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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA;  
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President  
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## Program: Ian McConnachie- Dentistry in post-earthquake Haiti

### DUTIES

Grace: **Luana Achihaei**; Greeters: **Eric Armstrong** and **Joan Heyland**; Attendance: **Doreen Ide**; Reception: **Brett Brooking**; PP Draw: **Clive Talbot**;

### MEETING BEGINS

Following the singing of the anthem with **Rod Holmes** at the piano, President **Pardeep Ahluwalia**, in the unexpected absence of **Luana Achihaei**, provided an impromptu grace focusing on service to those in need. **Brett Brooking** then announced visitors: Bill Thomas was a visiting Rotarian from Philadelphia; Sarah, Dustin and Doug Stelck were family guests of **Don Butler**; Darcy Keenan was guest of brother **Dirk Keenan**; Pat Henry was the guest of **Keith**; **Gaye Moffett** was accompanied by son Gavin Schnobb: Tammy Whelan of LiveWorkPlay to be inducted as a member, and Ian McConnachie, our guest speaker. **Rod Holmes** on the keyboard then accompanied our singing of the Welcome Song. The PP Draw winner was **Don Butler's** nephew, Dustin Stelck.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

-**Ken Murray** announced that the roster for the Ottawa Dictionary 4 Life program this year is now full and thanked all who will participate.  
-**Brett Brooking** invited participation in shoe sorting at Dymon's in Kanata Saturday Oct 13 at 0930 hrs.  
-**Caroline De Witt** thanked the 20 Rotarians who came before the October 2 meeting to number the 2019 Cash Calendars.  
-**Marcia Armstrong** advised that 5581 Mums plants were delivered this year, and that 4546 of these were delivered by RCWO members. Brian Waters was acknowledged for

his sales work. Net income of \$43,000 from the project will be shared by RCWO with its partners.

-**Bill Rolph** announced the 2018/19 concert program of the Rideau Chorale at Southminster United Church on Bank Street. Handel's Messiah will be presented on December 6 and 7; Mozart's Requiem on April 5; and a "Last Night of the Proms" show on June 8.

### MEMBER INDUCTION

**Jen Soucy** introduced **Tammy Whelan** who was welcomed as a Corporate Member, representing LiveWorkPlay. **Jen** remarked on **Tammy's** passion for people and told us of her hobbies and that she is the mother of two. **Jean Begin** is to be her mentor. **Graeme Fraser** provided her with her Rotary kit and badge and announced that she would be assigned to the Youth Services Committee.

### PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There would not be a meeting the following week (October 16).  
- The charter creating the Metro Ottawa Rotary Club will be celebrated on October 15.  
- The Rotary District Conference will be held in Kingston, Oct 26-28  
- There will be an End Polio Now event Oct 20 on Parliament Hill, organized by the Rotaract Club of South Ottawa. RCWO Members will be asked to come.  
- RCWO will purchase 150 stuffed toy penguins from the Rotaract club to support its End Polio Now fundraiser. The Gates Foundation will match our purchase amount. We will donate the penguins to the Rotary Home and/or CHEO and possibly others. Suggestions as to other penguin recipients are welcome.

-The 2019 Cash Calendars are available now. Each Rotary member should undertake to sell at least five calendars.

-Reid Asseltine, President of the Rotary Foundation Canada, will speak to the South Nepean Rotary Club on October 18.

- He thanked members for their kind wishes on the passing of his mother. He also thanked the Past Presidents who acted for him during his recent absence (i.e. **Ali Pahlavani, Ken Murray, Bob Harrison and Graeme Fraser**).

- He told us he had worn a tie to placate those who have complained in the past about his attire. He promised to continue looking eminently presidential.

- Finally he recognized birthdays: his own and those of **Alan Bowles, Keith Henry, Ginette Thomas, Mary Wattie and Claudette Léger-Paillé**.

## PRESENTATION

**Mike Traub** introduced his brother-in-law, Ian McConnachie, a dentist with a history of volunteer humanitarian service in central America and the Caribbean for over 10 years.

McConnachie spoke to his four projects in Haiti after the devastating earthquake of 2010. His first visit was to Cap Haitien, where US and Canadian NGOs had set up hospitals and an orphanage. Access to electricity, transportation infrastructure, and technicians was very limited. Visits followed in 2013, 2015 and 2017. He was able to go beyond basic pain relief to more sophisticated restorative procedures. He also spoke of the endemic violence in the area, and of the humanity of local volunteers who provided translation services and of the loan by a construction company of a powerful generator to provide electricity for the clinic to function on a daily basis. His accompanying photographs were of everyday life in street markets, of colourful local buses and of motorcycles which were daily transport for children going to school. The parents pay for the schools and parents take pride in dressing their children properly for school. Compelling was a photo of a giant tractor positioning the generator. **Gaye Moffett** thanked Ian and presented him with a memento and said that RCWO would mark his presentation with a donation to End Polio Now. **President Pardeep** told us that he had worked in Haiti with CIDA before the earthquake and that problems were serious even then.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

**Rami Alsaqqa** was tasked with corralling Happy Dollar contributors.

-**Don Butler** was happy to have family members in attendance

-**Fred Sirotek** was decidedly unhappy that the RCWO borrower of his book about his adventures leaving communist Czechoslovakia had not returned it yet.

-**Bud McGinnis** passed on a greeting to the Club from Nella, a server from when RCWO met at the Talisman.

-**Tammy Whelan** was happy to be a newly-minted member of RCWO.

-**Jim Maxwell** was happy that his son was back from Swaziland (Eswatini) for Thanksgiving. 203 children were now in his son's Swazi orphanage. Orphanage water supply now meets needs thanks to storage tanks built with Rotary funds.

-**Merv Letts** attended the Ottawa 67s game on Saturday and was impressed by the quality of play and lack of violence.

-**Hadi Mortada** told us about his visit to New York City over the weekend. Presumably he said "no" when asked at the border about smoking marijuana.

-**Bill Rolph** told us that he spent Thanksgiving with his grandchildren; one of them is training to be a geriatric care nurse. His granddaughter back from Brazil has prepared a video of her time there.

-**Ron Doll** thanked **President Pardeep** for driving during their Mums delivery. **Ron** also noted that his daughter and six others had attended an event in San Diego to receive for the City of Ottawa the 2018 International Festival and Events Association's "World Festival and Event City Award" for management of the Canada 150 events last year.

-**Doreen Ide** thoroughly enjoyed her recent holiday in Italy, which had included visiting a southern Italian town where citizens had lived in cave dwellings until the 1950s. The dwellings are now occupied by hotels and restaurants etc.

## MEETING ENDS

**President Pardeep** reported that RCWO members had raised \$2000 for tornado relief in the National Capital, and that this would be matched by a grant from our Community Services Committee. He then ended the meeting with the reminder to 'Be the inspiration' and to invite likely people to check us out at a meeting

## PHOTOS

<https://www.rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2018-10-09-ian-mcconnachie-dental-awareness-in-haiti> taken by **Larry Chop**

## CASH CALENDAR

Winners of the Cash Calendar draws for September 26 – October 9, 2018:

2636 \$25 Ann Hogan, Orleans, ON  
0808 \$25 Elie Absi, Nepean, ON  
2179 \$20 Emily Buys, Vars, ON  
2820 \$20 Todd Belaire, Hammond, ON  
1681 \$25 Garth Johnson, Gloucester, ON  
0581 \$25 Melanie & Chris Poirier, Lombardy, ON  
3390 \$25 Sarah Starkie, Ottawa, ON

3367 \$25 Brenda Allen, Kanata, ON  
0910 \$20 Leigh Street, Mountain, ON  
2884 \$25 Casey Havekes, Mountain, ON  
2406 \$20 Muriel White, Kemptville, ON  
3750 \$50 Len Baird, Ottawa, ON  
1094 \$25 Tim Norris, Nepean, ON  
3724 \$20 James Gardner, Ottawa, ON

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018**

**No Meeting**

St Elias unavailable. Dictionaries for Life (D4L) week

**Tuesday, October 23, 2018**

**Brian Foster:** Classification talk- Research Science

Intro: **Jim Maxwell** Thanks: **Bud McGinnis**

Greeters: **Navin Parekh, Brian Foster** Reception: **Jim Maxwell**

Grace: **Victor Mazzola** PP Draw: **TBA** Editor: **Don Butler**

Sales/Attendance: **Doreen Ide**

**Tuesday, October 30, 2018**

Dr Ted Burnside: Supply Management- effect of the USMCA on Canadian dairy sector

Intro: **Doreen Ide** Thanks: **Merv Letts**

Greeters: **Dirk Keenan, Norm Thomas** Reception: **Dave Morton**

Grace: **Caroline De Witt** PP Draw: **Joe Parkinson** Editor: **Rod Holmes**

Sales/Attendance: **Doreen Ide**

