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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA
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SPECIAL GATHERING ISSUE

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Celebration of the life of **Jack Troughton**, Honoured Life Member

What would have been the 12 meeting of the Rotary Year on September 24, 2019, became a gathering jointly organized by the Troughton family and RCWO to celebrate of the life of **Jack Troughton**. **Jack** was an Honoured Life Member of the West Ottawa Rotary Club and a prominent Rotarian in District 7040 for many years. **Jack** had passed away on August 12, 2019 at the age of 89.

Club banners were displayed but no fee was charged, and attendance was not taken.

DUTIES Grace: **Frank Cranton**; piano accompaniment: **Rod Holmes**; Master of Ceremonies; **Ken Murray**.

Beginning at 11:00 am family members and designated Club members welcomed the incoming guests. Images of Jack's life through the ages were displayed for all to see on two screens in the ballroom. Brett Brooking had prepared the "slide show". By 1130, some 200 people had assembled, including many former district governors and other senior RI officials as well as a good many of the RCWO membership.

At noon, the RCWO Rotary Bell was rung jointly by **Jack's** two children, Jennifer Troughton and Chris Troughton, and the formal program commenced with the singing of "O Canada" with **Rod Holmes** at the piano. **Ken Murray**, as Master of Ceremonies, began by introducing the members of **Jack's** family. Apart from Chris and Jennifer, Chris' wife Natalie, **Jack's** grandchildren Travis Troughton (wife Jackie Pearson), and Kayla Kirkness (husband, Brett).

Ken spoke about **Jack's** very extensive Rotary service: his 50 years of membership in the West Ottawa Rotary Club with perfect attendance; his service as Club President and District Governor; his many Paul Harris awards and RI citations and his Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award in 2005.

Jack's children Chris and Jennifer then spoke recalling **Jack's** skills as a gardener and carpenter and his pride of being a Rotarian and a Bell Canada employee. John Lebrun, a family friend, spoke of his memories of Jack at the Friday Luncheon Discussion Club, and a member of **Jack's** condominium association spoke of **Jack's** dedication to community service.

Ken then introduced three Rotary speakers. District Governor Gerry Lambert recalled **Jack** as District Governor in 1994-95, and his hospitality, love of family, and dedication to Rotary. Club member **Carol Bell Thompson** considered **Jack** her mentor and also noted his gardening skills and love of good scotch.

RCWO member **Jim Maxwell** remarked that he was an exceptional speaker and communicator, and that he had developed those skills as a high school teacher, before he entered the corporate world.

The final speaker was **Jack's** grandson Travis who very simply and movingly read a poem, written by Desiree Brown, that concluded:

*When you are lonely and sick of heart,
Go to the friends we know.
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me-but let me go.*

At one o'clock **Ken** ended the speeches segment of the Celebration telling us the Troughton family asked us to consider donations to the RCWO foundation or the Rudy Shenkman Hospice in lieu of flowers.

Frank Cranton then said grace adding that **Jack** was now reunited with his wife, Pat, who had died in 2017.

A buffet lunch was then served, bar service continued, and guests renewed acquaintanceships with each other and exchanged memories

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

NO MEETING

Mums for Thanksgiving delivery

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Gerry Lambert, DG, addresses RCWO.

Intro: **Hadi Mortada** Thanks: **Jean Begin**

Greeters: **Merv Letts, Chris Wanna** Reception: **Fred Christie** Grace: **Ron Doll**

Past Presidents Draw: **Linda Flynn** Editor: **Joseph Redhead** Photos: **Brett Brooking**

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

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

NO MEETING

To enable members to help distribute the Dictionary4Life books to grade threes.

