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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Graeme Fraser, President

January 17 2023, Editor: Don Butler

Hybrid: Zoom and Best Western City Center (Macies)

Program: **Theresa Jamone** Classification talk

Video https://youtu.be/5wYA59_TK2E

We begin

So as not to interrupt prematurely the lively premeeting chitchat (which included **John Kersley** pledging 80 Happy \$ to celebrate Trudy's birthday), **President Graeme Fraser** opened the 26th meeting of this Rotary year a few minutes after 12:30. He acknowledged that we meet on unceded lands of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place. The O Canada video was sung by The Sultans of String on a beach using some instruments and rhythms redolent of India.

Guests:

President Graeme recognized Jennifer Broad, who was guest of **Josh Gray** and his colleague at LiveWorkPlay and visitor Denise Antrobus (RC of Barbados). Other guests, there to hear **Theresa Jamone's** Classification Talk, included Vino Khimasia (guest of **Theresa**), Helen (**Theresa's** sister), Harvey Hope (former colleague of **Theresa's**), Sharon Smith, Witold Merkis and Geraldine (Algonquin College). Denise Antrobus (RC of Barbados).

Program

Linda Flynn told us she was delighted to introduce **Theresa Jamone** who had become a member as a result of a chance meeting with **Linda**. Since joining the club, she had joined wholeheartedly in Club activities, such as the archives management, posting sponsor ads on Twitter & Facebook ads for the Cash Calendar, selling Cash Calendars and Mums and work in the Environment committee.

Theresa took the mic and added to the above note on the meeting guests that they included her instructors from Algonquin college. She said that her classification might be better narrowed to Management of Records rather than of Information.

In 2020 covid had ended her volunteering at a bookshop and she was looking for a sense of purpose. On a in July 2021 walk she paused at the Little Lending Library on **Linda Flynn's** lawn and got talking with **Linda**. **Linda** told her about Rotary literacy programs including Dictionary for Life and other volunteer activities. She came to a couple meetings and joined our Club.

Theresa was the youngest of 11 children and grew up on the shores of Georgian bay. Canoeing, piano lessons, paper route, drawing, forest “escapes” marked her childhood. After graduating from high school in 1981 she took night courses and worked at several things focussing in 1986 on MS information processing and project management. She earned a business analysis certificate and in December 2022 completed the Algonquin College program for Archives and Records Management.

Theresa has had a variety of jobs including retail service, librarian (which she loved), administration and has worked in various jobs over 35 years for the Egg Farmers of Canada where she now “onboards” new employees in IT use and support. She is the mother of four, single since 2003 and grandmother of three. The family gets together monthly on Discord. She enjoys drawing, writing bad poetry and puttering with house plants. She has had a wide range of volunteer experience in library support, environmental protection and has found a new happy place in working on management of the Club archives. She published a novel in 2011 and writes a blog <https://deep-blonde-thoughts.com/> and doodles on <http://deepblondethoughts.ca/> . Her interests now are the health and safety of women and children, affordable housing, water security, and literacy and education. She likes working in small teams or on individual tasks. In Rotary she likes the fellowship, volunteer opportunities and the hybrid meetings.

Q&A

Answering **Tom Belton Theresa** never met Bobby Orr but her brothers might have; To **Don Butler** on her novel she suggested he check the web (see <http://www.yearoftherabbit.ca/>). To Brett Brooking she reviewed some of the changes she had during her decades working with IT. She now prefers records management as being more “solid and reliable”.

Linda Flynn thanked **Theresa** for her talk saying the Club was richer for having her as a member. (see Theresa’s presentation https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1cEvzHq6QGhnWlr3KQH8rEXHCURSRE37aNbE0gVzu3OE/edit?usp=share_link)

Birthdays

With the reminder to support our Club foundation **Marcia Armstrong**, on behalf of us all wished a happy birthday to January celebrants **Tom Belton, Jean Holbert-Leighton, Bill Rolph, Ron Baker and Bob Harrison**

Announcements

President Graeme asked that we get Cash Calendar draw entry cards and sales proceeds in soon so we can start the prize draws.

-he has a Paul Harris Fellow pin for **Nigel Lever**, his fifth and will give it to him when he comes back from Florida. Suggests that the rest of us on- line meeting participants could donate to the Rotary Foundation what we are not paying to attend in person.

Happy Dollars

Ron Doll was happy about the well groomed ski trails near Ottawa. Also happy about his forthcoming two week trip to Panama

Mary Wattie was happy that she and **Joe** had gone to Oshawa to meet their second grandchild.

Caroline DeWitt had not yet fully recuperated but was happy to have been visited by daughter Dawn with whom she travelled to Palm Springs to visit other family members.

Theresa Jamone contributed \$20 to celebrate completing her Algonquin College archives and records management program.

Bill Rolph reported that his grandchildren were doing well in their studies. A planned family reunion in Arnprior had been put off by covid hitting some members. He appreciated **Theresa's** talk and regretted not getting to know her better before he moved on from the Club archive work.

Doreen Ide contributed \$62 to mark the same numbered wedding anniversary. Her explanation for the success of the marriage was a horrible honeymoon involving blizzard, food poisoning and an encounter with a rat

Ginette Thomas put in \$10 for a long holiday in Victoria without Covid restrictions.

Fred Christie said he was always happy to be with Marilyn and the family in Pennsylvania. Fred has prepaid his H\$. He would be back in March

Meeting Ends

President Graeme told us that at the next, Jan 24 , meeting we would learn about an affordable housing project in Bells Corners. With his usual urging to keep safe and get our shots he then adjourned the meeting.

Cash Calendar winners

<http://www.ottawarotarycalendar.com/2022-winners.html>

Next Meeting

Hybrid.

January 24 2023

“Doors open” 12:00. Meeting proper starts @ 12:30

Kathryn Otley, Rector at Christ Church, Bells Corners- *About Hollyer House*

Intro and thanks **Gavin Schnobb**

Spinoff: **Don Butler**

In person at Best Western Plus, City Center (Macies)

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

Meeting ID: 813 6534 6181

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