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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA
Jean Bégin, President

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PROGRAM: DISTRICT NEWS AND TRF GRANTS

THE FIRST HOUR

What a difference a week makes! Last Tuesday West Ottawa Rotary convened a very successful Visitors Day with an attendance of 54 members, 11 guests and exhibitors, and 28 potential Rotarian guests. A week later, 45 members attended and hardly a guest in sight. But wait: we did welcome back former member, Bea Osome, here to thank us for helping finance her work in Kenya. We also greeted speakers Bette Miller and Peter Labelle, representing District 7040. **President Jean Bégin** presided, ringing the bell at noon to signal a lineup at the buffet. At 1230 the meeting began with a moment of reflection for the families of Humboldt who so tragically lost members of their hockey family; and for our beloved Butterfly Child, Jonathan Pitre. We then sang *O Canada* and heard a Grace by **Jen Ahde**. Incoming president, **Pardeep** confirmed there were no other guests, so we sang the Welcome Song to Bea, Bette and Peter.

Peter Fisher was the lucky winner of \$25 in the Past President's Draw, handled this week by **Bill Morris**. The draw for the website quiz, and the website tutorial were postponed until **Linda Flynn** could be with us. **President Jean** announced two birthdays this week: **Roy Miller** on the 11th and **Bill Morris** on the 16th.

We were advised that Melissa White had transferred membership to the Ottawa South club where her husband has been a member for several years.

PRESIDENT'S ROSES

For arranging Visitors Day, showcasing our many projects and the presentation of \$10,000 to the Ottawa Rotary Home, **President Jean** presented

roses to **Merv Letts**, **Ken Murray** and, in absentia, **Graeme Fraser**. Then, to express appreciation for another successful *Music for Humanity* concert, **Jen Ahde** was called forward to receive a president's rose. We applauded all recipients for their untiring efforts for Rotary.

BEA IN KENYA

We heard a short report from Bea Osome on her latest work in Kenya. Photographs of the school children in bright, new uniforms were circulated. With her thanks for our ongoing support, Bea presented a number of handcrafted articles, which our president suggested would be auctioned off to members at a later date. Clean water is a top priority with health, especially among children, being improved with every new well being dug and no typhoid developing.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Brett Brooking announced another shoe sorting event at Dymon's in Kanata, Saturday, April 21st at 0930

PROGRAM

Navin Parekh introduced our two speakers who would update us on District Grants. Bette Miller joined Rotary when the Cornwall Sunrise club was chartered in 1989. A year later she became president. Then, in 2000 Bette became the first female District Governor of 7040. Through the years she chaired many committees in her own club and at the district level, including Interact, Youth Exchange and International Service. She is a home economist who later acquired qualifications in education. Currently Bette is District Grants Subcommittee chair.

Peter Labelle, originally from Montreal, is also in the Cornwall Sunrise club, joining in 2011. His career path has taken him from peacekeeper in the Armed Forces to registered nurse, to the Canadian Mental Health Assn for Champlain East where he is manager of information technology. Peter is president- nominee of his club and serves as its Foundation and International Service chairs.

With thanks for our financial support, Peter updated us on the containers of surplus medical supplies being shipped to Ghana. Twelve D 7040 clubs shared the \$14,000 cost of the container and shipping.

Bette Miller took over to give an overview of activity in District Global Grants projects. At any time there are between 65 and 70 global grants in progress involving district clubs. About 50% are being led by, or have significant funding and management influence from clubs in our district. There are 44 approved global grants (each with a budget in excess of US\$ 30,000) including scholarships, water

and sanitation, health and disease prevention, education and literacy, community and economic development. Most humanitarian grants involve maternal and child care, of which 17 are led by D 7040 clubs.

In a 2015 agreement between the Government of Canada (GOC) and the Rotary Foundation (Canada) [TRF(C)] GOC can match the club cash and DDF components of most Global Grant applications led by Canadian clubs for a Canada-wide total of \$ 1.2 Million each year for 5 years. The GOC contribution is eligible for TRF matching. Details at TRF(C) website <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/100984> 'GOC Program'.

There are three stages before approval of any grant: draft, waiting authorization, and submitted. District Simplified Grants, administered by the District Foundation committee, include 3 West Ottawa projects: Dictionary4Life, Project Chance, and Bea's wells in Kenya. Bette also mentioned District Matching Grants, administered by the Foundation committee, for international projects up to \$10,000.

OVERALL GOAL OF ROTARY PROJECTS



Peter told us that in October he would be returning to visit the project in Ghana and invited anyone interested in going with him to contact him: labellep@cmha-east.on.ca Following a number of

questions from members, **Doug Rowlands** expressed our thanks to both speakers and extended the usual tokens of appreciation.

HAPPY DOLLARS

▶▶ **President Jean** was pleased to attend the hockey game of her grandson Tyler, coached by her son Darren. Three minutes into overtime they won the Nepean Midget A championship.

▶▶ **Denzil Feinberg** dropped \$5 to note he's been in Rotary since 1965, first as a Rotor in Cape Town. Rotors were the model for Rotaract, which was founded in 1968. His South African yellow and green rugby jersey was for the same colours as the Humboldt Broncos.

▶▶ **Bea Osome** is pleased and thankful for Global Grants in Kenya.

▶▶ **Brian Hartley** suggested everyone using the microphone should hold it straight out from the mouth for best transmission.

▶▶ **Pardeep Ahluwalia** deposited \$5 because he forgot a duty at Rotary today; which reminds us to check the duty roster! He also thanked **Jen Ahde** and her team for the *Music for Humanity* concert.

▶▶ **Jim Maxwell** reminded us about the Global Grant in Swaziland and the irrigation dam constructed there. With the \$40 K left over a water storage tank was also constructed.

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▶▶ **Caroline De Witt** enjoyed the maple syrup received two weeks ago. Great on pancakes and also on oatmeal.

ADJOURNMENT

With the usual reminders about next week's duties and that the International Service committee would meet immediately following, **President Jean** adjourned the 37th meeting of this Rotary year.

CASH CALENDAR

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar for the week of April 4 – 10, 2018

3462	\$25	Jeff Nash, Ottawa, ON
1642	\$25	Brent MacPherson, Ottawa, ON
1909	\$50	Sherri Blanchard, Russell, ON
1600	\$50	Christine Denis, Kanata, ON
0245	\$25	Catherine Kruzich, Stittsville, ON
1246	\$100	Kaitlyn & Jeff Dafoe, Ocean Ridge, FL, USA
1102	\$25	Susan J. Gord, Ottawa, ON

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Hugo Genest - Peace Studies as a Rotary Fellow in Thailand

Intro: **Joan Heyland** Thanks: **Clive Talbot**

Greeters: **Norm Thomas, Doug Heyland** Grace: **Henry Akanko** PP Draw: **Andrew Young**

Reception: **Clive Talbot** Ticket Sales/Attendance: **Mary Wattie** Editor: **Rocco Disipio**

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Rami Alsaqqa – Classification Talk

Intro: **Merv Letts** Thanks: **Ali Pahlavani**

Greeters: **Bud McGinnis, Brian Foster** Grace: **Suren Gupta** PP Draw: **Alan Bowles**

Reception: **Marcia Armstrong** Ticket Sales/Attendance: **Mary Wattie** Editor: **Joseph Redhead**