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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

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Chat and Chew Meeting + putting competition

On a wonderful summer day, blessed with clear skies, some 65 to 70 Rotarians gathered for the first Chat and Chew meeting of this Club.

Welcomed by **Eugen Achihaei** the hall was abuzz not only with the normal banter of members as they welcomed colleagues to a new week, but also the chatter of Golf Committee members. The latter were busy setting up the putting challenge which was intended as a call to members to support the Club charity golf tournament on September 15. Luncheon fees were collected by **Bob St. Eloi** and **Robert Harrison** while **Doug Rowlands** sold Past Presidents' draw tickets, so they interacted in the usual energetic fashion with members. A Lunch ticket this time came with an animal token which assigned one to a particular table for participation in the putting challenge. **Fred Sirotek** saw little action at the reception desk, and would eventually announce, once offered the microphone, that we had no visiting Rotarians and no guests to serenade today. It will be interesting to observe whether this absence of guests will be repeated at future Chat and Chew meetings.

With President **Jean Bégin** presiding at a head table that comprised only herself and **Hadi Mortada**, and with lunch underway, we sang the national anthem accompanied as usual by **Rod Holmes**. **Hadi** delivered the grace.

In due course **Doug Rowlands** conducted the PP Draw and the lucky winner of the \$ 25 prize was **Warren Creighton**. **Keith Fraser** then gave us a pep talk on the ins and outs of the preparation of the Duty Roster. Because of his hearing, and his inability to be very active with committee work, Keith has found his calling in dealing with the Roster. It was indeed a revelation to learn that Keith, through keen observation, has been able to establish who tends to be late, so those persons will find that they are not assigned reception or grace duties. We were encouraged not to wait to the last minute to announce our need for duty substitution.

We were reminded that **Ed Balys** and his Program Committee, not **Keith**, identify those who introduce and thank speakers.

Announcements:

Don Butler on the status of Mums sales and the continuing need for drivers. He then asked if anyone need help with entering orders but got no response.

Carol Waters on her need for volunteers to help with delivery routing.

Doug Rowlands about the schedule for the printing of Cash Calendars.

Ken Murray about the need for members to get serious about the planning of their Era activities for our anniversary celebration.

Ken Sparks about the golf tournament and the putting contest at the back of the hall in which all tables would participate. **Ken** told us that the proceeds of the golf tournament would be distributed as follows:

- \$5,000 to the Club's Community Service fund – which will go towards the campership programs for Camp Merriwood and Camp Misquah both providing residential summer programs for children with special needs; and to Trips for Kids, which has a mission to enrich the lives of economically disadvantaged, new-to-Canada youth;
- 20% of the balance to each of
 - Christie Lake Kids "Leaders in Training" program;
 - LiveWorkPlay, whose mission is to get persons with intellectual disabilities into the workplace;
 - A program to be determined for Aboriginal children;

- A Rotary bench in a public place for our 60th anniversary celebration next year; and the remainder to be split between the Rotary International Foundation; and the Rotary Club of West Ottawa Foundation.

President **Jean Begin** thanked all the volunteers who turned up at the Parkdale Food Bank Centre on Saturday, August 20, to assist with the Shoe Give Away. **Linda Flynn, Doug Rowlands, Marilyn Letts, Bob St. Eloi** and President **Jean** herself attended. To make a memorable day even more so, everyone had to scamper outdoors after a mentally challenged young girl activated the fire alarm. More than 100 pairs of shoes were given to many happy recipients.

Happy dollars were contributed by: **Denzil Feinberg** in celebration of a South African gold medal at the Rio Olympics; **Henry Akanko** for overcoming his fear of heights by visiting the high reaches of the CN Tower in Toronto with his children; **Len Baird** because the calendar that he gave his son had won him \$200.00; **Susan Diening** because her brother had finally received his pace maker; **Merv Letts** as he was pleased that St. Elias had a wonderful fruit plate offering at lunch today; **Joan Heyland** at being tickled pink hosting her six grandchildren; **Mary Wattie** for her time away at a cottage; and **Pardeep Ahluwalia** because his good friend, a painter and sculptor, had secured a place to show his work.

While each table was busy Chatting and Chewing about problems to solve, ideas for improvements in

any aspect of club matters, fund raising suggestions and possible solutions, **Ken Sparks** and several members of his Golf Committee got the members up to do the putting challenge. **Jen Soucy** stepped in to help by being an enthusiastic promoter of the tournament to all those coming by,. After much laughter and hooting, at both near misses and successes, the person with the highest (and perfect) score was **Ken Murray** who delivered his two tries through the 25-point hole. The table comprising **Jack Troughton, Joseph Redhead, Pardeep Ahluwalia, Brian Hartley, Ali Pahlavani, Russell Hicks, Robert Shaw-Wood, and Warren Creighton** had the highest team score.

President **Jean Begin** adjourned the meeting following the distributions of cans of M&M candies to the team with the highest score and a jar of peanuts to **Ken Murray**. These prizes were donated by **Jen Ahde**, a member of the Golf Committee who unfortunately could not attend today's meeting.

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week of August 16 – 22, 2016. All winners except one are from Ontario.

1570 \$50 Trudy Arnand, Merrickville
1082 \$25 Dvora Rotenberg, Ottawa
4714 \$100 Jef & Lora Erl, Oxford Mills
4247 \$25 Andrew Roy, Rockland
2442 \$50 Dylan Young, Winchester
3112 \$50 Jordyn Drew McDonald, Chilliwack, BC
1542 \$25 Joanne Crain, Ottawa

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Lunch Payment: **Navin Parekh & Carol Bell-Thompson**
Greeters **Claudette Léger-Paillé & Ali Pahlavani**

Grace: **Denzil Feinberg** Reception: **Clive Talbot** PP Draw: **Peter Fisher** Editor: **Graeme Fraser**

Tuesday September 6, 2016 Lorraine Bentley: Options Bytown- 27 years of building community Intro: **Linda Flynn** Thanks: **TBA**

Lunch Payment: **Joe Redhead & Bill Rolph** Greeters: **Dave Morton & Doreen Ide**
Grace: **Tom Stollman** Reception: **Cletus Peters** PP Draw: **Graeme Fraser** Editor: **Cam Ross**