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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA;  
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President  
Nov 26 2019 Editor: Roy Miller

Program: Shannon Coombs- Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association

## The meeting begins

At noon **Pres Pardeep Ahluwalia** invited the members and guests to the buffet.

Key roles today were filled by **Bob Harrison** on reception, with greeters being **Johnny Marquez** and **Jill Yarnell**, **Len Baird** selling Past Presidents Draw tickets and **Alan Bowles** marking attendance and collecting lunch payments.

At 12:25 **Pres Pardeep** called the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Rotary Year to order and requested all to stand up for “O Canada” reminding us to use the new lyrics. **Rod Holmes** gave us his usual accompaniment. **Pres Pardeep** then offered grace.

**Doug Heyland** informed us that **Roy Miller’s** mother had recently passed away and there was a card circulating.

Afterwards, **Pres Pardeep** asked **Bob Harrison** to introduce our guests which were: Marina Macleod, guest of **Inna Flyazhenkova**; **Cherina Sparks**, guest of **Dirk Keenan**; Shannon Coombs of the CCSPA, our guest speaker; and Josh Grey, guest of **Jen Soucy**. We then welcomed our guests in song in our usual manner.

The Past Presidents Draw was run by **Len Baird** and won by **Navin Parekh**

## Announcements:

**Jean Begin** announced the slate of officers for 2020-2021

President **Caroline DeWitt**

Pres.-Elect **Chris Wanna**

Pres. Nominee **Graeme Fraser**

Past Pres. **Pardeep Ahluwalia**

Co-Treasurers **Linda Flynn** and **Alan Bowles**

Secretary: TBA

Directors:

Community Service – **Rob Shaw-Wood**

International Service- **Virginia Spencer**

Club and Fellowship- **Larry Chop**

Director-at-Large **Henry Akanko**

**Pres Pardeep** then asked anyone interested in the Secretary position to let him know

**Ed Balys**- all Rotary Clubs are faced with the challenge to raise money and the Cash Calendar was one response by RCWO. It started 15 years ago and has evolved into the very nice calendar we have now

**Marilyn Letts** had gone to the Stirling Park Retirement home bazaar and had a successful time selling calendars and showed a picture of two dogs, Penelope and Louis, who had “helped”. There she had also bought 2 craft/cookie items which she would sell, each for \$10 to the Club, at this meeting.

**Marcia Armstrong** - only 37% of members open their ClubRunner emails even though they are often filled with important information.

**Larry Chop** again reminded us about the Rotary benefit evening 28 November at 10,000 Villages and about buying ‘10K V’ hot chocolate mix and dried fruit for Food Bank Christmas hampers

**Mary Wattie** -the Rotary Home Children's Christmas Party is Wednesday December 11th from 6 to 8 pm. If anyone is interested in attending they should email her

at [maryjoewattie@gmail.com](mailto:maryjoewattie@gmail.com) no later than 5pm Dec 5th or rsvp

to [KimbraF@rotaryhome.on.ca](mailto:KimbraF@rotaryhome.on.ca) so they can plan for food and drink.

**Susan Dening** -Tuesday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, is *Giving Tuesday*, a day to think about giving to a charity at the beginning of the holiday season after the buying sprees of Black Friday and Cyber Monday ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giving\\_Tuesday](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giving_Tuesday) is interesting)

**Hadi Mortada** joked about the District Governor jacket he was wearing prematurely.

**Pres Pardeep** reminded us that funds raised by the Cash Calendar stay in the community.

**Gaye Moffett** has the flu shots formulated for seniors. Interested? See **Gaye**

### **Presentation:**

**Gaye Moffett** introduced our guest speaker Shannon Coombs whom she had met while traveling. The Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA) represents suppliers of consumer chemical products such as detergents, cleaners, lubricants and pesticides. As CCSPA President, Shannon is the responsible ensuring that CCSPA member interests are effectively conveyed to government regulators and that the public is informed about the safety and effectiveness of members' products.

Shannon started by mentioning that she was a Rotary exchange student to Finland in 1987. The members she assists are a 20-billion-dollar industry. As a lobbyist, she assists her members to handle health and environment regulations which are often politically driven. The CCSPA, for example, is lobbying the Ford government in Ontario to fulfill its election promise to reduce regulations by 25%. Shannon's organization also focuses on public information and for example uses Twitter to discuss recycling issues and promote tick awareness for the prevention of Lyme disease. Shannon is also involved in a hand washing campaign targeted to children under the age of 5 years old. At question time **Jim Maxwell** asked about the extra cost of each province having its own regulatory system but was told this has not been studied.

**Don Butler** noted that he and probably others had been surprised at how significant the consumer product specialty industry was and thanked Shannon telling us about it

**Pres Pardeep** mentioned that Shannon brings a lot to the table. (i.e would be a fine addition to the club)

### **Happy Dollars:**

**Pres Pardeep** selected **Jen Soucy** for Happy Dollars.

**Jen** made the first contribution, for LiveWorkPlay being chosen November 22 as Best Not-for-Profit by the Best Ottawa Business Awards (the BOBS)

**Jim Maxwell** noted one benefit of doing make-up meetings at other clubs is getting new fundraising ideas to bring back to our own Club.

**Mike Traub** gave a brief update on our Music for Humanity event next April.

**Clive Talbot** wished everyone a Merry Christmas since he is leaving for Johannesburg to spend Christmas.

**Ken Murray** mentioned that **Joe Redhead** is recovering well from his operation.

**Hadi Mortada** thanked **Peter Fisher** for his new Rotary DG jacket.

**Merv Letts** thanked **Gaye Moffett** for the flu shots. He reminded us of the email letter he has copied to us and said that by using it himself to friends and contacts he has sold more than 50 Cash Calendars. Not everyone will buy calendars, but some people will.

**Marilyn Letts** put up for sale the 2 craft/cookie items she mentioned earlier. **Hadi Mortada** and **Peter Fisher** bought them.

**Graeme Fraser** noted the contribution to Rotary generally and our Club in particular of its woman members.

**Carol Bell Thompson** is also going south and wished everyone a Merry Christmas

**Bob Harrison** mentioned the Winnipeg Grey Cup victory and noted he is related to Chuck Harrison who played for Winnipeg and Ottawa in the 60s and 70s.

**Pres Pardeep** fined **Victor Mazzola** \$5 for missing his Grace duty.

**Don Butler** had gotten a spot to sell Cash Calendars at church bazaar if he gave a share of the proceeds to the church and also sold the church's calendars priced at \$5. The church calendar sold well but not ours.

**Brian Foster** told us he is heading to Alberta, and wished all a Happy Christmas

## **Meeting ends**

**President Pardeep** finished the meeting with the reminder to “Be the Inspiration” and that “Rotarians are People of Action, helping make a difference ” and, to invite potential Rotarians to a meeting.

## **Cash Calendar**

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week, Nov. 20 – 26, 2019:

3898 \$25 Karen Rivers, Manotick, ON

3399 \$25 Dr. A. Stratton, Ottawa, ON

1153 \$125 Jennifer Murray, Ottawa, ON

3449 \$25 Matt Smithson, Perth, ON

2565 \$25 Jorg Thurler, Mountain, ON

0720 \$100 John Miller, Kanata, ON

1158 \$50 Susan Diening, Stittsville, ON

### **Tuesday December 3, 2019**

David McGee- author of local interest best-seller “*Lost Ottawa*”

Intro: **Larry Chop**      Thanks: **Rocco Disipio**

Greeters: **Alan Bowes, Merv Letts**      Reception: **Bill McIntyre**

Grace: **Roy Miller**      PP Draw: **Joe Parkinson**      Editor: **Jill Yarnell**

Photos: **Brett Booking**      Meeting fee/Attendance: **Doreen Ide**

### **Tuesday December 10, 2019**

Megan Doyle Ray- Importance of Estate Planning and Legacy Giving

Intro: **Marcia Armstrong**      Thanks: **Merv Letts**

Greeters: **Victor Mazzola, Doug Heyland.**      Reception: **Mike Traub**

Grace: **Alan Bowes.**      PP Draw: **Bob Harrison**      Editor: **Rod Holmes**

Photos: **Inna Flyazhenkova**      Meeting fee/Attendance: **Doreen Ide**