



# Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Jean Bégin, President

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**Tuesday, August 16, 2016**

Visit of District Governor **Nabil Oudeh**

It was a cool grey day outside and the forecast had threats of heavy rain after the meeting. Members were warmly greeted first by **Ken Murray** and then by **Rocco Disipio**.

At 1200 **President Jean** asked fellow Rotarians to proceed to the buffet, and to please remember to deposit their lunch tickets in the blue bowl by the plates. There was a decent crowd today making its way to the buffet.

**President Jean** began the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of this Rotary Year. She asked **Pardeep Ahluwalia** to read an invocation. This was one of the best non-denominational invocations this writer had ever heard. Well done **Pardeep**! We remained standing and sang the national anthem with **Rod Holmes** on the keyboard.

Next, **President Jean** asked **Merv Letts** to introduce guests. We had three: District Governor Nabil Oudeh, Assistant Governor Fay Campbell, and a visiting Rotarian from the Dominican Republic, Felix Acevedo. We jumped up and sang our Welcome Song accompanied by **Rod Holmes**.

**Len Baird** came up next for the Past Presidents Draw and, without using the mic, told us he had a golf shirt for the men or a free lunch at next week's meeting. The lucky winner was **Navin Parekh**; he chose the golf shirt.

**President Jean** called for General Announcements, a huge line up of Rotarians lined up for the microphone:

- **Ken Sparks** talked about the club's Golf Tournament on September 15 in support of LiveWorkPlay and urged golfers to register. Check out RCWO Charity Golf Tournament on Facebook. **Ken** then laughed his way through a note from our "Rotarian at large" Henry Sims who has pledged his winnings from a cribbage tournament that he's attending somewhere in India. **Ken**

encouraged Rotarians to bring to the meeting next week their favourite "putter" so we can all have fun.

- **Don Butler** told us this was the last week to order mums. Confirmed sales were 1166 plants, mostly from West Ottawa and former buyers from Meals on Wheels. We have a way to go before sales compare with last year but a lot of the large buyers are still finalizing their orders as are our partner Rotary Clubs. We need to get those final orders in and if we need help with the electronic orders, we should ask Mums Committee members for help. And drivers are still needed. If we can do more we should let **Joe Redhead** know.
- **Carol Waters** asked for help in routing mum deliveries. Hands went up. Great! Now please follow up directly with **Carol**.
- **Linda Flynn** announced a big thank you to her team who gathered to label dictionaries: **Ken, Ron, Dave, Doreen, Jean, Eric, Stu, Inna, Peter, Nigel and Mary, Joe Redhead and Joan**
- **Rocco** drew our attention to the flyers on our tables for the "Swinging 40's Purple Dinner & Dance Gala" to be held on Sept. 24 @ the Centurion. Proceeds will go to support blood cancer patients and the Ottawa Hospital.
- **Brett** showed us the pictures chosen for our 2017 Cash Calendar. The committee hopes to have calendars in our hands by mid-September.
- **Doug Rowlands** told us he had an urgent need for help 1) to unload the mums shipment 2) at the mums warehouse 3) to run the mums delivery coordination desk. He is circulating sign-up folders.
- **President's Announcements:** Jean reminded club members that there is a \$10.00 charge for those who do not eat lunch. They are allowed a beverage and dessert.

**President Jean** read a letter from a Cash Calendar winner to **Alan Bowles**:

Dear Alan,

Our belated thanks for the receipt of the Rotary cash calendar cheque we received in March. Through my stepfather, Richard Fisher, we are aware of the many great initiatives and projects supported by the Rotary Club of West Ottawa and appreciate the contributions such a club makes to our city.

Sincerely, Andrea Smith

**President Jean** commented on our relationship with Parkdale Food Centre at 30 Rosemount Ave. Suite 2 (downstairs) Sat. Aug 20 our club would do a "Shoe Fitting" for their clients with shoes from the Shoe Bank. **Jean** asked for 10 folks to help from 1030 - to 3 PM. Shoes now sorted for men, women and children, would be further sorted in the morning by club members into sizes. After lunch, at 1 pm, members would begin fitting folks.

• The **Program** for today is: DG Nabil Oudeh **Hadi Mortada** told us he was very comfortable to introduce our new District Governor Nabil Oudeh. Nabil explained the Rotary theme this year is "Rotary Serving Humanity" and he implored our club to show leadership this year in meeting this year's theme. He had "charged" the Board at an earlier meeting to have Club members determine how to serve our neighbours and our community at large.

DG Nabil told us we can focus on three service areas: firstly, enhance our youth programs -our Interact and Rotaract Clubs helping young people who are looking for a place to serve. He encouraged us to get back into the Youth Exchange program, noting that the size of our club should be able to support this excellent program. Next he wants us to develop a Volunteer Inventory Bank\* to track our "sweat equity" hours. This will give us more credibility when we ask government and other potential partners to support our service programs. And third, he wants us all to attend the District Conference in Ottawa October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> - especially the Saturday evening Gala. We will honour one another as serving Rotarians. A good turn- out from Ottawa will help attract more attendees from all over the District. After a full round of applause, **Susan Dienes** thanked the DG for attending our meeting and passing on his message.

**President Jean** asked **Peter Gilman** to lead **Happy Dollars**:

- **Doreen Ide** was happy to say while she is away **Ken Murray** will look after the Fellowship Dinners.
- **Ken Murray** was glad to be back home after visiting Saskatchewan; he also enjoyed attending the downtown Winnipeg club where **Denzil** hailed from.
- **Carol Waters** was thrilled at having attended her daughter's spectacular wedding in England. Her daughter is a wonderful project manager- this writer knows **Carol's** daughter gets that from her Mom!
- **Carol** is also justly proud that the Project Chance Africa girls in Nairobi she taught how to make cloth sanitary napkins- for girls to use instead of skipping school- are earning enough to fix up their sewing room and buy materials
- **Don Butler** donated the \$10 he had promised last week if someone figured out the odds against his winning 2 successive PP Draws the previous weeks. Congratulations to **Alan Bowles** who had calculated it as a one in 3600 chance
- **Andrew Young** gave DG Nabil Oudeh a big thank you for not having the District Conference on our Mums for Thanksgiving weekend.
- **Sucha Mann** was congratulating all the Olympic athletes, and reminded us to watch the women's soccer game this afternoon.
- **Doug Rowlands** was super happy that the Ottawa Rotary Home golf tournament raised \$52,500.00 for Adult and Children respite services
- **Denzil Feinberg** was happy about South African Wayne van Niekerk's 43.03 second run for the gold medal in the 400-metre Olympic final. He told us that South African budget airline FlySafair sold 400 tickets in South Africa for R43.03 each = \$4.30 approx Canadian! Imagine what a deal!!
- Area Governor Fay Campbell was extremely happy with fellow Jamaican Usain Bolt's gold performance at the Olympics
- **President Jean** announced that our Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, will be a Chat and Chew Luncheon with a Golf Putting Game. She reminded us about the coming Saturday's shoe project for Parkdale Food Centre; and about the bringing toiletries for the Centre too.

Meetings to follow adjournment: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting; Mums for Thank

giving; and Phil Bronsther's 150 Gala Committee.

**President Jean** thanked everyone for joining us today and, after inviting any closing comments, closed the meeting with the reminder that we are Rotary Serving Humanity and the usual appeal to invite likely members to join us at a meeting

\*Concerning the Volunteer Inventory Bank

**President Jean** would like each committee to keep a running total of all hours worked including preparation, project delivery itself and follow-up. The volunteer hours include all the work of the Secretary, Treasurer, Rod's Roster and Spinoff work, Spinoff hours, Keith's duty roster---in other

words, "ALL" hours count. Volunteer time makes the Club function.

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week of August 9-15, 2016. Four winners are from Ontario the remainder comprise one each from BC, Quebec and Alberta

3785 \$25 Canadian Occupational Therapy Foundation, Ottawa  
4867 \$25 Kevin Leroux, Ottawa  
1198 \$20 Jan Brown, Osgoode  
4419 \$50 Jill Caldwell, Carp  
1276 \$25 Terri McClymont, Prince George, BC  
1684 \$50 Geneviève Thibodeau, Laval, QC  
3138 \$25 Dr C.J. McGinnis, Sherwood Park, AB

### **Tuesday, August 23, 2016**

Chat and Chew (and golf putting)

Lunch Payment: **Bob Harrison & Bob St Eloi** Greeters: **Mark Sherbonneau & Eugen Achihaei**  
Grace: **Hadi Mortada** Reception: **Fred Sirotek** PP Draw: **Doug Rowlands** Editor: **Joe Redhead**

### **Tuesday, August 30, 2016**

**Bud McGinnis:** ABCs of Fraud- History and review

Intro: TBD Thanks: TBD

Lunch Payment: **Navin Parekh & Carol Bell-Thompson** Greeters: **Art Saper & Ali Pahlavani**  
Grace: **Denzil Feinberg** Reception: **Clive Talbot** PP Draw: **Peter Fisher** Editor: **Graeme Fraser**