



Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

August 13, 2019 Editor: Rocco Disipio

CHLOE HALPENNY- OUR GLOBAL GRANTS SCHOLAR REPORTS

DUTIES: **Graeme Fraser** presiding in absence of **President Pardeep Ahluwalia**. Greeters: **Norm Thomas** and **Bob Harrison**; Reception: **Mike Traub**. Grace: **Carol Bell Thompson**; Past Presidents Draw: **Peter Fisher**; Payment/Attendance: **Linda Flynn**. Photographer: **Jean Begin**.

Past President Graeme Fraser invited us to the buffet at 12:00 and promptly at 12:26 he welcomed us to this year's 6th Rotary Meeting. He then sadly informed the Club of the passing of long-time member **Jack Troughton** on Monday August 12, 2019.

PP Graeme gave us brief tribute to **Jack** reminding us that in March this year **Jack** celebrated 50 years of PERFECT ATTENDANCE. He was our President in 1974/75 and District Governor in 1994/95. **Jack** was a devoted Rotarian who mentored many and represented everything good about Rotary and lived it daily. As a tribute to **Jack** and his contribution to Rotary we then observed a minute of silence. Details regarding a memorial event for **Jack** will be shared once they are finalized. .

We sang O Canada, **Carol Bell Thompson** delivered a thoughtful grace and we sang our Welcome Song to the day's only guest, our speaker Chloe Halpenny (no, not a relative of Keith). **Peter Fisher** then asked Chloe to draw the PP Draw winning ticket for a \$50 gift certificate to "Ottawa's Finest Men's Wear Company", (E.R. Fisher, of course) and **Susan Diening** won.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;

Ron Doll for Soc and Rec announced a see-and-taste tour of a Richmond winery Saturday, September 7, 11 a.m. to 1p.m. \$30 per person, shine or rain (there is an indoor patio). Sign up on the circulating sheet or contact **Ron**

Susan Diening called for help in getting ads for the Cash Calendar. We have lost previous buyers of big ads (\$1500 and small ads (from \$100) and we need those ads to cover the cost of the prizes. Please, help **Susan** by contacting doctors, dentists, veterinarians, financial planners... those you do business with or know to help support this fundraiser. There is a Committee responsible but IT IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP.

Ali Pahlavani reminded us of the Breakfast Meeting on Friday, August 16 at Broadway Bar and Grill, The guest speaker would be Chloe Hillard from the Ottawa Riverkeeper. The Club will now meet on the third Friday of every month at Broadway Bar and Grill at 7:45 at Fisher Ave and Prince of Wales Drive. Next meeting will be on September 20.

Linda Flynn called for volunteers to move and label 526 Dictionaries 4 Life on August 14, at Bushtukah warehouse.

Marcia Armstrong reminded us to ensure our 2019/2020 dues of \$270 are paid.

David Morton read a card from a Youville Center client thanking the Club for helping to change her and her daughter's life. With our financial help she was able to graduate from

school and feels she is now destined for success. Thank you **David** for sharing this reminder of why it is important to fundraise and be able to help those in need.

No birthdays this week. **PP Graeme** noted we had already celebrated the birthdays of the very few Club members with birthdays in August.

Brian Hartley is on the mend from some health problems, is bored and would welcome visitors.

PROGRAM:

Joan Heyland introduced our guest speaker, Chloe Halpenny is from Sault Ste Marie. She studied at Carleton University graduating first in her program in 2017. During her undergraduate years she spent a summer volunteering in Africa and saw how women were treated. Wanting to learn more about the social dynamics of gender inequality she applied and was accepted to study social policy and development at the London School of Economics. To finance her studies she went through the rigorous selection process and was awarded a Rotary Global Grant Scholarship. She obtained a Master's Degree in 2018 from LSE coming first in her program. In 2019 she completed another master's program at Cambridge University.

Chloe delivered a well-crafted, and riveting account of who she is and how grateful she is for the Rotary Global Grant Scholarship. Firstly, she spoke of her time in Africa, as a 20 year old, and her love for her host family and how unequal treatment of women became much more apparent to her. She told of her search for support, selection of the Rotary Program and of being interviewed in Cornwall. She gave us an overview of the Global Grant Scholarship program which she thought was very generous and which we should advertise more. Scholarship recipients should stay in touch with Rotary and she is doing so. While in London she was welcomed at the Rotary Club in Westminster which she visited often. She is now back in Canada looking for a "Real Job" and she was excited to report she had a job interview lined up. Finally she thanked the Club for their support

At question time it was 'PLEASE USE THE MIC' so we could all hear. **Jim Maxwell** wanted to know if Chloe had any understanding of the apparent malaise in the UK. Chloe told us she had been mostly with other non-Brits and isolated from politics. **Ron Doll** commended Chloe on her outstanding presentation and asked if she had hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu while she was in Peru. Chloe had gone by train. **Don Butler** also praised Chloe's report and recommended she consider working for Global Affairs. **Johnny Marquez**, as a south American having spent 47 years in academia, asked Chloe about women's rights in South America. While in Peru in 2015 Chloe had learned of several South American programs to help women including at least one by which women are given money if their children attend school. **Bob Harrison** also worked in Africa for a couple of years and exchanged with Chloe a few thoughts on women's rights there. **Clive Talbot** noted that there was an all Women Party in England and then thanked our guest adding she should consider joining Rotary.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

PP Graeme welcomed back **Doreen Ide** by tasking her to collect. **Doreen** repeatedly encouraged members to dig deep and did well.

Don Butler was first up with a loonie for an omission from the previous week's Spinoff. Pat Henry, donated her \$50 Cash Calendar winnings.

Jim Maxwell was happy that wife Diane was recovering well from her hip replacement. He reported being HOUSE MANAGER is more demanding than expected. Still learning how to have all foods for a meal ready at the same time.

Bill Morris donated \$10 happy at selling his summer retreat, "Back of the Moon" to a younger couple with three children. The Club has held a number of events at **Bill's** cottage.

Hadi Mortada is once again a Great Uncle. Congratulations **Hadi**.

MEETING CLOSE:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Cash Calendar and International Service Committee meetings would follow. Let us all enjoy an excellent week in Rotary.

CASH CALENDAR WINNERS

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week, August 7 – 13, 2019:

1241 \$25 Cecile Swerdfager, Ottawa, ON
3920 \$20 Adolf James, Ottawa, ON
3853 \$50 Larry Allen, Smiths Falls, ON
2321 \$25 Jane Pelletier, Kemptville, ON
3853 \$50 Larry Allen, Smiths Falls, ON
2146 \$25 Ms. L. Kennedy, London, ON
3604 \$50 Wendy Huckabone, Kemptville, ON

Tuesday, August 20 2019

Committee meetings

Chair: **Graeme Fraser** Intro: **Don Butler** Thanks: **Dirk Keenan**

Greeters: **Luana Achihaei, Fred Sirotek** Reception: **Norm Thomas**

Grace: **Alan Bowles** PP Draw: **Nigel Lever** Editor: **Graeme Fraser** Photos: **Larry Chop**

Meeting Fee/Attendance: **Linda Flynn**

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

1st Club Assembly:

Approve Club budget 2019-20. Review RCWO satisfaction survey.

Greeters: **Gaye Moffett, Eric Armstrong** Reception: **Roy Miller**

Grace: **Brett Brooking** PP Draw: **Doug Heyland** Editor: **Joseph Redhead**

Photos: **Inna Flyazhenkova**

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