



Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

January 14, 2020 Editor: Robert Shaw-Wood

A NOTE OF THANKS TO ROD HOLMES

After many years of service **Rod** will leave the Spinoff editors' regular roster so he can devote his writing skills to other projects. The Spinoff team is however grateful that **Rod** will continue to take a final look for errors and omissions before Spinoff is finalised. He will also continue to arrange printing of the hard copy distributed at meetings. Many thanks, **Rod**.

PROGRAM: Predictions for 2020: Rocco Disipio-Sports and Real Estate, Cameron Ross-Finance

Greeters: **Ginette Thomas** and **Dave Morton**; Reception: **Brian Foster**; Past Presidents Draw: **Frank Cranton**; Meeting fee/attendance: **Linda Flynn**; Photographer: **Inna Flyazhenkova**.

Following the buffet, at about 1220 hrs, **President Pardeep Ahluwalia** opened the twenty-third meeting of the Rotary year by introducing the program for the day. O Canada (keyboard accompaniment by **Rod Holmes**) was followed by grace delivered by **President Pardeep** in the absence of **Carol Bell Thompson**. **Brian Foster** recognised our single guest for the day, Norma Bannerman, guest of **Brian Hartley**. We sang her our frequently squeaky rendition of the RCWO welcome song.

Frank Cranton then asked our Sergeant at Arms to choose the winning ticket for the PP draw. Confusion followed about the winning number (typed on the ticket in a faint pinkish colour in the suboptimal lighting of the basement). When no-one answered the calls, **Ginette Thomas** convinced us that the number was hers and took home the \$25 cash prize.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dave Morton announced that this year's Stittsville Rotary Club Trivia night is set for Friday Feb 21st . **Eric Armstrong** will lead the West Ottawa gang. Trivia buffs are welcome.

Dave also received a thank you note from the Youville Centre for our Community Service holiday donation to the mothers registered in the Teen Mother High School Education Completion Program.

Joan Heyland spoke on this year's fellowship dinners She will circulate a listing of dates/locations and available slots for each.

Brett Bookings asked all members to submit their Cash Calendar entry tickets asap so that the weekly draws can begin.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the RCWO Board would take place January 16 at the Stirling Park Retirement Residence beginning at 1830 hrs. Club members welcome to attend.

The next Friday morning Rotary meeting would be held on January 17 at the Broadway Bar & Grill, beginning at 0745 hrs.

The concert to support Project Chance Africa, one of our sponsored projects, will be on January 25 at the Black Sheep Inn in Wakefield Quebec, beginning at 1900 hrs.

Consult the District 7040 website about early-bird registration for the 2020 District conference.

President Pardeep will miss the January 21 Rotary meeting which will be chaired by **PP Linda Flynn**.

THE PRESENTATIONS

President Pardeep then introduced our own **Rocco Disipio** to provide both his predictions for 2020 both in sports and, substituting for Royal LePage manager Rick Eisert, in real estate. Starting with sports he employed his “Brian Langill Ouija Board” strategy for a second year reminding us that he had used it last year to predict the Raptors championship (he did that?) and the failure of the Ottawa 67s in the OHL finals. So, armed with this record, **Rocco** predicts that “there will be games won and games lost.”

The KC Chiefs will win the Super Bowl, 35-31 over San Francisco, with Patrick Mahomes being named MVP. Winnipeg will be the only Canadian hockey club to prosper in the NHL, but the title will go to Tampa Bay in 6 games over St. Louis. Ottawa 67s will win their third Memorial Cup and have a victory parade along the spanking new Elgin Street in June.

In the CFL, Hamilton will whup the Roughriders. In Basketball, the Raptors will capture the East conference in six games but lose in 7 to the LA Lakers. The Yankees will win the American League in 5 games and then win the World series in 7 games against Philly. Same old, same old....

Golf anyone? Somebody called Brooks Koepka might be the grand slam winner of all 4 majors. Brooke Henderson will win the Women’s Canadian Open. Rachel Homan will dominate in curling while Bianca Andreescu will shine in tennis and Penny Oleksiak in swimming at the 2020 Olympics,

Rocco took on this year’s prognosticator role for Real Estate at very short notice but has been a professional realtor for 35 years. Last year he predicted Ottawa prices to increase by 3-5%. In fact, 2019 saw Toronto and Montreal price up by 4.8% and 6.3% respectively while in Ottawa the average price increase was 8.9%. Homes were only 38 days on the market on average. It was the downtown condo market that fared best in terms of units sold (up 36.4%). Not surprisingly, the rental market has also had difficulty meeting demand, and rents are rising as a result.

With Ottawa continuing to show strong market fundamentals -secure public service employment, growing IT sector and support sectors, and growing investment interest in rental accommodation-continuing price increases in the double digits are to be expected.

Former Club member Cameron Ross then gave us his Financial Market overview.

We are due for a recession to end the longest bull market in US history. In fact, the US stock market in 2019 showed continued growth but only because 2018 had ended with a mild correction that depressed prices. We should see a recession in 2021 preceded by higher oil prices, a reversal of the US tax cuts, and an irrational market euphoria. It should be milder than in 2008, focused on “big tech” stocks like Amazon, Facebook and Google. This recession will stubborn, and not responsive to the standard fiscal and monetary measures.

Cam also predicts that Trump will lose the election, that the 5G issue will pit China against the world, and that consumer data protection laws and facial recognition and deepfake issues will become very topical.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Virginia Spencer was happy to become a full member.

Cam Ross was happy to see us again and that he is expecting his first child this summer.

Stuart Picozzi was pleased to welcome **Virginia Spencer** and her new ideas to the Environment Committee.

Bob Harrison thanked **Frank Cranton** for the humour that came with the day’s PP draw. Actually, silly Sarge that your Editor is, he messed things up by buying the fool ticket roll in the first place, not noticing that faded, pinkish 5s, 6s and 8s looked like each other

Marilyn Letts was pleased to contribute the two toonies that she found during the recent shoe sorting exercise. She recalled sadly the one-hundred-dollar bills found during a Rotary spring road cleanup

Marcia Armstrong was happy that close relatives had returned home safely from vacations.

Inna Flyazhenkova was in a poetic and festive mood and wanted to celebrate everyone who was present.

Hadi Mortada reported that he will miss next week’s meeting (therefore happy?) in order to attend a Rotary assembly in San Diego.

President Pardeep then closed the meeting with his usual calls for action guided by Rotary principles and to bring compatible acquaintances to a meeting

CLUB BREAKFAST MEETING JANUARY 17

Turnout was small with regrets from club members currently away but there was lively discussion about affordable housing support and Club environmental projects for member involvement. **Caroline DeWitt** announced a tree planting opportunity in Alta Vista on May 30 on which more information will follow.

CASH CALENDAR

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the period, December 11 – 31, 2019:

0618 \$20 Paul F. Brown, Osgoode, ON
2631 \$100 Sonia Fisher, Ottawa, ON
3150 \$50 Denise Smeaton, Ottawa, ON
0281 \$25 Devin Wynands, North Augusta, ON
0799 \$25 Tracy Bourne, Lanark, ON
3606 \$50 Mike Blais, Kemptville, ON
2339 \$100 June Taylor, Ottawa, ON
3878 \$25 John & Cora Beking, Oxford Stn, ON
2663 \$50 Marco Armstrong, Nepean, ON
3547 \$125 Gerry Clairmont, North Gower, ON
0315 \$25 Juliana Fonkeng, Ottawa, ON
1167 \$25 Laura Lee Boyd & Allan Bourassa, Ottawa, ON
1123 \$50 Eleanor Cumming, Kemptville, ON
0702 \$20 Rose Mary Benvie, Ottawa, ON
0115 \$50 Carmen Desjardins, Stittsville, ON
3737 \$20 B. Tubman & R. Andrews, Nepean, ON
0697 \$50 Susan Beattie, Ottawa, ON
2174 \$25 Graeme Fraser, Ottawa, ON
1833 \$200 Maureen Carmichael, Lunenburg, ON
0196 \$25 Deborah Foster, Nepean, ON
0068 \$25 Maureen Smith, Ottawa, ON

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Chairing: Linda Flynn

Dr. Kumanan Wilson, The Ottawa Hospital: *Digital Solutions for Vaccine Hesitancy*

Intro: **Gaye Moffett** Thanks: **Merv Letts**

Greeters: **Jean Bégin, Merv Letts.** Grace: **Norm Thomas** Reception: **Jill Yarnell**

PP Draw: **Anup Subedi** Editor: **Gaye Moffett** Photos: **Brett Brooking**

Meeting fee/Attendance: **Alan Bowles**

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

PDG Martha Weaver: *LGBT Rotary Fellowship: making equity, inclusion and diversity a priority*

Intro: **Caroline DeWitt** Thanks: **Gaye Moffett**

Greeters: **Larry Chop, Robert Shaw-Wood.** Grace: **Jill Yarnell** Reception: **Dirk Keenan**

PP Draw: **Chris Wanna** Editor: **Graeme Fraser** Photos: **Larry Chop**

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