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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA  
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

September 3, 2019

Editor: *Ginette Thomas*

PROGRAM: **President Pardeep Ahluwalia- On Safari in Kenya and Tanzania**

## GATHERING:

Greeters **Blair Armstrong** and **Doreen Ide** welcomed members to the first meeting of September, **President Pardeep Ahluwalia** invited everyone to proceed to the buffet and serve themselves a delicious lunch.

## THE MEETING:

At 12:30, **President Pardeep** brought the 8th meeting of this Rotary year to order. Everyone sang O Canada as **Rod Holmes** accompanied us on the keyboard. **Don Butler** led us in a Grace that inspired us to appreciate what we have, and to reach out to those in need. **Clive Talbot** introduced our guests: Jill Yarnell from RC South Nepean; Maureen Rogers, guest of **Gaye Moffett**; Richard Fisher, guest of **Peter Fisher**; and Jan Dorrell, wife of **Dirk Keenan**. **Rod Holmes** again accompanied as club members rose and joyfully sang our classic Welcome song.

**Alan Bowles** ran the Past President's Draw and the lucky winner of the \$25 gift certificate was **Denzil Feinberg**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- On behalf of **Caroline DeWitt**, **Brett Brooking** announced that we still needed volunteers for the WPBS Watertown Membership Drive night on September 7th. Contact **Caroline** if you are able to join.
- **Joan Heyland** announced that **Caroline** had a successful surgery and now has a brand new 2nd knee!
- **Merv Letts** announced a great response for Mums drivers, but there is still a need for navigators to accompany the drivers. Contact him if you can help out.
- **Susan Diening** is thrilled with the sale of Cash Calendar ads. The back of the calendar is now full and she can relax...
- **Ron Doll** told us he had booked the group for the Jabulani winery visit on September 7. Those now wishing to join them should call the winery directly. And he learned a new word: oenophile – lover of wine!
- **Bill Rolph** mentioned the Hospice Care Ottawa brochures on the tables to share with family and friends. It's where **Jack Troughton** received excellent care in his final days.

## PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Birthdays: we cheered for **Eric Armstrong's** birthday on September 7th.

**President Pardeep** reminded us of the commemoration of **Jack Troughton** on September 24th. It is a celebration of life, not a funeral. He asked Past Presidents to wear their Rotary jackets. See August 2 email for information.

He congratulated the Club for receiving a Rotary Silver Citation for 2018-19, one of 34 clubs in district 7040 that are eligible for a citation. See August 25th email for information.

He encouraged us to participate in the:

- District Conference in Clayton NY, November 1-2, 2019. The theme is Rotary Connects Us All and information available at: <https://www.rotary7040.com/>;
- WPBS fundraising call-in event in Watertown NY on September 7th, an excellent opportunity to reach out and promote Rotary to a broader audience since the largest WPBS audience block is in Ottawa. And it should be fun!
- Jabulani winery event on September 7th; and,

- Rotary Home Foundation's Whisky and Wine Evening fundraiser on September 27th. For more information: <https://rotaryhome.on.ca/news-events/whisky-wine/>

## TRAVELS IN KENYA AND TANZANIA

**Gaye Moffett** thanked **President Pardeep** for stepping in as a last-minute replacement for today's program. His public service career spanned 25 years in science policy, but his Rotary career has been much more mercurial. He has been a Rotarian for 3 years and is heading into his 2nd year as President of the Rotary Club for West Ottawa. His presentation would not be about science or Rotary but instead about an international journey.

**President Pardeep** had planned an account of his exchange trip to Russia in June as part of the Canadian Rotary delegation. However, choosing from thousands of photos and preparing a slideshow has not yet been completed so he gave us a slideshow of his and Simmy's safari to Kenya and Tanzania 6 years ago. Although not one word was uttered, the quality of the photographs against the backdrop of uplifting music was a captivating and riveting combination. The room was quiet, eyes glued to the screen, and feet were tapping to the music.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then an encyclopedic narrative of the beauty and the passion of Kenya and Tanzania unfolded on the screen. There was the piercing gaze of wild animals looking straight into the camera; the universal innocence of baby lions, elephants and rhinos under their mother's watchful eye; storks catching fish by the water shore; a cheetah at rest; and a troop of baboons occupying the middle of the road, creating a mid-day safari traffic jam! It was, however, the photos from the hot air balloon flight that expertly captured the vastness of the territory, and the starkness yet richness of the landscape. The ritualistic Masai tribal dance brought it all back to the celebration of land and culture in society.

**THANKS: Don Butler** thanked **President Pardeep** for a very good journey to Africa and asked that he convey our compliments to Simmy for an excellent and professional slideshow.

## HAPPY DOLLARS:

**Dirk Keenan** was asked to collect, and many volunteered to share their happiness:

- **Ken Murray** happy at the smashing win of his favourite team, the Rough Riders.
- **Bea Osome** happy: to be back; to see Kenya in the video; for her nieces's wedding the previous weekend; to welcome grandchild #2; and to welcome Kenyan well #17 which, after many setbacks, is now providing water;
- **Clive Talbot** was reminded by the slideshow of a close encounter with an elephant in South Africa years ago. Also, he is reading "Appeasement" by Tim Bouverie on pre-WW2 UK politics and finds it documents events eerily comparable to the current UK parliament situation;
- **Ron Doll** celebrating back-to-school week with 3 granddaughters in university;
- **Denzil Feinberg** donated the \$25 gift certificate back to the club to support activities; and to share that another name for the wildebeest is "gnu"!
- **Peter Fisher's** granddaughter Scarlett is very happy to win \$50 in last week's Cash Calendar draw;
- Visitor Jill Yarnell is equally happy that her great-granddaughter also won in the Cash Calendar draw;
- **Bill Rolph's** granddaughter is now in Halifax studying veterinary sciences; her brother is studying nursing; and another granddaughter has started a program for kindergarten;
- **Dirk Keenan** happy that he and Jan are going to Tanzania at the end of September!

## MEETING ENDS:

**President Pardeep** closed with the usual reminder of the Rotary year's theme and a call to bring along likely acquaintances to check us out

## CASH CALENDAR WINNERS

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week, August 28 – September 3, 2019:

- 2335 \$20 Monica Van Adrichem, Guelph, ON
- 0378 \$50 Wilma Clapham, Ottawa, ON
- 2463 \$25 Mike Rivet, North Gower, ON
- 0542 \$50 Kim Culley, Kanata, ON

3200 \$50 Ellen Koomen, North Gower, ON

0691 \$100 Dean Boakye, Ottawa, ON

1504 \$50 BioTalent Canada, Ottawa, ON

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

Peter Morrin, RC Kingston-Frontenac and secretary for District 7040 International Service group:

“Doing International Rotary Projects”

Intro: **Henry Akanko** Thanks: **Navin Parekh**

Greeters: **Bill Rolph, Alan Bowles** Reception: **Johnny Marquez**

Grace: **Larry Chop** PP Draw: **Ron Scott** Editor: **Roy Miller**

Photos: **Inna Flyazhenkova** Meeting Fee/Attendance: **Carol Bell Thompson**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

**Peter Fisher:** 4 Way Test Awards

Greeters: **Brett Brooking, Marcia Armstrong** Reception: **Fred Sirotek**

Grace: **Fred Christie** PP Draw: **Hadi Mortada** Editor: **Joseph Redhead**

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