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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA  
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

October 8, 2019

Editor: Joseph Redhead

## PROGRAM: Gerry Lambert, District 7040 Governor

Prior to the general gathering DG Gerry Lambert met with Club Board members to be briefed on the general state of the Club, the particular challenges we face, and to ascertain how he may be of assistance to the Club. The meeting room was also abuzz with fellowship and movement as members affixed ticket numbers to the beautiful 2020 cash calendars unboxed by the unflappable **Brett Brooking**.

### GATHERING

After a one-week break in our meeting schedule so that members could concentrate on completing deliveries for the Mums for Thanksgiving campaign, we gathered in the main hall of St. Elias Conference Centre for the 12th meeting of the Rotary year. **Merv Letts** was the solitary greeter, **Fred Christie** recorded visitors, and **Carol Bell-Thompson** collected meeting fees. **Linda Flynn** sold PP Draw tickets. **Rod Holmes** provided the music for the singing of the national anthem and, a bit later, the Welcome Song, while **Ron Doll** offered a fitting grace for this Thanksgiving season.

**Fred Christie** then recognized our many guests: DG Lambert; Karenna Chen and Katlin Massie of the Rotaract Club of Ottawa South; Andrew Drake, a friend of **Bill Rolph**, Barbara Hull-Holland and Ron Baker of the Rotary Club of Simcoe; past members Phil Bronsther and Carol Waters with husband Brian who were guests of **Joseph Redhead**; Julie Cugali, Area Governor; and Mary Lever, spouse of **Nigel**. Guests were welcomed with the usual song. **Brian Hartley** won the Past President's Draw.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Linda Flynn** solicited volunteers to distribute Dictionary4Life books. **Ron Doll** invited members to sign up for a visit to a craft brewery and Phil Bronsther sought our support for the Rotary Club of Stittsville Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. **Joseph Redhead** then conducted an impromptu demonstration for DG Lambert of the 85 to 95 percent of the Club's membership that participated in the Mums fund raiser. He successively asked to stand the consultants to the campaign committee (**Jean Begin** and **Marcia Armstrong**), the campaign committee, the processors of orders, the producers of the important drive plans used by volunteer drivers, those who offloaded plants and worked in the church used as a distribution centre and **Mike Traub** who provided food and water every day to all those working at and passing through the church.

(See **RCWO does Mums!** Great pix by Larry Chop at <https://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2019-10-01-rcwo-mums-for-thanksgiving> ! Definitely worth a click)

Karenna Chen then invited us buy raffle tickets for an “international menu dinner” for eight that she and fellow Rotaractors would serve at the house of the winner. The raffle supports Rotary international youth exchanges

Unplanned auctions to dispose of some undeliverable Mums plants and a few packets of tulip bulbs run by estimable auctioneer **Graeme Fraser**. Proceeds to Happy Dollars pouch.

**President Pardeep** announced

- (1) Birthdays: his (Oct 10), **Alan Bowles** (Oct 11), **Bea Osome** (Oct 12), **Keith Henry** (Oct 13) and **Norm Thomas** (Oct 21).
- (2) Karenna Chen selling raffle tickets for the Youth Exchange International Dinner after the meeting
- (3) No club meeting on October 15. Dictionary4Life week.
- (4) RCWO Breakfast meeting – October 18 at Broadway Bar & Grill at which Judy Lincoln, Manager of Ten Thousand Villages in Westboro, will speak on the value of Fair Trade and the Fair Trade Movement.
- (5) The Soc/Rec visit October 18 to Kichesippi Brewery at 2265 Robertson Road at 4 PM.
- (6) World Polio Day is on October 24 and PDG Bonnie Black will speak to us at the October 22 meeting on Rotary’s achievements in eradicating polio.
- (7) The \$1377 raised by Club for Hurricane Dorian relief will be sent to RI and not ShelterBox or Global Medic.
- (8) We should register for the District Conference which will be held in Clayton, New York on November 1 – 3rd.

## PROGRAM

**Hadi Mortada** introduced DG Gerry Lambert as a Rotarian since 1994; had a career as a US Army communications specialist living and working in Germany and Korea for many years; currently an educator working especially with prisoners.

DG Lambert then took the floor to cover a number of pressing issues that occupy just about all Rotary Club around the world: challenges in growing their membership, recruiting younger members and retaining members. He discussed holding meetings at times convenient for young people early in their careers, and in locations where they could control their spending for food. He suggested a good approach for identifying prospective members is for Rotarians to become involved with other charitable organizations and attract like-minded individuals to become involved in supporting Club initiatives. He recommended that Club members share time-consuming tasks and not rely on the same people all the time. He spoke of leveraging technology to improve our productivity in Club projects. He endorsed continuing our involvement in international projects. After requesting an outline of our Mums for Thanksgiving campaign he congratulated the Club on its vibrancy and breath of activities. Responding to questions he told **Graeme Fraser** and **Ken Murray** about why he joined Rotary and the other organizations.

Past President **Jean Begin** thanked DG Gerry for his presentation and gave him the usual mementos for speakers. DG Gerry gave **President Pardeep** a theme banner and received our Club banner. DG Gerry then received two additional gifts: a Mums plant and a packet of tulip bulbs.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

**Tony Watkins**, summertime visiting Rotarian, collected, and started from his own pocket with the Canadian change not needed while wintering in Barbados.

-**Jim Maxwell** donated a \$5 tip he received from a Mums recipient.

-**Fred Christie** happy that he had sold the first Cash Calendar.

-**Johnny Marquez** announced that he had started the process to obtain his Canadian citizenship.

-**Larry Chop** was pleased at delivering a Mums plant to a fellow Rotarian and added \$20 received re Mums from a Rabbi on one of his nature walkabouts.

-**Susan Diening** also donated tips received on a Mums route.

-**Merv Letts** pleased at the Spinoff Special done for the **Jack Troughton** commemoration

-**Cletus Peters** had enjoyed lunching with his friend Tony Watkins.

-Carol Waters was happily off to England to visit her recently born grandson Milo.

-**Jean Begin** had enjoyed a wonderful cruise.

-**President Pardeep** tickled pink to have had a Rotaractor as a navigator on one of his Mums runs.

-**Bill Rolph** was happy, but your editor missed why.

-**Ken Murray** was pleased that the Rotary Club of Weyburn, Saskatchewan, the town where he grew up, would be celebrating its 100th Rotary year in April 2020.

## CLOSING

**President Pardeep** announced that Youth Services would have a new chair this year and that the next meeting would be on October 22. **Ken Murray** announced that they now had a full slate of volunteers for the distribution of Dictionaries4Life. President Pardeep then closed the meeting with his usual reminder of the RI theme and call to bring potential Rotarians to a meeting.

## CASH CALENDAR

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the periods, Sept 18, 2019 – Oct. 8, 2019:

1520 \$50 Daybreak Non-Profit Shelter, Ecumenical Corp. Ottawa, ON

1331 \$125 Mr. Warren Fisher, Ottawa, ON

3498 \$25 Anne Cole, Nepean, ON

0675 \$50 Jim Gowland, Burnstown, ON

3359 \$50 Dr. Jen McDonald, Ottawa, ON

3893 \$25 Karen Rivers, Manotick, ON

3989 \$20 Sheri Dawson, Bourget, ON

2119 \$50 Tanya Wood, Kanata, ON

2476 \$25 Jordan Malone, Ottawa, ON

1959 \$50 Sandy Campbell, Oxford Mills, ON

0265 \$25 Frankie Baird, Kemptville, ON

1221 \$25 Janice Nagora, Pembroke, ON  
0505 \$20 Rod Smith, Arnprior, ON  
1320 \$25 Shoba Belkhode, Ottawa, ON  
0630 \$25 Darrell Miller, Kemptville, ON  
0614 \$20 Marianne Koitila, Kemptville, ON  
2110 \$25 Alison Traub, Ottawa, ON  
1708 \$20 Meridith Holland, Newmarket, ON  
3535 \$50 Yasmin Vinograd, Ottawa, ON  
2668 \$25 Mike Vallee, Edwards, ON  
3381 \$20 Mike Edmonds, Simcoe, ON

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

**NO MEETING**

Dictionary4Life presentations at schools

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019**

PDG Bonnie Black- Update on polio eradication

Intro: **Susan Diening** Thanks: **Merv Letts**

Greeters: **Nigel Lever, Sucha Mann** Grace: **Caroline DeWitt.** Photos: **Larry Chop**

Reception: **Doug Rowlands** PPDRAW: **Graeme Fraser** Editor: **Don Butler**

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

**Tuesday, October 29, 2019**

2<sup>nd</sup> Club Assembly

