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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA;
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

March 19, 2019

Editor: Rod Holmes

PROGRAM: NORTHERN YOUTH ABROAD

DUTIES

President Pardeep Ahluwalia, presiding; Greeters, **Nigel Lever**, **Mary Wattie**; Reception, **Brian Foster**; Grace, **Pres. Pardeep** subbing for **Doreen Ide**; PP Draw, **Graeme Fraser**; Attendance/Payment, **Linda Flynn**; Editor, **Rod Holmes**.

MEETING BEGINS EARLY

Following the usual buffet meal, **President Pardeep** called the meeting to order early in order to fit in an additional topic for discussion. We sang *O Canada* and **Pardeep** offered the Grace. **Brian Foster** came forward and introduced our visitors: returning for a second visit was Johnny Marquez, Rotarian from Caracas, Venezuela; Brian Baker; and guest speaker, Kira Zanyk Davey. Members rose and sang our Welcome Song. While all this was proceeding, **Doug Heyland** circulated a sympathy card to be signed for PDG Bette Miller (Cornwall Sunrise), whose husband, Dale, passed away last week. Then **Brian Hartley** won a Shopper's Drug Mart gift card in the draw run by **Graeme Fraser**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alan Bowles thanked members for meeting today's deadline with nominations for club awards; entries in the double digits.

Bea Osome, just back from Kenya, came forward to present a banner from the RC of Sagam. We welcomed her home.

Dave Morton announced that the new Donor Wall at Cornerstone would be unveiled at 3.45 pm this Friday.

Rocco Disipio, on behalf of the Soc & Rec committee, announced an evening at Rideau Carleton Slots, Sunday evening, either April 28 or May 5. Watch for a folder to be circulated next week. He also gave us advance notice that the annual club BBQ chez Ballys would be on Saturday, June 15 with **Phil & Victor** preparing the BBQ victuals.

Graeme Fraser whipped up interest in the MUSIC FOR HUMANITY concert, Saturday, April 13th at 7.30 pm in the Beechwood Cemetery Sacred Space. Get your tickets from **Carol Bell Thompson**. \$25 per person.

Pardeep reminder us of the District Foundation Dinner & Training Session in Cornwall, April 6 and 7. And the Ottawa Rotary Golf-a-Thon at Emerald Links G&CC on Monday, June 10, a joint event with RCWO, RC Ottawa and the Rotary Home.

DRAFT DISTRICT BUDGET

President Pardeep presented the District draft budget, which all district clubs must review and vote on. This was a balanced budget, more transparent than in the recent past, with revenues and expenditures expected to be similar to last year, allowing for a projected loss of about 80 Rotarians (or about 4.4%); a troubling decrease in donations to The Foundation was also noted. Those not present, who are interested in more details, may contact **Pres. Pardeep**. On a motion by **Ken Murray**, seconded by **Doug Rowlands**, the draft budget was unanimously approved.

PROGRAM

Ken Murray introduced Kira Zanyk Davey, Program Officer with Northern Youth Abroad (NYA), a registered non-profit charitable organization that cultivates youth leadership in Nunavut and NWT. Kira started with NYA in 2010 as a summer student and returned in 2012 after graduating from Queen's U with a BA (hons) in Global Development Studies, Kira has enjoyed working directly with NYA participants, supporting volunteers and coordinating host families.

In a fast-paced visual presentation Kira told us how NYA works. Their gateway is the Canadian Program for 36 – 42 participants, open to Nunavut and NWT youth ages 15 – 20, (98% Indigenous). This program features preparation in the participant's home community, orientation in Ottawa, placement during the summer in a southern Canadian community where participants live with a host family and volunteer 35 hours per week at a professional workplace. Before returning north they gather again in Ottawa to document the positive changes they have experienced and discuss how to maintain them and use them to benefit their home communities. This emphasizes career skills, work experience, leadership, confidence, cultural awareness and helps them earn high school credits. Its curriculum is reflective and adaptive, addressing specific needs of those from the North.

Canadian Program alumni under age 22 can participate in NYA Next, a program which further promotes education, personal growth and career preparation. After preparation of a Personal Learning Project at home participants have a week of orientation in Ottawa and then move to Algonquin College completing a construction and building course and engage in volunteer work. Alumni under 22 can also participate in the NYA International Program which involves group travel to a summer placement in an international location (currently to Costa Rica) where the young people contribute to community initiatives and develop professional skills. Funding comes from territorial and federal governments, northern service associations and companies and other organizations operating in the north. It is also supported by volunteers and bursaries. For additional information about these programs go to nya.ca

Following a question & answer session, Kira was thanked by **Marilyn Letts**.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Baxter Willis was asked to collect this week.

Jack Troughton deposited \$5 in appreciation for last week's celebration.

Nigel Lever, absent last week, added \$50 to the pot in appreciation of **Jack's** mentorship to him when approaching his year as president.

Susan Diening asked us to remember March 21, Down Syndrome Day, and support it by wearing two different socks. **Susan's** grand-daughter has down syndrome.

Ron Scott, just back from Florida where, with grandchildren and parents, met every Disney princess, making him an expert.

Frank Cranton is just back from Costa Rica, where the temperature was 38° the whole week.

Bea Osome was glad to be back with us.

Blair Armstrong added \$5 to reminisce about being in Venezuela in 1968 with a Rotary-sponsored group.

Pardeep Ahluwalia was pleased to be back and deposited \$25.50, a nickel for every minute in the surgical operating theatre last week.

MEETING CLOSE

President Pardeep closed the meeting with a reminder that next week various committees would meet.

PHOTOS

<https://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2019-03-19-kira-zanyk-davey-northern-youth-abroad>

CASH CALENDAR WINNERS

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for March 13 – 19, 2019:

0162	\$25	Larysa Bondalevich, Ottawa, ON
3044	\$25	Patricia Ward, Kemptville, ON
0679	\$50	Kirk Hoppner, Ottawa, ON
3638	\$25	George Serencko, Kemptville, ON
1951	\$50	Ms Dawn Clark, Haileybury, ON
2624	\$25	Gina St. Amour, Ottawa, ON
0412	\$20	Jennifer McGuire, Kemptville, ON

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Greeters: **Mary Wattie, Dirk Keenan** Reception: **Doug Rowlands** Grace: **Andrew Young**
PP Draw: **Hadi Mortada** Editor: **Rocco Disipio** Meeting fee/Attendance: **Linda Flynn**

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Elly Daidi, CEO, United World Voices on "ArtWorks" program

Intro: **Dave Morton** Thanks: TBA

Greeters: **Eugen Achihaei, Henry Akanko** Reception: **Marcia Armstrong** Grace: **Sabby Duthie**
PP Draw: **Bob Harrison** Editor: **Don Butler** Meeting fee/Attendance: **Mary Wattie**



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