



Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Jean Bégin, President

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Tom Stollman, Classification talk

On another hot summer day, fifty-four members and one guest formed the group attending the fifth meeting of this Rotary year. At noon **President Jean** welcomed everyone and reminded members to deposit their meal ticket as they pick up their food. At 12.15 we heard a grace from **Bob St. Eloi**, one of our newest members. Soon, the National Anthem followed with **Rod Holmes** – back from holidays – at the keyboard.

The next pleasant task was the induction of our newest (and 95th) member. **Phil Bronsther** introduced his friend and colleague, **Toni Grande**, a semi-retired chef who works with **Phil** at Ottawa Hospitality. **Sarvesh Upadhyaya** read the charge to the new member and pinned him with the Rotary wheel. **Phil** will be the mentor to our newest member and **Toni** will be assigned to the Soc & Rec committee.

Henry Akanko introduced our sole visitor, Peter White, a guest of **Brian Hartley**. We then sang our Welcome Song.

The Past President's Draw followed with **Alan Bowles** announcing that the prize was a \$25 gift card for Indigo/Chapters. The very lucky winner was **Don Butler** – for the second week in a row!

Announcements:

Doreen Ide announced the resumption of Rotary Fellowship Dinners, to be held between September and December. She invited interested members to sign up as either a host or guest. A \$25 fee is being collected to go to the Rotary Foundation.

Brett Brooking announced another shoe sorting event, Wednesday at 5.30 at Dymon Storage on Didsbury Rd off Terry Fox. He could definitely use some more help.

Don Butler challenged everyone to move a little faster in selling Mums. The deadline for receiving orders is just two weeks away – August 23rd. He urged us to widen our scope for sales to include those with whom we deal who want repeat business like dentists, car mechanics, investment counsellors, and more. Anyone having problems

with the electronic order system should talk to **Andrew Young**.

And this, missed from last week's Spinoff: beginning on September 1st there will be a charge of \$10.00 to those who choose not to eat lunch. For that they may have coffee and dessert. It is felt that the cost of the meal covers more than just the cost of food. We are fortunate to be able to meet in a lovely facility and have free parking.

And then it was time for our program, this week a classification talk by **Tom Stollman**. Fellow lawyer, **Ron Scott** provided the introduction stating that **Tom** was associated with his law firm for two-and-a-half years and introduced him to Rotary in 2015.

"Getting to know you, getting to know all about you" as the Richard Rogers lyrics go; and that is what a classification talk is all about. **Tom Stollman** is a fairly new member, not yet a year in the club, and so here was the ideal opportunity to get to know this member better. **Tom** reviewed his early years. Born to immigrant parents (father from Holland, mother from Germany) he spent very early years in Alberta before coming to Ottawa where he completed high school and enrolled at Carleton University graduating with a BA in political science and history. Then it was to the London School of Economics for a MSc. Then got his law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in Minneapolis- St. Paul. Returning to Ottawa, **Tom** worked for the Department of Justice as a policy advisor before heading to Washington, DC as project attorney and St. Paul, MN as attorney for 3M. He has since returned to Ottawa and practises real estate and corporate law with AGB Lawyers on Antares Dr. In the interim he spent three months in Paris trying to gain fluency in French – which never really happened! And he spoke highly of a five-week trip to the Middle East. **Tom** is keen on sports: cross country skiing, tennis, camping and travel. For the past eight years he has taken up the guitar and practises almost daily.

Joan Heyland expressed the thanks of the members for this insight into one of our newer

members.

We then had time for Happy Dollars with **Peter Gilman** wielding the collection bag and microphone.

Rod Holmes was happy for a week away visiting his daughter in Ellicott City, near Baltimore; and reported on the devastating flash flood that occurred down the main street where cars were swept away, and storefronts demolished. Google 'Ellicott City Flood 2016' to see dramatic videos.

Joan Heyland was pleased to attend a special event at the Ottawa Rotary Home where a playground was dedicated to the late Keith Halpenny.

Bob St. Eloi was happy to be a member of this club.

Brian Hartley spent time with his eldest daughter at the cottage in Algonquin Park. He also introduced his guest, Peter White, President of the South Ottawa Rotary Club.

Don Butler wondered about the odds of winning the Past President's draw two weeks in a row, and invited anyone to do the calculation.

Bill Rolph enjoyed time visiting a cousin near Peterborough where he read three books and watched the herons and loons.

Rocco Disipio was proud to announce that his son, Andrew, was married in Pittsburgh, PA to Lauren Mullen. The bride and groom are now on their honeymoon in Australia.

Ed Balys told us his son is visiting from Iceland. He

described his son as a computer nerd who went to Silicon Valley and retired at 30 and then take up music, loud with a heavy beat!

Adeline Mushi is pleased to be back from Africa where she spent the past six months working on her *Goats for Grannies* project.

Inna Flyazhenkova will be away for three months, visiting Russia and attending the Volgograd Rotary Club.

Brett Brooking spent four days in Winnipeg and had great things to say about the beloved landmark Fort Garry Hotel.

Doug Heyland announced that the Cash Calendar is just about ready to go to press, and hopes for delivery by September 15th.

Birthday wishes this week went out to **Andrew Young** and **Ken Murray**.

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week, August 2 – 8, 2016.
All winners are from Ontario.

4566	\$25	Sean Ducat, Ottawa
1474	\$50	John Chadwick, Nepean
4173	\$20	Ariane Carrière, Cornwall
2449	\$25	Ken Mews & Michael McFee, Kemptville
4438	\$200	Stewart Parsons, Midhurst
1534	\$25	Mike & Janet Devenny, Brinston
3111	\$100	Joyce McGuire, Ottawa

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

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Lunch Payment: **Joe Redhead & Linda Flynn** Greeters: **Linas Pilypaitis & Adeline Mushi**
Grace: **Pardeep Ahluwalia** Reception: **Merv Letts** PP Draw: **Len Baird** Editor: **Gaye Moffett**

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Open 'Chat & Chew' meeting

Lunch Payment: **Bob St. Eloi & Bob Harrison** Greeters: **Mark Sherboneau & Eugen Achihai**
Grace: **Hadi Mortada** Reception: **Clive Talbot** PP Draw: **Doug Rowlands** Editor: **Joseph Redhead**

Tuesday, August 30, 2016

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