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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Jean Bégin, President

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Club Assembly – **President Jean Bégin**

Review and discussion of responses to President-elect's annual questionnaire

On a beautiful, sunny day we assembled for our weekly meeting to be greeted by **Victor Mazzola** and **Joe Parkinson**.

We had paid **Len Baird** and Anup **Subedi** for our lunch and at 12 noon President **Jean** declared the buffet open. **Henry Akanko** said grace and Patricia Talbot on the keyboard led us in the national anthem.

At 12:30 **President Jean** called the meeting to order and greeted Patricia Talbot who was taking the place of **Rod Holmes**. Patricia was apparently also our only guest but some reported greeting one of our friends from RC Hull and Patricia accompanies our singing of the Welcome Song. **Blair Armstrong** conducted the Past President's draw- a \$50 gift card to Armstrong and Richardson- and **Don Butler** won it.

Announcements

Andrew Young announced that members who sell Mums and wish to deliver the plants themselves can have them delivered in bulk to their offices or homes. This service is also available to non-member Mums buyers and would be useful for e.g. buyers in Ottawa who want plants to deliver to Quebec addresses. **Andrew** finished with a rousing call to all of us to get selling as the order deadline is August 23

Ken Sparks followed with the fact that our 16 annual golf tournaments had raised over \$160,000 and the seventeenth tourney- September 15 at Stittsville's Glen Mar Golf Club- is only a month away. We need golfers and prizes.

Birthday Wishes to **Ron Scott** and **Doreen Ide**

President Jean announced that starting next week lunch tickets will again be given to each member paying for lunch. This is an attempt to get a handle

on the weekly count. Our count has not been agreeing with the house count.

Induction: It was time to induct new member, **Bob St Eloï**, who comes to us via Iqaluit, Quebec and Ogunquit, Maine. He was introduced by **Joan Heyland** and inducted by **President Jean**. **Bob** has been assigned to the Community Service and Golf committees. Our newest member received our usual standing ovation of welcome.

President Jean took the microphone to lead us through a review of the full questionnaire and the responses. She thanked the 59% of the membership who replied. They had given her lots of ideas to work with. She summarised 27 points in over three typewritten pages and if you wish to read the complete review, I am sure that **President Jean** would email it to you. What follows are the highlights:

- **President Jean** began by saying she planned to continue opening the buffet following grace at 12 noon with the business portion of the meeting at 12:30. This led to a full discussion between those who liked our historical 12:15 start and those who were content with 12:30. In conclusion, **President Jean** agreed that grace would be said at 12:15 and the business portion of the meeting would start at 12:30, giving more time to socialize.
- On August 23, there will be no speaker. It will be what we'll call a "Chat and Chew" meeting and there will be more in the future. There will be a notebook and pen at each table and each table will choose a topic, select a note taker and try to come up with a solution if your topic is something your table thinks is a problem or new ideas for Club action no matter what the topic. The notebooks will be collected and the ideas will be reviewed by the Board.
- Because there is too much discrepancy between the St Elias count of meals that we are billed for

and our count, we are going to issue a ticket for each payment. We will also arrange for credit card use on a terminal of our own which will make payment easier but will not solve the count problem—so please bear with us.

Other topics covered included coordination by committee chairs of their meeting times so that members on multiple committees can attend; brief annual reports (½ page) by committee chairs for the archives; more emphasis on member retention; toiletry (shampoos, conditioners, bath gels, hand soap, tooth care, sanitary supplies) donations each week for the food bank; Foundation Fellowship dinners (**Doreen Ide** agreed to co-ordinate)

There was no time for Happy Dollars. **President Jean** thanked everyone for coming, especially Patricia Talbot and reminded us that we are looking for new members so please invite someone to spend some time with us. They might like us. But if you

don't ask, they will not come.

Phil Bronsther tells us there will be a meeting after Rotary on Aug 9 of people interested in organizing a joint RCWO/ Canadian Culinary Federation (CCFCC) gala fundraiser to be held spring 2017.

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week of July 26 – August 1, 2016. All except two winners are from Ontario.

3756 \$50 St. Timothy's Presby. Church, Ottawa
3174 \$20 Chad Brooking, Swan Lake, MB
4301 \$125 Becca King, Fort McMurray, AB
1643 \$25 Eva Francoeur, Kemptville
4605 \$25 Doug MacKechnie, Nepean
3461 \$200 Zella Eggleston, Orléans
3032 \$50 Lionel Rowe, Ottawa

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Tom Stollman, Classification talk

Introduction: **Ron Scott** Thanks: **Ermina Karabasic**

Lunch Payment: **Larry Chop & Cam Ross** Greeters: **Navin Parekh & Bill Rolph**

Grace: **Bob St Eloi** Reception: **Henry Akanko** PP Draw: **Alan Bowles** Editor: **Rod Holmes**

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Nabil Oudeh, District Governor, Visit

Lunch Payment: **Brian Hartley & Linda Flynn** Greeters: **Linas Pilypaitis & Adeline Mushi**

Grace: **Pardeep Ahluwalia** Reception: **Merv Letts** PP Draw: **Len Baird** Editor: **Gaye Moffett**