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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Jean Bégin, President

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Bud McGinnis: ABCs of Fraud- History and review

It seems every Tuesday all these people gather at St. Elias and this week they had an odd look on their faces. Annually they have this mixed appearance of fear, anticipation and joy as the new school year approaches. It doesn't seem to matter one's age but as the days get shorter, the change in the light, as our planet slowly changes the tilt of its axis, triggers memories of the September days when we would all either return to school or prepare our little ones for their return. Or perhaps it was just the excitement we were feeling knowing that **Bud McGinnis** was going to present the history of West Ottawa's successful ABC's of Fraud program.

Claudette Léger-Paillé and **Marilyn Letts** greeting us warmly as we entered and **Navin Parekh** and Carol Bell-Thompson cheerily took our money for lunch. There was a definite buzz in the air as this was Partner's Day and over 70 people chatted and caught up on each other's adventures.

The usual things occurred again; an increasingly comfortable **President Jean Bégin** welcomed us all to the 8th meeting in her reign; **Denzil Feinberg** offered one of the most varied and informative graces we have ever heard and, of course, **Rod Holmes** led us in both our national anthem and the Welcome Song.

Clive Talbot introduced our many guests including Audrey Tan, John Lark of the Ottawa RC club, Chloe Hillier from the Rotary Home, Iris Bradley of the Bytown RC club, Brenda Reid and Peter Cameron (daughter and son of **Bud McGinnis**), and Bianca Rainley, a guest of **Dirk Keenan**.

Peter Fisher ran the PP draw with **Peter Cameron** winning a gift certificate from the finest menswear shop in Ottawa, E.R. Fishers.

Announcements:

Audrey Tan spoke to us about her future plans to study at Oxford University. Audrey was our candidate for the Rotary Global Grant Scholarship and the winning candidate must have been truly exceptional as Audrey is awe inspiring for what she has accomplished and is striving to achieve. She has also had varied and extensive experience with Rotary so may cross paths with our organization in the future. Best of luck Audrey!

Don Butler spoke briefly about the Mums project. Over 5,000 plants have been sold!! Now we must deliver so please sign up to get them out and enlist any family and friends to help out too! This is a major fundraiser for our club and the payoff this year will be even larger. SIGN UP!!!!!!

Ken Sparks reminded us that the golf tournament is quickly approaching so sign up your foursome or consider sponsoring a hole or perhaps do both.

Navin Parekh told us that a folder is circulating to raise money to purchase another ShelterBox for the victims of the earthquake in Italy.

President Jean Bégin informed us of two resignations: **Edith Duarte** is having a baby (CONRATULATIONS!) and will return at a later date and **Mark Sherboneau** has left due to personal commitments. Hope to see you both back before long.

President Jean then presented a cheque to the Rotary Home Foundation for \$10,000. Chloe Hillier, Director of Development of The Ottawa Rotary Home Foundation and John Lark, Chair of the Foundation Board of Directors, thanked us for the funds and for continued strong support of the home.

President Jean introduced our own **Bud McGinnis** and pointed out that **Bud** has been with the ABCs of Fraud program from inception and has been the principal connection with the community through

his articles (156 columns!!) for Forever Young and thus was the best person to provide an overview of the project from beginning to end.

Bud then took the microphone and gave us a professional presentation on the ABCs of Fraud program from the humble beginnings in 1999 to the closing of the books earlier this year. We proved that a service club could provide this service not only effectively but also at low cost. The club not only received the endorsement of the Ottawa Police Services but in fact enjoyed OPS involvement with over 2,500 volunteer hours from police officers which added additional credibility to the presentations.

Bud went further and spotlighted the contributions of Ted Ferrier, **Joan Heyland**, Joan Kabayama, Iris Bradley, **Linda Flynn**, **Fred Christie**, **Art Saper**, **Linas Pilypaitis**, and **John Kersley** over years. Without the participation of these people and countless others, the program wouldn't have had the long life it did.

Bud and **Len Baird** gave us a taste of what a presentation looked like by acting out one of the typical skits that they used. **Len Baird**, in full disguise, acted as a victim while **Bud** showed us how the scammers often worked to take advantage of seniors. After watching this, it was no wonder the program had such legs.

Most telling was that from 2001 to 2016 there were 526 presentations given to seniors with a total audience of over 23,000 and this added up to over 11 Rotarian person years that were committed to this endeavour. The program was so successful that it spread to other cities using our model and directions. These included Halifax, Montreal and Kingston among others. What can't be accounted

for is how much money was kept out of the hands of the scammers but there is little doubt that the amount was considerable.

Doug Heyland offered the thanks from the Club for an informative talk, which reminded us of one of our better programs that West Ottawa should be proud of.

Peter Gilman found that time was tight and of all the people in the room, only the eternally happy **Ken Murray** got to share his joy. **Ken** had returned from out west and recounted that at a memorable B&B he found all the silverware had been inscribed with the owner's SIN number. He shared his concern that the owner was likely more worried about losing the cutlery than his identity. Rather a timely happy dollar considering the presentation we had just heard from **Bud McGinnis**.

President Jean conclude the meeting by inviting us all back next week and by presenting Bud with a President's Rose for his hard work and commitment.

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week of August 23 – 29, 2016.

All winners but one are from Ontario.

NB If you have calendar # 1093 contact **Alan Bowles** at 613-728-3277; ambowles@rogers.com, to claim your prize.

4742 \$20 Jeff & Rhonda Holmes, Winchester
1526 \$50 Jai Persaud, Ottawa
4593 \$25 Sara O'Donnell, Orléans
2060 \$50 George Papadopoulos, Ottawa
1093 \$125 To provide contact information
2615 \$50 Garth Wall, Lower Sackville, NB
1295 \$25 Patrick Caicco, Stittsville

Tuesday, Sept 6, 2016

Lorraine Bentley, Executive Director, Option Bytown:- *27 years of building community.*

Intro: **Sucha Mann** Thanks: **Henry Akanko**

Lunch Payment: Joe Redhead & Bill Rolph Greeters: Dave Morton & Marilyn Letts

Grace: **Tom Stollman** Reception: **Cletus Peters** PP Draw: **Graeme Fraser** Editor: **Cam Ross**

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Ginette Thomas: Classification Talk

Intro: **Marilyn Letts** Thanks: TBD

Lunch Payment: **Rob Shaw-Wood & Claudette Léger-Paillé** Greeters: **Joe & Mary Wattie**

Grace: **Navin Parekh** Reception: **Joe Redhead** PP Draw: **Linda Flynn** Editor: **Don Butler**

