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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA;
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President
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Program: Club business and meetings of International, Program and Mums Committees

On this hot and humid Tuesday afternoon in late August we gathered for this Rotary year's 8th Club Meeting. With **President Pardeep Ahluwalia** in England visiting his family the meeting was chaired by **Past President Bob Harrison**. Members and guests were greeted by **Claudette Léger-Paillé, Mary Wattie** collected our lunch payments and registered our attendance, **Tony Watkins** registered our guests and visitors and **Blair Armstrong** sold tickets to this week's Past Presidents Draw.

At 12:30 sharp **Past President Bob** rang the bell and started the meeting by quoting Mahatma Gandhi: "the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others". Thank you, **Bob**, for this most poignant quote and a great way to start the meeting. **Robert Shaw-Wood**, subbing in for **Rod Holmes** on the keyboard, led us in singing our National Anthem after we were reminded to use the new version of our Anthem in which "In all of us command" replaces "in all thy sons command". **Ron Scott** delivered a very thoughtful grace giving thanks for all we have. **Tony Watkins** introduced our guests: Patrick Mimms, guest of **Fred Sirotek**, former member Roger Wilson now a member of the Arnprior Rotary Club and Cindy Wheeler of the Rotary Home here to promote the Amazing Race. WE sang them our Welcome Song.

Next up **Blair Armstrong** asked **Chairman Bob** to pick this week's PP Draw winning ticket. It belonged to **Len Baird**. Congratulations **Len**. Enjoy using the card at 12 participating restaurants

Announcements

Birthdays- None to report this week

First up Cindy Wheeler informed us of two fundraisers currently in progress to help fund the Rotary Home. The Amazing Race, being held on September 29 and 30 will have 25 teams competing to secure the top spot. There are 25 events, with varying degrees of difficulty, and

requiring different skills. To date there are 9 teams registered, including one team from our Club's Rotaract Club. To enter, a team, composed of two participants, must secure at least \$1,000 in pledges. Two teams to date, one comprising parents of a Rotary Home resident, have received in pledges excess of \$3,000. The Amazing Race was featured recently on CTV. Cindy passed around a folder for donations and, as usual, our Club was generous. Also, volunteers are required to help supervise the various challenges in the event. If you can help, please contact Cindy Wheeler at the Rotary Home. Cindy also reminded us of the upcoming Whiskey and Wine Fundraiser being held on Tuesday September 25, 2018. Enjoy the beverages with Master Tasters.

Next up **Navin Parekh** asked for our Club's support for relief efforts in the Indian flood disaster. Flooding has resulted in 400 deaths and over 1.2 million people displaced. Money is needed for food and medical supplies, disease prevention and reuniting families. The Rotary Club of Kazhakuttom has taken the lead and is asking fellow clubs for their support. **Navin** passed around a folder for donations. At the end of the meeting it was announced that \$355 had been raised at the meeting and an additional \$280 elsewhere bringing the total raised by West Ottawa to \$635. Well done!

Graeme Fraser regretfully announced that this year's Voyageurs weekend would not be taking place because of insufficient participation. **Graeme** said this decision applies to this year only and WE WOULD try again next year in hopes of reviving the Voyageurs tradition started in 1964 when **Blair Armstrong** was the President of our Club.

Bob Harrison reminded us of the Kanata Sunrise Rotary Club Masters Golf Raffle fundraiser in the aid of the Capital City Condors special hockey teams. The Kanata Sunrise Club is selling a limited number of tickets at \$100 each with the grand prize being a trip for two to the 2019

Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia. This main prize, valued at \$14,000, will be drawn on January 31, 2019 and there are many other prizes. Please see members of the Kanata Sunrise Club to lend your support.

Bob Harrison also asked for recruits for the Ottawa Reads Program. Currently **Bob Harrison** and his wife Arlene, **Mary Wattie, Larry Chop, Robert Shaw-Woods, Alan Bowles** and non-Rotarian Sean McIndoe help children with reading and literacy at the JK to grade three level. This program, run in partnership with the Ottawa school boards, requires about an hour a week or an hour every other week. All that is required is the time, a short training program and a successful Police Check. The Police Check does not cost club members so get one done and get started. Sign-up sheets were on each table.

Committee meetings

At the conclusion of these announcements the Program Committee, the MUMS Committee and the ISC Committee broke off to discuss current and future business. We are all reminded that the order deadline for the 2018 Mums Campaign is September 1, 2018 and Committee Chair **Marcia Armstrong** told us we will probably meet our objective of 5,400 Mums sold and delivered. **Marcia** also advised those needing help with ordering to call her and, **NB**, as always delivery drivers are needed. Deliveries start September 26, 2018.

Happy Dollars

Fred Christie, fresh off a 10-week stint in Nova Scotia, was asked to collect:

Ken Murray commented on the length of his golf game.

Ken was in a group behind **Merv Letts** and his golf round lasted a bit longer than expected.

Henry Akanko was pleased to report his visit to Cornwall to participate in the District Training provided him with an opportunity to explore Cornwall and learn about its history and, the Seaway.

Susan Diening had found a toonie and donated it to the Happy Dollar fund.

Dirk Keenan reported on a nostalgic moment.

Merv Letts pleased with the Monday 27th golf tournament at the Canadian Golf Course and complimented **Cameron Ross** and his golf committee for putting on such a fine event. The food, venue, and gathering was excellent.

Rocco Disipio echoed **Merv Letts's** comments and thanked **Cameron** for his generous support.

GINETTE THOMAS was pleased that summer is coming to an end-???- and also that she will be moving into a new condo on September 1.

Suren Gupta was happy in that he found a toonie in his pocket and donated it to the Happy Dollar fund and finally

Fred Christie was happy to be back at West Ottawa after his sojourn in Nova Scotia

There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 1:25. May we all enjoy the long weekend.

Cash Calendar

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the period, August 22 – September 4, 2018:

1927 \$50 Grace Osler, Ottawa, ON
0344 \$25 Sue Boal, Stittsville, ON
2926 \$50 Shatakshi Shataksi, Ottawa, ON
2325 \$125 Nancy McKenna, Ottawa, ON
3260 \$50 Laurie Rosewarne, Gatineau, QC
0746 \$25 Greg Eamon, Burritt's Rapids, ON
0915 \$50 Tim Bernard, Spencerville, ON
0541 \$20 George Chaiban, Ottawa, ON
0829 \$50 Anna Strasser, c/o Gaye Moffett, Ottawa
0852 \$25 Bradley Pinhey, Kemptville, ON
0299 \$25 Francisco Chaves / Genevieve Mercier, Gatineau, QC
1341 \$25 John Fullerton, Kanata, ON
0848 \$200 Theresa Gregory, Ottawa, ON
2174 \$50 Ken Murray, Kanata, ON

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Jes Francis: An internship with the Fort McPherson Community Greenhouse project

Intro: **Marilyn Letts** Thanks: **Carol Bell Thompson**

Chairing in President's absence: **PP Ken Murray**

Greeters: **Ali Pahlavani/Fred Sirotek** Reception: **Caroline De Witt (TBC)**

Grace: **Bud McGinnis** PP Draw: **Graeme Fraser** Editor: **Joe Redhead**

Sales/Attendance: **Mary Wattie**

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Past DG **Sue Bellor** – presentation

Suren Gupta- 'Sage' member talk: 'Working in four countries..An Odyssey'

Intro: **Gaye Moffett** Thanks: **Clive Talbot**

Chairing in President's absence: **PP Graeme Fraser**
Greeters: **Ron Doll/Bill Morris** Reception: **Victor Mazzola**
Grace: **Stu Picozzi** PP Draw: **Keith Fraser** Editor: **Don Butler**
Sales/Attendance: **Mary Wattie**

