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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

October 29, 2019

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PROGRAM: CLUB ASSEMBLY - CLUB PHOTO AND FELLOWSHIP

DUTIES: Greeters: **Jim Maxwell** and **Victor Mazzola**; Reception: **Marcia Armstrong**; Grace: **President Pardeep Ahluwalia** subbing in for **Sabby Duthie**; PP Draw: **Hadi Mortada**; Payment/Attendance: **Carol Bell Thompson**; Photographer: **Jean Begin**.

MEETING BEGINS

On this glorious late October afternoon **President Pardeep** invited Rotarian and Guests to the Buffet at noon and promptly at 12:30 welcomed us to this Rotary year's 14th Tuesday meeting.

After O Canada **President Pardeep** delivered a thoughtful grace on the good Rotarians do and should continue to do. This being the 5th Tuesday of the month it was a Partners meeting. **Marcia Armstrong** introduced June Wells, partner of **Denzil Feinberg**, Patricia Talbot, wife of **Clive**, Deborah Foster, wife of **Brian**, Maureen McIntyre, daughter of **Bill**, Norma Bannerman, guest of **Brian Hartley**, Eleanor Kibrick, wife of **Bill Rolph**, Dorothy Young, wife of **Andrew** and Beant Barewal, guest of **Sucha Mann**. We sang them Welcome. This week the Past Presidents Draw had two prizes- a \$50 restaurant gift card donated by **Peter Fisher**, and a box of chocolates donated by **President Pardeep** in the shape of the Diwali (celebrated Oct 27 in Canada) lamp. At **Hadi Mortada's** request **President Pardeep** drew the first winning ticket which was held by **Susan Diening** who chose the restaurant card. **Hadi** asked **Susan** to draw the second winning ticket which was held by Deborah Foster who won the chocolates. **Andrew Young** playfully accepted that he had not won. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to prize donors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jill Yarnell, on behalf of the Youth Services Committee, announced that our Club, in conjunction with the Ottawa Metro Club and the Ottawa Bytown Club, is exploring participation in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. This would require a three-year commitment for preparing the outgoing student, hosting the incoming student and helping the returned student and their family to derive maximum benefit from the experience. Incoming students will stay for an academic year and must have more than one host family, preferably three. **Jill** asked families willing to host a foreign student between the ages of 15 and 18, for 3- 4 months to contact her or any YS committee member. **Jennifer Ahde**, a former exchange student offered to discuss her experience with interested Club Members. **Fred Christie** noted hosts will need police security checks. See <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/youth-exchanges/details> for more details,

[Editor's Note: our experience as host family to two exchange students was excellent and would be particularly for families who have children in the home between aged 11 to 16. Hosting is not overly expensive - e.g. cooking for 5 vs 4, etc and is rewarding to both the foreign student AND the host family. Program also benefits the outgoing student; members should recommend this program to their children]

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to **Don Butler** and **Joe Wattie** for November 4.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Pardeep again encouraged us to sign up for the District Conference, in Clayton NY November 1-3.

- Our next meeting, November 5, will be held in the lower level. It is our Remembrance Day Meeting and all Club Members should be seated by 11:45 before veterans enter. Veterans, please wear uniforms and medals.

- On November 11 **President Pardeep** will lay a Club wreath at the Nepean Cenotaph. and encouraged Club Members to attend. Please wear Past President jackets.

- Helpers were sought for packing up after the meeting as Sergeant-at-Arms, Robert Shaw-Wood left early.

PROGRAM: "THIS EDITOR'S DELIGHT", A CLUB ASSEMBLY

As our last Club Photo was several years ago, it was decided to make this meeting a Photo Session and then set some time aside for Club Fellowship, ideally each conversing with members they know less well. **Inna Flyazhenkova**, one of our Club's Photographers, set up the 2019/2020 Club Photo shoot with flexible members sitting on the floor, a middle row with members on chairs and taller members standing at the back. We anxiously await the results of this shoot. Fellowship chatting followed.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

WARNING!!!! **President Pardeep** revealed how he chooses the Club Member to collect Happy Dollars. He chooses the last member he sees arriving. This week's Lucky (???) Winner -**Henry Akanko**.

First up **Roy Miller** contributed his last dollar because he enjoyed the Club Fellowship. **Sucha Mann** and a friend from University had recently bicycled to Carleton Place, enjoyed the Fall Colours and then lunch and dinner. **Larry Chop** had a Happy Dollar for a Globe and Mail report on a 3rd world problem being solved by polio vaccination workers in the war zones of Pakistan and a Sad Dollar at reading in the same paper of a first world problem being created by a group of five Mothers protesting the vaccination of their children in Toronto. **Ron Scott** pleased that his granddaughter's Hockey Team sold 20 Cash Calendars and raised \$150 for their club. **Fred Christie** was pleased at selling 21 Calendars to residents at the Courts of Barrhaven. **Ken Murray** is once again Happy that his green Riders beat Edmonton 27-24 in CFL football. **Gaye Moffett**, with a dollar borrowed from **Mary Wattie**, confessed that, as the actual last person in, she had ducked to avoid being asked to collect Happy Dollars. **Caroline Dewitt** was happy that the Cumberland Dukes took 275 Cash Calendars to sell. She reminded us that sports teams and other community groups are great for Calendar distribution and sale. **Marsha Armstrong** told us that 10,000 Villages in Westboro will donate 10% of sales made to West Ottawa Rotary Club members on November 28. She encouraged members to do some Christmas shopping there. **Brett Brooking** mentioned that Trudi Kersley sends in regards from **John. Bea Osome** had a sad and happy dollar to recognize the passing of her 59-year-old sister in law but to remember that she had overcome polio paralysis to build a successful life in Kenya helping Homeless Children. **Hadi Mortada** informed us we have secured the Ottawa Conference Centre, for next year's District Conference and, with the help of **Susan Diening, Caroline Dewitt** and **Jill Yarnell** will be looking for auction items for the Rotary Foundation. **Inna Flyazhenkova** was happy to take the Club photo of the group. **Bill Rolph** was happy the Fellow who introduced him to Rotary is moving to the Ottawa area and hopes he can be convinced to join our Club. Finally, **President Pardeep**, noting the changing weather, was happy he has an appointment to install his winter tires.

MEETING CLOSE:

There were no meetings to follow. **President Pardeep** read a letter from *Up with People* pleased at their contact with **Joseph Redhead** and the Mums Campaign. He then closed the meeting adding to his usual reminders a reminder to arrive at 11:45 on November 5. May we all enjoy an excellent week in Rotary.

MEETING PHOTOS: <https://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2019-10-29-Club-Assembly>

CASH CALENDAR:

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for October 23 – 29, 2019:

0664 \$50 Dan Kolar, Carleton Place, ON

0383 \$25 Roy Masters, Ottawa, ON

0504 \$50 Patrick Smith, Ottawa, ON

0107 \$125 Joan Read, Nepean, ON

2338 \$25 Augustus John Taylor, Ottawa, ON

0119 \$200 Weimin Zhao, Nepean, ON

2129 \$50 Roseanne Devlin, Ottawa, ON

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

11:45 a.m. Before the entrance of the military veterans.

Remembrance Ceremony

Followed by

John MacFarlane, DND History Directorate- 'Writing the official history series on Canadian Peacekeepers'

Intro: **Marilyn Letts** Thanks: **Frank Cranton**

Greeters: **Baxter Willis, Linda Flynn** Grace: **Larry Chop** Photos: **Mike Traub**

Reception: **Mary Wattie** PPDRAW: **Bill Morris** Editor: **Graeme Fraser**

Meeting Fee/Attendance: **Alan Bowles**

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Ian and Janine Maxwell “Update on Project Canaan in Eswatini (Swaziland)” via Skype

Intro: **Jim Maxwell.** Thanks: **Clive Talbot**

Greeters: **Anup Subedi, Brian Foster** Grace: **Sucha Mann** Photos: **Inna Flyazhenkova**

Reception: **Johnny Marquez** PPDRAW: **Jean Begin** Editor: **Gaye Moffett**

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