



ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Marcia Armstrong, President

December 10 2024 Editor: Don Butler

This meeting was hybrid

(In person at **New Desi Zaiqa Restaurant**
Carlingwood Shopping Centre)

Program:

In-person: 37 members including 2 inductees

Online: 18 members, 2 guests

Opening:

President Marcia Armstrong opened the 23rd meeting of the 120th Rotary Year noting that December 10 is International Human Rights Day. She reflected on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, emphasizing equality, liberty, and dignity. She acknowledged that we meet on the unceded land of the Algonquin Anishinaabe people.

She welcomed Jocelyn Burns and Anab Mohammed, who would be inducted later in the meeting, and online guest Akiko (?Sakiyama.?)

O Canada video sung by male soloist with instrument backing and Canadian scenes.

New member inductions

President Marcia asked Jocelyn Burns and Anab Mohammed to come forward. **Linda Flynn** introduced them. Jocelyn brings 15 years of senior living sales experience and has already contributed to club projects like Mums and Cash Calendars.

Anab is public servant with expertise in change management and international charity work. She supports literacy and numeracy programs benefiting women and girls in rural Somalia.

Jocelyn and **Anab** each received a Rotary welcome kit, and were respectively assigned **Mike Traub** and **Jean Holbert-Leighton** as mentors to support their journey in the Club. **Jocelyn's** classification would be Retired Living- Sales and Marketing and **Anab's** would be Public Administration. **Jocelyn** would be assigned to the Youth Service and Events and Fundraising Committees and **Anab** to the Membership and International Service Committees.

Slate of Officers for 2025-26:

Ginnette Thomas was confirmed as President. **Larry Chop** and **Lynne Fraser** would be stepping down to be replaced by **Brian Labelle** and **David McGregor**. The new Directors at Large would be **Susan Diening** and **Jean Hobert Leighton**. Moved by **Graeme Fraser** and seconded by **Mary Wattie** the slate was approved by the meeting.

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Financial Statements for 2023-24 fiscal year

Dave Morton presentation highlights:

Successful fundraising through Mums (\$88,000) and the Cash Calendar (\$60,000).

- A \$14,000 service fund deficit funded from reserves.
- a strong \$190,000 asset balance.
- Rotary Foundation donations totaling \$20,000, with \$10,000 supporting the Rotary Home Foundation.

General fund: Pays operation of the Club

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LDpbevAQuiM2UsgwPKlpzMT0PLJLlaKr/view?usp=sharing>

Service Fund: pays Club service and charitable donation expenses

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Balance sheet:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jLITihOwYCy4SzkHTGoSQw5kxRll1Q2n/view?usp=sharing>

Members approved the financial statements following a motion by **Pardeep Ahluwalia** and seconded by **Hadi Mortada**

Club Foundation donations

Jean Bégin announced a \$16,000 disbursement including \$2,500 for Polio Plus to match member donations and \$13,500 for community service of which \$3,000 is to be used for the planned spring mental health initiative.

Announcements:

Past Presidents Draw. Won by **Brett Brooking**

Soc and Rec Ron Doll announced the New Year's Levee on January 5, encouraging directors to attend and connect with members. See **Lynne Fraser** email and advise by Jan 2

Other business

1. Attendance Award:
Pardeep Ahluwalia received his pin for his perfect attendance over the past year
2. **Linda Flynn** called on the 35 members who had not bought a Cash Calendar to please buy at least one.

3. Lebanon Fundraiser:

Hadi Mortada asked for support to families displaced by conflict in Lebanon. The club aims to raise \$9,000 to provide food, heating, and other essentials for 50 families. Members can donate via the Club website or Treasurer.

See https://drive.google.com/file/d/12f4o8K28rRySYUCn_DK9vn0bC-cAfujr/view?usp=sharing

4. Venue Search Update:

Miriam Fraser reviewed potential meeting venues, highlighting challenges with parking, capacity, and location. Members agreed to continue exploring options. **Jake Maarse** asked that we choose a place with an atmosphere of energy to attract younger members

5. Rotary Podcasts:

Hugh Williams previewed the club's new Rotary Reflections video series and the Big Ideas Podcast, featuring insights on topics like youth homelessness and aging safely at home.

6. Interact Shoe Drive:

The Interact Club of Ottawa Neighbours ICON is hoping to collect 25,000 pairs of shoes for those who need them -Soles for Souls. Members are encouraged to bring donations to January meetings.

Closing:

President Marcia concluded the meeting with a reflection inspired by Desmond Tutu, emphasizing inclusion, love, and togetherness within the Rotary family. She reminded members of the next meeting's Holiday Lunch at St. Elias and encouraged everyone to join the festivities. Adjournment

Next Meeting - Hybrid

Tuesday, Dec 17 2024

St Elias Banquet Centre

750 Ridgewood Ave (opposite Mooney's Bay)

Luncheon at noon. Party program starts 12:30

Program: Holiday Party

MC. Rod Holmes

Spinoff: **Don Butler**

For log on info for Zoom see invitation