



Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Jean Bégin, President

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Claudette Léger-Paillé gives her classification talk about her journey via Bank of Montreal and the federal civil service to a joyful time now as a decorator.

Intro: **Linda Flynn** Thanks: **Larry Chop**

The Meeting

Today we were greeted by **Russ Hicks** and **Navin Parekh**. **Carol Bell Thompson** and **Sucha Mann** collected the lunch payments with **Doug Rowlands** on reception. **President Jean Bégin** called the meeting to order and asked **Rod Holmes** to lead us in the national anthem followed by **Ali Pahlavani** who delivered a very appropriate Rotary grace.

Doug Rowlands introduced our guests who, beside three Rotarian partners who wished to remain anonymous, were ADG Faye Campbell and her special guest, Robert Grainger. We were also pleased to greet Sue Halpenny and Richard Fisher.

President Jean reminded us that an envelope was circulating to support Nella, our server at the Travelodge for those many years.

Presentations

Faye Campbell Introduced Robert Grainger who is a polio survivor. He explained that he has volunteered in areas of the world where polio has been severe and he is delighted that Rotary is so close to eliminating it. He is a member of a post-polio support group which meets monthly. Following up on a recent visit by Faye Campbell to one of the group meetings, Robert presented a cheque on behalf of the group to **President Jean** for polio eradication.

This was followed by **Bud McGinnis** who paid tribute to **John Kersley** for his fifteen years of dedicated service to the ABC's of Fraud project. **Bud** said that much of the success of the program was because of John's constant contribution. On behalf of the club, **President Jean** presented **John** with a framed citation honouring his service from 2001 to 2016. **John** responded by announcing that he had a cheque for \$6950 for the club's new endowment fund which **Merv Letts** happily accepted.. This money is the residue of the funding over the years from various supporters for ABC's of Fraud . **President Jean** reminded us of the support **John** had

received from his partner Trudi for the work of the ABC's committee.

Announcements

Ken Murray reminded us that our 60th Anniversary evening is coming up in April and that the 5 minute presentations by each of the six decades of the club will be a special feature. Each of the decade coordinators was introduced and we were asked to give them our full support.

Linda Flynn followed up with a report on the progress being made in renewing our website to better appeal to our members. So visit the site and follow developments.

President's Announcements

The members of the club were shocked to learn that Dian Morris had suffered a heart attack and everyone wishes her a speedy and complete recovery.

A long-time member Burt Collins died on November 19. The date of the celebration of his life will be advised.

Birthdays

A special wish to our marathoner on Dec. 9: **Dave Morton**.

The Program

Linda Flynn introduced **Claudette Léger-Paillé** who took us from the River Valley, Ontario, a small village of 100 families, through Welland and Oshawa to Ottawa. At the age of 12, she was moved to Welland to go to high school and learn English. After graduation she joined the Bank of Montreal in Oshawa. From here she got married and had her family and career. She believed in "Freedom 55", retired and returned to school and became a decorator, a desire of hers for years. She had beautiful photos of rooms she has decorated which were warmly received by the club members. She attributes much of her success to her willingness to listen to her clients and their ideas and wishes until she succeeds. She told us how early good experience with Rotary led her to join us and she is pleased with her decision to join Rotary. She

is very pleased with the reception she has received from the members.

On behalf of the club, **Larry Chop** offered our thanks for an excellent presentation.

Happy Dollars

Peter Gilman collected from a number of happy members:

-**Marilyn Letts** was pleased with the PR coverage she got in the Stittsville News.

-**Claudette Léger-Paillé** was amused by her grandchildren's disappointment that there were no cows at Rotary. They had heard the word 'Rotary' as 'rodeo'.

-**Frank Cranton** and Dianne are celebrating 50 years of marriage and are off to Barbados next week.

-Richard Fisher was happy to be with us and promised to return next week. .

-**Doug Heyland** is pleased that Calendar sales are progressing and appealed to the 50% of the members

who have not sold any calendars.

-**Bea Osome** was happy that so many friends dropped by to say, "hello", while she was ringing the Salvation Army bell at Carlingwood Mall

President Jean reminded us that next week is our annual Christmas music program. We will be in the Church basement. Garth Hampson will be with us and Patricia Talbot and **Rod Holmes** will provide the music for us. Because of medical appointments, the Parkway House residents will be unable to attend.

President Jean ended the meeting with the reminder that the next person you meet, may be a potential Rotarian. Consider and bring them to lunch.

Cash Calendar Winners

Winners of the Cash Calendar draws will be published in a later Spinoff

Tuesday December 13, 2016

Christmas music program

Convenor: **Rod Holmes**

Greeters: **Luana Achihaei & TBA** Reception: **Cletus Peters**

Lunch Payment: **The Letts Team** Grace: **N/A**

Past President's Draw: **Bill Morris** Editor: **Ginette Thomas**

Tuesday January 3, 2017

Club Assembly

Community Service and Finance Committee reports

Greeters: **Hadi Mortada & Norm Thomas** Reception: **Toni Grande**

Lunch Payment: **Joe Redhead & Larry Chop** Grace: **Susan Diening**

Past President's Draw: **Keith Fraser** Editor: **Rod Holmes**