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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA
Jean Bégin, President

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ROTARY VISITORS DAY

There was a definite “buzz” in the room with what had to have been well over 100 Rotarians and their guests present. Interact students and their two teachers from Woodroffe High School had come early to help set up the ShelterBox tent in the outside hallway.

At 1200 **President Jean Bégin** invited us to go to the buffet. At 1220 she rang the bell and welcomed everyone to the 36th meeting of the Rotary Year with a special welcome to all the visitors who had joined us today. She hoped that their attendance would spark their interest in joining our club. She then asked us to rise and sing O Canada accompanied by **Rod Holmes** on the key board. **Ron Scott** then said a thoughtful, classic Rotarian grace.

Ken Murray then recognized this week’s guests who included Area Governor Fay Campbell and visiting Rotarians from Red Deer Lolita and Hans Wiesner. **Ken** gave a special mention to the Woodroffe Interact Club members and their teachers and then asked all the other visitors and guests to stand. We sang them our traditional Welcome song and they applauded us.

Joan Heyland’s Past President Draw had two prizes- an Indigo gift card from **Joan** won by **Linda Flynn**, and a hat and T-shirt donated by Cindy Wheeler, the Director of Development at the Rotary Home. **Larry Chop** won these happily adding to his baseball hat collection.

For this week’s Website trivia contest **Linda Flynn** told us the challenge and the answer. From the basket of correct entries last week’s winner, **Marilyn Letts**, drew the name of **President Jean** who thus won six homemade butter tarts. Mmmmm, good!

Graeme Fraser, Chairperson of the Membership Committee, took the microphone to tell our guests about our Club. **Graeme** began by thanking **Merv Letts** and **Ken Murray** for pulling together this successful Rotary Visitors Day. He then thanked the Club committees and outside groups for setting up the displays and encouraged us to visit them. At our tables were one-page collations prepared by

Rod Holmes of summaries from some of the committees of what had happened at their meetings the previous week.

Graeme explained there are three types of membership: Regular for a single person; Corporate where a business can join and have up to 4 people active in the Club; Associate for an individual to participate in specific Club activities. **Graeme** opined “joining Rotary will change your life.”

Graeme then told about our fundraising: the golf tournament, the Cash Calendar, Mums for Thanksgiving and Music for Humanity. Run by Club members and partners they provide the money for local and international projects. Locally we support the Ottawa Rotary Home, a respite home for children and families; the Dave Smith Treatment Centre for Adolescents; camperships for deserving children; wheelchairs for needy persons; Dictionary 4 Life which promotes literacy by giving dictionaries to Grade three children in beacon schools; the Interact Club at Woodroffe High School. Internationally we support Rotary peace and development studies in Thailand; club members have built a school and medical clinic in a large Nairobi slum and caused over nine wells to be drilled in rural Kenyan schools. Proceeds of our Music for Humanity concert April 7 for End Polio Now will be matched 2:1 by the Bill and Belinda Gates Foundation.

Pardeep Ahluwalia, President Elect and outgoing chair of the Cash Calendar project, thanked the businesses for buying ads which covers production costs. Calendar sales dollars can thus all go to local community support. 2018 Calendar sales exceeded the previous best in 2014 and Club partners, particularly Kemptville RC contributed well over half the total.

Caroline De Witt told of her experience as a new Club member. She joined our club in 2017 for the fellowship and to give back by participating in Club services. She had found our members welcoming, professional and friendly and encouraged guests to consider joining us.

Then came the exciting part of the meeting.

President Jean presented to John Lark, chair of the Rotary Home Foundation and Cindy Wheeler, Director of Development at the Rotary Home, a cheque for \$10,000.00. John Lark thanked the club members saying there wouldn't be a Rotary Home if it weren't for the Rotary Club of West Ottawa.

General Announcements:

Jen Adhe, chair for the Music for Humanity concert, reviewed the details of the event which took place the following Saturday, April 7. Tickets were available at the meeting, all week from Jen's office, at the door or through Eventbrite. A draw at the end of the meeting offered 4 free concert tickets donated by club members who could not come.

President Announcements:

Happy Birthday today, April 3, to **Mike Traub**.

The Foundation Walk is taking place this year in Kingston on Saturday May 12th. See her e-mail.

Happy Dollars

President Jean asked **Luana Achihaei** who collected from:

- **Ken Murray** was happy to have his Rotary friends, Hans and Lolita Wiesner from Red Deer with him.
- Lolita Wiesner said she was happy to be here too
- Tom Belton was happy to be back visiting with his Rotary friends and lamented not being able to connect with **Graeme Fraser** because his email changes all the time
- **Clive Talbot** joined Rotary 40 years ago and, three clubs later and having served as District Governor, he was emphatic that joining Rotary had changed his life.
- **Bill Rolph** told us he has never regretted his decision to join Rotary following a friend's invitation. He enjoys being the Club's archivist. Also, his 15-year-old granddaughter is having the time of her life as a Rotary exchange student in

Cash Calendar

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week, March 28 – April 3, 2018:

0763 \$20 Jonathan Rochon, Cobourg, ON
0799 \$25 Neil MacMillan, Kemptville, ON
2114 \$50 Paul Picklyk, Orleans, ON
0114 \$50 Tony Del Corvo, Oakville, ON
1002 \$20 Ted Baldwin, Ottawa, ON
0800 \$25 Gloria Dalglish, Kemptville, ON
0425 \$125 Normand Bergevin, Embrun, ON

northern Brazil and meeting other exchange students from all over the world.

- **Denzil Feinberg** returned from South Africa where he had visited family members and competed in the 120 km Around the Cape bicycle race. He also offered to give a presentation of his "jungle" pictures at a club program.
- Fay Campbell, Area Governor, had been told by her nephew that he was going to join Rotary.
- **Doug Heyland** told us of the many Rotary Fellowships for different interests. He and Joan have joined the International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (see <https://www.ithf.org/>) which helped him and Joan when travelling to New Zealand, Denmark and the Balkans.
- **Pardeep Ahluwalia** was glad **Sucha Mann** had asked him to come to our club meeting 2 years ago. Next year he's going to be Club President.
- **Hadi Mortada** told of the close friendships he had made as a member of this club for 15 years and thanked **Chris Wanna** who introduced him to our Club. He was triple happy that his guests: Duane Parks from Rogers Media; Bill Ayyad from Park n Fly and Marietta D'Alessio from Best Version Media were present.
- Marietta D'Alessio was happy to be **Hadi's** guest and was impressed with what our club does.
- **Graeme Fraser** told us an old Club fellowship program, 'Voyageurs', was going to be resurrected for this coming September 14 & 15.

Meeting pictures @

<http://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2018-04-03-rcwo-rotary-visitors-day>

Meeting close

President Jean now encouraged all of us to visit the displays and speak to the exhibitors. And this was done by many who remained afterwards well past the official closing time. She reviewed the program and meeting team for April 10th, reminded us we are Rotary Making a Difference and to bring likely acquaintances to a meeting, thanked us for coming and ended the meeting.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Bette Miller, District Dir. TRF Grants and Peter Labelle: District news, challenges, projects

Intro: **Navin Parekh**

Thanks: **Doug Rowlands**

**Greeters: Caroline De Witt, Anup Subedi Grace: Carol Bell Thompson PP Draw: Chris Wanna
Reception: Pardeep Ahluwalia Ticket Sales/Attendance: Mary Wattie Editor: Rod Holmes**

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Hugo Genest- Peace Studies as a Rotary Fellow in Thailand

Intro: Joan Heyland Thanks: Clive Talbot

**Greeters: Norm Thomas, Cletus Peters Grace: Henry Akanko PP Draw: Andrew Young
Reception: Bob Harrison Ticket Sales/Attendance: Mary Wattie Editor: Rocco Disipio**

