



# Spinoff

**ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA** **Graeme**

**Fraser, President**  
**Nov 16 2021 Editor: Don Butler**

**PROGRAM:** Funding The Rotary Foundation (TRF): to fund our projects

**President Graeme Fraser** convened the meeting at 12:31 PM and began

by acknowledging that we are on the unceded lands of the

Algonquin-Anishinaabeg people, their long-time stewards. **Brett**

**Brooking** ran a video of four young men singing O Canada with what this

old scribe would call pop harmonies.

## **Guests :**

Regular guest Tony Watkins from Barbados, Dr Bader Ghazawii, RC Beirut Cedars and Robin Spencer, RC Ottawa South.

## **The Program:**

This program is to recognize that November is Rotary Foundation (TRF) Month At **President Graeme's** invitation Rotary International foundation (TRF) Committee Chair **Gord Leverton** took the floor and called on **Linda Flynn** to start the

program. **Linda** ran a short video recording <https://youtu.be/yYZyYybsfsU> in which she said the presentations on funding to TRF and granting from TRF would draw on the video **Gord** had sent us Nov 1. Her key messages were:

-TRF and the Rotary Club of West Ottawa Charitable Foundation are two entirely separate organizations. We are encouraged to contribute to both.

-TRF has three separate funds to which we can donate: the Annual Program Fund, Polio Eradication Fund and the Endowment fund. **Linda** and **Gord** would tell us more about these funds

-Our donations to TRF contribute to Club, District and World projects -**Susan Diening** would tell us how to access information on our donations to TRF

- **Joan Heyland** would tell us about TRF funded Global Scholarships and Peace Fellowships

On the TRF separate funds **Linda** told us that if we don't specify otherwise any donation will go to the Annual Program Fund (APF) which funds humanitarian project grants, vocational training teams, Global Scholarships and Peace Fellowships. The APF invests the money for three years and the interest funds TRF operations then 50% of the money comes back to the District as District Designated Funds (DDF) and divided roughly equally between District Grants and Global Grants. The other 50% goes to the World Fund to provide matching for District global grants, and support Global scholarships, Peace centers and other international activities.

If we specify, our donations can go to Polio Eradication and be used for support to polio eradication programs such as immunization and infection monitoring.

**Gord Leverton** took the mic and told us the Endowment Fund's principal is not spent but only what it earns from interest and dividends. The Endowment fund earnings are to ensure Rotary humanitarian and other activities can ride out economic downturns and low donations. We can donate directly to the Endowment fund or provide a donation in our will. A bequest of US\$ 1000 makes one a Benefactor. US \$ 10,000 and up makes one a member of the Bequest Society at various levels with different recognition tokens.

In another short video [https://youtu.be/s\\_hx-H17pHI](https://youtu.be/s_hx-H17pHI) **Susan Diening** showed us how to find out what we had donated to TRF and to which particular funds. **Susan's** slides show how to create an account but give her a call if you get stuck.

Finally **Joan Heyland** told us that our District would use some of its DDF to offer

a Us \$ 30,000 Global Grant Scholarship for 2022-23 for the first year of a master's program in one of the seven Rotary areas of focus. In January the Club will advertise for applications at Carleton U and U Ottawa. **Joan, Doug Rowlands** and **Clive Talbot** will review applications and select one or two candidates to endorse to the District Scholarship Committee which will choose the winner.. **Joan** said normally there are Peace Scholarships also offered but she had not received information from the District on these. Additionally there are three month professional development certificates in peace and conflict resolution. Ask **Joan** about these.

**Ken Murray** had a problem registering his TRF account and **Susan** and **Linda** undertook to look into it

**Gordon** challenged us to watch again the video he had sent us Nov 1 as it, along with the presentations today, would give us a deeper understanding of TRF which is an important tool for Rotarians to do more good than we can without it. He thanked his TRF team for pulling together this presentation on short notice. He reviewed the importance of donating to TRF and said we could email transfer donations to [westottawarotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:westottawarotaryclub@gmail.com) or send a cheque.

**President Graeme** took back the mic thanked **Gord** and again stressed the importance of donating to TRF. He hoped the Club members would average \$200 **President Graeme** hopes that our Club will contribute \$10,000 to TRF -\$200 per member- this year as donations were down in the District.

**Birthday Greetings** extended by **Fred Christie** on behalf of the Club foundation to: **Girija Dube Fred Sirotek; Dirk Keenan** and **Suan Cross**.

### **Announcements**

**Larry Chop** called again for participants in a guided visit to the War Museum Saturday Nov 27 at 10:00 a.m. Space is limited so let him know.

**Larry** also invited us to become citizen scientists by joining an international count of the birds we see at our bird feeders. <https://feederwatch.org/> (See annex 'Bird count')

**PDG Hadi Mortada** welcomed Dr Badar Ghazawi who had visited us before and invited him to tell us about a possible cooperation between his club and ours. Dr

Ghazawi recalled that we had joined other RCs and his RC Beirut Cedars in repairs to a Beirut hospital after the 2020 explosion. He told us that Beirut Cedars currently had cooperative projects in a number of areas with Canadian, US and European RCs totalling US \$ 3 million and hoped we could join in another project. He and **Hadi** will discuss

**Ron Scott** was grateful for the help in getting all the ads for the Cash Calendar sold. A large number of Calendars were out to possible sellers but there were still 800 Calendars in boxes The CC Committee hopes to get permission from retirement homes and the like to set up tables and sell calendars. Volunteers will be needed to staff those tables. Contact Ron or other committee members if you can help.

**Fred Christie** thanked **Mike Traub** for giving calendar sellers access to his group of homes.

#### **President Graeme:**

- we had been invited by RC Westmount to attend a virtual meeting Nov 17 at which Peter Blaikie, ex-president of the federal PC party, would speak on “The USA is a remarkable country”
  - RC Arnprior is back with Christmas cake for sale. Watch email
  - donate meeting fees to charity of choice.
  - register for District Conference
  - tree planting at Vincent Massey Park two weeks prior included **Frank Cranton, Graeme, Wilmer Pulido** and the new ICON Interact club along with RC Orleans members.
- Marcia Armstrong** is raffling off some high-end Argentinian wine to benefit Ottawa pollinator gardens. Tickets @ \$10. Watch email.

#### **Happy Dollars**

‘Ticked off’ by the impasse between the optometrists and the government **Ken Murray** phoned his MPP and got his side and then Justin Brown, CEO of the Optometrists Association and had a long conversation, He is proposing that the program committee consider Brown as a speaker

**Fred Christie** congratulated **Ken** on his Cash Calendar sales

**Bob Harrison** was happy at meeting his wife Arlene 58 years ago and their life of travels and work together.

**Gord Leverton** is happy to be part of our Rotary International Foundation

Committee. Today's presentation showed one reason why.

**Don Butler** would send appropriate funds for the new total of birthdays completed  
Other happy events were reported by **Ken Murray** and **Dave Morton**

### **Close**

**President Graeme** told us the next meeting would be hybrid with some going to St Elias. Instructions would be sent. After going over the Nov 23 meeting program he adjourned.

**NB: The in-person meeting scheduled for 23 Nov was cancelled Nov 22.**

The meeting Nov 30 is still scheduled to be hybrid

**23 November 2021 12:00 for 12:30**

**NOTE attend by Zoom only**

Steve Baker, RC Key Biscayne FL: "End Malaria Now Project in Colombia"

Introduced & Thanked: **Pardeep Ahluwalia**.

Spinoff: **Roy Miller**

Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81365346181>

See **President Graeme** email for log-in details

**ANNEX  
BIRD COUNT**

**WHAT IS FEEDERWATCH?**

<https://feederwatch.org/>

Project FeederWatch turns your love of feeding birds into scientific discoveries. FeederWatch is a November-April survey of birds that visit backyards, nature centers, community areas, and other locales in North America. It started in Canada and as it grew, the organization teamed up with Cornell University, one of the largest organizations that support Bird Monitoring.

This large pool of data has been used in many scientific studies and even has persuaded governments take action to protect birds.

If you don't want to join Bird feeder watch, there are other ways of being a

Citizen Scientist as :

Merlin <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/merlin/id>

iNaturalist <https://www.inaturalist.org/>

Pl@ntNet <https://identify.plantnet.org/>

eBird <https://ebird.org/home>

BirdNet The easiest way to identify birds by sound. <https://birdnet.cornell.edu/>

As well as my own commitment, this is in memory of Brian Foster who was a great Scientist in his own right and was a firm believer in environmental action including **Citizen Scientists**. “Think globally, act locally”

**Larry Chop**