoyed our welcome song. **Cletus Peters** won the Past President's Draw.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Fisher for the Youth Services Committee announced the presentation of a 4-Way Test Award to a Grade 8 student at each of six public schools in the last week of June. The six presenters would be himself, **Mary Wattie**, **Robert Harrison**, **Graeme Fraser**, **Joseph Redhead** and **Carol Bell-Thompson**. Cindy Wheeler followed with a preliminary report that the Rotary Golf-a-Thon which was held on June 10 had earned about \$49,300 for the Rotary Home not including the proceeds of the silent auction to be advised later. Cindy then showed a short video promoting the 2019 edition of the Rotary Home Amazing Race in August.

Chair **Linda Flynn** announcements:

- thanked the committee that organized the annual picnic this past Saturday and thanked **Ed Balys** with his wonderful wife, Anne-Marie, for hosting. This successful event also included a celebration of **Doug Heyland's** 85th birthday.
- reminded that dues are due on July 1 slightly increased to \$270.00 because of RI changes.
- asked that we sign get-well cards for **Doreen Ide** and **Jack Troughton** being treated for various health problems and, **Dorothy Young** recovering from hip surgery.
- reminded us that there will be no meeting on July 16.
- wished **Ginette Thomas** well for her birthday on the 23rd.

ROTARY COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION 2019

Seasonal member and PG District 7030 **Tony Watkins** from Barbados then briefed us on the decisions made at the 2019 Rotary Council on Legislation:

- 117 enactments were proposed and 47 adopted. Adopted enactments will become effective on July 1, 2019. Adoption of proposed RI constitution amendments needs a 2/3 majority; otherwise a simple majority suffices.
- Important enactments adopted included:
 - 1) Admission of Rotaract clubs to RI membership. Proposed by RI President. On the first consideration it did not get the 2/3 majority needed but on re-introduction later it obtained 74%. Rotaract clubs will still have their standard Constitution and be sponsored by Rotary clubs but will now receive greater

support from RI. Rotaract Clubs will have a new membership type distinct from Rotary Clubs within RI and Rotaractors will continue to be identified as such and not as Rotarians. The level of Rotaract dues has not yet been considered by RI Board. More info at <https://my.rotary.org/en/frequently-asked-questions-about-2019-council-legislation-changes-rotaract>

- 2) Per Capita Rotary dues. Each club shall pay to RI per capita dues for each of its members as follows:
 - US \$34.00 per half year in 2019-2020
 - US \$34.50 per half year in 2020-2021
 - US \$35.00 per half year in 2021-2022 and continue at that rate until changed by the Council on Legislation.
- 3) Authorization to RI Board to pursue changes to RI's tax status. With this change RI could achieve savings of US\$1 Million which could help in reducing dues in future years.
- 4) Provision for making up an absence no longer restricted to 14 days before or after the regular meeting. Also if a member's activities earn a make-up by usual methods, it can be banked for use in that SAME Rotary year. This measure would provide motivation for increased member participation in projects.
- 5) Amend provisions on membership. by adding the following sentence: "Each Club shall endeavor to build a well-balanced membership that celebrates diversity."
- 6) Amend term of club President in the case where a successor has not been duly elected then the term of current President shall be extended for one year ONLY.
- 7) Amend provision for terminating a club upon the request of the Governor if its membership falls below six members.
- 8) Amend provisions facilitating membership in clubs by public officers
- 9) Allow RI Board to propose urgent enactments electronically to the annual Council on Resolutions rather than wait for the triennial Council on Legislation.
- 10) Modernize and streamline RI Bylaws and Club Constitutions by removing redundancies and improving readability and access by Rotarians.

PROGRAM

Jen Soucy introduced **Tammy Whelan**, her colleague at LiveWorkPlay, and Club member via LiveWorkPlay's corporate membership. One in ten working age Canadians is challenged by mental and/or physical disability. **Tammy** emphasized how well what persons with mental or physical disabilities can actually do often fits into a workplace. She presented testimonials from employers who reported that such persons are diligent, enthusiastic and happy workers who generally relate well with other employees. Turnover of challenged employees is lower than for others and they have fewer absences and are more punctual. She encouraged Club members who make hiring decisions to consider making room for such employees in their organizations. To a question from **Graeme Fraser**, **Tammy** mentioned that they can work in just about any business setting if the job description is customized to fit them. Mr. McKinney, who runs a property maintenance business, seconded **Tammy's** endorsement of people with disabilities for the workforce and cited his personal experience as an employer. **Stuart Picozzi** thanked **Tammy** and Vaughn for their excellent presentations.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Susan Diening collected Happy Dollars, starting with her own as a family member who had won a Cash Calendar prize.

Larry Chop displayed a greeting card designed and produced by children he had read to as an OttawaReads volunteer.

Suren Gupta was overjoyed at selling his property in Florida, as risk of hurricane damage is getting higher.

Ken Murray had long looked forward to and now heard the talk from **Tammy**

Dave Morton added to the pouch to celebrate a successful biking trip in the Adirondacks

Rod Doll and **Blair Armstrong** were happy about graduations of grandchildren, **Blair's** from McMaster

Brian Foster reported he and **Jean Begin** had enjoyed making jams to be auctioned off soon

Johnny Marquez was happy about a young family member's prospective degree from Carleton University

Mary Wattie happy about having more time for Rotary as her school reading duties will stop for the summer.

CLOSING

Chair Linda reviewed the program for our next meeting. **Ed Balys** told us he enjoyed hosting the picnic and promised better weather next year. **Dave Morton** and **Joseph Redhead** advised that Community Services and Mums for Thanksgiving meetings follow. **Chair Linda** then reminded us to Be an Inspiration and to bring member prospects to a meeting and adjourned

CASH CALENDAR

Current winners will be published in a later Spinoff.

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Virginia Spencer Classification Talk: "Holistic Nutrition"

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

Presiding: **Joan Heyland**

Greeters: **Joe Watte, Caroline DeWitt** Reception: **Ron Doll**

Grace: **Merv Letts** PP Draw: **Nigel Lever** Editor: **Ginette Thomas**

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

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Pardeep Ahluwalia: Report on 2019 RI Convention in Hamburg and Rotary Exchange visit to Russia

Intro: **Hadi Mortada** Thanks: **Jean Bégin**

Greeters: **Brian Foster, Baxter Wills** Reception **Eugene Achihaei**

Grace: **Henry Akanko** PP Draw: **Blair Armstrong** Editor: **Gaye Moffett**

Meeting Fee/Attendance: **Linda Flynn** Photos: **Graeme Fraser**



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