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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA  
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

**February 11, 2020**    **Editor: Ginette Thomas**

**PROGRAM:** Amy Nahwegahbow, President, and Kim Jerome, Director - Odawa Native Friendship Centre

## DUTIES

Greeters: **Peter Fisher, Eric Armstrong**; Reception: **Roy Miller**; Grace: **Brian Foster**; Past President Draw: **Clive Talbot**; Payments/Attendance: **Dave Morton**; Photographer: **Inna Flyazhenkova**; Editor: **Ginette Thomas**.

At 12:00 **President Pardeep Ahluwalia** invited us to the buffet, and at 12:24 he started the **27th** meeting of this Rotary year. Accompanied by **Rod Holmes**, we sang O Canada. **Brian Foster's** grace spoke of love for humanity. **Roy Miller** recognized guest speaker Amy Nahwegahbow and Odawa staff members Kimberley Jerome and Archie Hoskins; Norma Bannerman, guest of **Brian Hartley**; Karl Jeudy, Dora Tarkang and former member Wilmer Pulido with his young son Enoch, guests of **Ken Murray**. We sang our Welcome Song. **Clive Talbot** announced two draws for today's PP Draw: guest Archie Hoskins was the \$20 cash winner, and **Linda Flynn** won the elegant Valentine decoration that was made and donated by **Inna Flyazhenkova**.

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION (RCWOFC)

Essentially this was the Foundation's 2019 AGM. **Merv Letts** gave a slide presentation (available on request) on the Foundation board, operation, donations to date, and the activities funded. Contributions made to the Foundation are invested and only the earnings are spent. This gives the Club a stable source of funds. Since 2016, Foundation capital has grown to \$143,000, allowing the Club to spend \$2500-\$3000 per year on local initiatives. **Marcia Armstrong** then described ways we can donate to the RCWOFC. **Brett Brooking** demonstrated online donation via CanadaHelps.org, which is also a charity so the 4% administration fee it deducts is included in the charitable tax receipt. **Hadi Mortada** said we could also name the RCWO Foundation as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy and receive a tax-receipt for the yearly premiums. Contact **Marcia Armstrong** for more details.

**President Pardeep** added that the Club used CanadaHelps.org to raise funds for the Bahamas Disaster Relief and it worked well.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ken Murray** reminded us that the Awards Committee needs our help to recognize people in the community who are doing good work. He reviewed the Awards available. See **Ken's** e-mail "Awards Nominations" sent Jan 22 for awards criteria and nomination forms.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

## PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Board meeting: February 20 at Sterling Park Retirement Community. Everyone welcome.

Next Friday Morning Meeting: February 21 at Broadway Bar and Grill on Prince of Wales. 7:45 a.m.

District Conference: early registration available until February 15. Details at <https://rotary7040.com/sitepage/discon-2020/>

RI Convention June 6-10 in Hawaii: pre-registration is available until March 31. See <http://www.riconvention.org/en>

**President Pardeep** told of his January trip to El Salvador, to project fairs seeking international partners- Uniendo in Guatemala and Feria de Proyectos in Colombia (see <http://colombiarotaryprojects.com/>) - and several Rotary projects and has informed **Navin Parekh** on partnership opportunities. Our District International Committee is also identifying opportunities for club participation. **President Pardeep** experienced a “complete re-energization of Rotary” for himself by “seeing what it is we actually are doing, and WHY we are doing it”. He highly recommends visiting projects. Next year, the Uniendo will be in Panama and the Colombia fair will be in Medellin. He also attended a meeting of and exchanged banners with the Rotary Club of San Salvador Cuscatlán

#### PROGRAM:

**Marcia Armstrong** introduced Amy Nahwegahbow, current President of the Odawa Native Friendship Centre (ONFC) in Ottawa. Amy is Ojibway from the Whitefish First Nation just south of Sudbury. She also works with the First Nations Information Governance Centre.

Amy Nahwegahbow told us the ONFC is a non-profit organization with charitable status that has been providing community services and programs since 1975. Their recent move to the former Rideau High School in partnership with the Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Centre seems to have sparked a renewed energy. Their vision is “Odawa, a thriving and resilient community”, and their goal is to improve the quality of life for all Indigenous peoples in the Ottawa area. The ONFC is committed to cultural development, cultural awareness and promoting positive Indigenous images, and facilitates the development of skills, knowledge and leadership amongst Indigenous youth. Cultural events such as powwows offer participation in traditional practices and reach out. Everyone is welcome. Check out the delicious food – especially the Indian tacos! More information on: <http://www.odawa.on.ca/home.html>.

To answer **Ken Murray** Amy said the ONFC welcomes donations of Indigenous art for auctions, or to hang in community locations. To **Don Butler** Amy confirmed ONFC focus is on services, not political advocacy, but they have on occasion e.g. participated in rallies to support Indigenous causes. **Ed Balys** was told there are many Indigenous languages spoken in Ottawa because people come from all over Canada. **Andrew Young** learned that despite residential schools, elders and youth are increasingly acting to preserve and adapt their languages to modern situations.

**Merv Letts** thanked Amy for telling us about ONFC activities and confirmed that RCWO donate to End Polio as a thank-you. In addition, Amy was given cheque for \$3,000 from the RCWO Foundation to support the Odawa Native Friendship Centre.

#### HAPPY DOLLARS:

**President Pardeep** asked **Peter Fisher** to collect for the second time in as many weeks:

**Linda Flynn** at the District Team Training had been presented with the 2018-19 District Governor’s Avenues of Service Citation which she accepted on behalf of the Dictionary 4 Life Committee

**Peter Fisher** happy because **Eric Armstrong** filled in as a greeter for him today

**Ken Murray** was “glad for what we’ve got” as he thought of some friends from Red Deer quarantined on the cruise ship in Japan

**Roy Miller** was celebrating his 9th anniversary with Inna and contributed \$10 because he is optimistic that he will make it to 10!

**Merv** and **Marilyn Letts** had a great time at the Soc and Rec jazz night on the weekend.

**Andrew Young**, newly responsible for the duty roster, has, in light of **President Pardeep's** frequent absences, added a new duty line to the roster showing who will chair.

**Bill Rolph** was happy that **Rocco Disipio** has found him and Eleanor a new home as they must leave their current home

**Blair Armstrong** related his fond childhood memories of summers at the YMCA boys' camp on Golden Lake, Ontario

**President Pardeep** contributed to confirm that he WILL be around for the next few meetings!

MEETING CLOSE:

**President Pardeep** reminded us to be an inspiration and that Rotarians are people of action. The International Service Committee was scheduled to meet after Club meeting adjourned at 13:37.

#### CASH CALENDAR

Winners of the Cash Calendar draws for January 29 to February 11 and the \$1000 bonus draw February 3

1159 \$25 Joyce Henry, Ottawa, ON  
3307 \$25 Greg Wall, Kemptville, ON  
3574 \$50 Jodie Harrison, Greely, ON  
0150 \$50 Robin Ritchie, Ottawa, ON  
3636 \$20 Karen Yule, Oxford Mills, ON  
3691 \$25 Lauren Matura, Kemptville, ON  
0197 \$1,000 Michael Lewis, Ottawa, ON  
2533 \$125 Brant Smith, Stittsville, ON  
0257 \$25 Sonya Bradley, Ottawa, ON  
3233 \$50 Jennifer Cregan, Kars, ON  
2622 \$25 Francine Ste-Croix, Moonbeam, ON  
0587 \$50 Kami Link, Smiths Falls, ON  
2676 \$20 Philippe Bolduc, Ottawa, ON  
2616 \$50 Ruth Green, Gloucester, ON  
2209 \$100 Marian Hill, Port Elgin, ON

#### **Tuesday, February 18, 2020\***

Kevin Kablutsiak, Director Communications, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (Organisation to protect & advance Inuit rights)

Intro: **Marilyn Letts** Thanks: **Baxter Willis**

Greeters: **Rami Alsaqqa, Ed Balys** Grace: **Len Baird** Reception: **Henry Akanko**

PP Draw: **Doug Rowlands** Editor: **Roy Miller** Photos: **Jean Bégin**

Meeting fee/Attendance: **Dave Morton**

\* CHANGE OF VENUE: meeting will be held in the church basement hall

#### **Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

**Prof Johnny Marquez:** Classification talk - Canada and the geopolitics of energy

Intro: **Hadi Mortada** Thanks: **Ken Murray**

Greeters: **Hadi Mortada, Ken Murray** Grace: **Graeme Fraser** Reception: **Alan Bowles**

PP Draw: **Warren Creighton** Editor: **Jill Yarnell** Photos: **Mike Traub**

Meeting fee/Attendance: **Linda Flynn**



