



# Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Jean Bégin, President

December 13, 2016

Editor: Ginette Thomas

## December 13, 2016: Christmas Music Program

Convenor **Maestro Rod Holmes**; guest accompanist Patricia Talbot and Garth Hampson guest soloist

### The Meeting

The **Achihaei** Team greeted us warmly as we came in the door, the **Letts** Team collected the lunch payments, and **Cletus Peters** was at the reception desk. **President Jean** called the meeting to order and asked **Rod Holmes** and Garth Hampson to lead us in the national anthem. Garth then led us in a sung grace written by former member Dan Crone, now deceased, to honour the spirit of the Christmas Season.

**Cletus Peters** greeted the many Member spouses and partners and introduced Debbie McCann and Nella Campagna (guests of **President Jean**); Marie Poste (guest of **Linda Flynn**); Doug Patriquin (guest of **Rod Homes**); Back Dang (guest of **Sucha Mann**); Miriam Fraser (guest of **Keith Fraser**); Bruce and Jenny Brook (guests of **Doug** and **Joan Heyland**); Judy Ginsberg and Felix Acevedo (guests of **Vince Mazzola**); and Doug Fettes (guest of **Susan Diening**). We welcomed them in song in our usual manner

**President Jean** now called for the Past Presidents Draw which this week was for 2 Indigo gift cards, one from the club and one donated by one of the visiting Scottish curlers who won it several weeks ago but realized it could not be used back in Scotland. **Graeme Fraser** stood in for **Keith Fraser** who had originally planned to replace **Bill Morris** and in due course found winners Miriam Fraser and **Gaye Moffett**.

### President's Announcements:

**President Jean** now presented for approval the proposed slate of Club officers for 2017-18:

President: **Ken Sparks**; Past President: **Jean Bégin**; President Elect: **Ali Pahlavani**;

Vice President: **Tom Stollman**; Secretary: **Marcia Armstrong**; Treasurer: **Hadi Mortada**;

Directors: -Community Service: **Jen Ahde**; - Club Service & Fellowship: **Cam Ross**;

-International & Youth: **Pardeep Ahluwalia**;

-At Large: **Susan Diening** & **Campbell Whillans**

Advisor: **Doug Rowlands**

The slate was approved by show of hands with no dissenting votes or abstentions.

- Dian Morris has now had her surgery and is recuperating;

- Eleanor Glynn (wife of former member Thomas Glynn now deceased) cannot participate in this year's Christmas program as she fell and broke her hip;

**Birthday wishes** for the balance of the 2016: **Rod Holmes, Ed Balys, Bud McGinnis, and President Jean**. Also to Jean Creighton spouse of **Warren Creighton**.

### Announcements

-**Joe Redhead** presented **President Jean** with a \$1,200 cheque from the Woodroffe High School Awake event.

-Nella Campagna (who was one of the servers at Travelodge) thanked us for the funds that we raised for her last week; Spinoff December 13, 2016

-Judy Ginsberg (guest of **Victor Mazzola**) told us Stella Borealis, an ensemble of senior Ottawa Suzuki Strings members might again play in our annual Music for Humanity fundraising concert to take place in April.

### Program

And it was now time to celebrate the warmth and conviviality that the music of the Christmas season evokes in all of us with stellar performances by our special guests and by our own homegrown talent.

### Program leaders

**Rod Holmes** organized and led the Christmas Music Program. **Rod** was music director of the Orpheus Musical Theatre for more than 20 Broadway shows; director/producer at CBC/TV for 38years; and music director/organist at Kitchissippi (formerly Kingsway) United Church for 40 years. Guest accompanist Patricia Talbot started her career as church organist and choir pianist in South Africa and has been providing music at St Paul's Presbyterian Church for the past decade. Guest soloist Garth Hampson is well known as Ottawa's favourite "singing Mountie" He has

performed with the RCMP Band at Rideau Hall and at world fairs in Brisbane, Osaka and Vancouver. He has been our guest for this program for most of the past twenty years.

### **The singing**

**Rod** welcomed our musical guests and brie/fed the 10 song leader teams to come to the microphone in turn to introduce their selections. We would follow using the song sheets on each table. Song leaders were **Linda Flynn** and Isabel Gilman, **Blair Armstrong** and **Warren Creighton**, **Gaye Moffett** and **Don Butler** helped by Garth who then followed solo with *I Wonder as I Wander* and *Masters in The Hall*. Then came carols led by **Jean Begin** and **Clive Talbot** and a keyboard duet by **Rod Holmes** and Patricia Talbot of *Gesu Bambino*. **Joan Heyland** followed with two favorites and Garth Hampson soloed *O Holy Night* and led us in a rousing *O Come All Ye Faithful*.

### **Meeting end**

**President Jean** reminded us again that the next person we meet could be a potential Rotarian who might like what she or he sees if invited to a meeting. She then turned things back to Garth Hampson who asked us to stand and sing along in a loud and upbeat rendition of *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* to close this last meeting of 2016!

### **Corrigenda**

Spinoff Dec 6 2016 understated and outright erred. **Claudette Léger-Paillé** is in fact an interior designer and decorating consultant. It was not **Claudette's** but rather **Ginette Thomas's** grandchild who had misheard 'Rotary' as "rodeo" and was disappointed that there had been no horses.

Cash Calendar draw winners for November 15-28, 2016; all in Ontario except the one marked in BC.  
4896 \$25 Annemarie Evans, Merrickville  
1455 \$20 Cheryl Nixon, Kanata  
3765 \$50 National Dental Hygiene Certification Board, Ottawa  
2780 \$25 Dan & Sylvia Kolar, Carleton Place  
4951 \$50 Kelsey Leon, Ancaster  
4305 \$25 Gail Pritchard, Ottawa  
3108 \$20 Patrick Kennedy, London  
1052 \$50 Angela & Patrick Kelly, Ottawa  
3747 \$25 Gaye Moffett, Ottawa  
4713 \$25 Gord & Wendy Robertson, Courtenay, BC  
1814 \$125 Agnes Hetherington, Ottawa  
3202 \$25 Margaret Johnson, Ottawa  
4685 \$25 Harold Workman, Kemptville  
1920 \$100 Allison Rongeau, Orléans

### **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: **Peter Fisher** Editor: **Rod Holmes**

### **Tuesday January 10, 2017**

Carman Joynt: Chairman, Royal Canadian Mint

Intro: **Keith Fraser** Thanks: **Jim Maxwell**

Greeters: **Paul Leduc & Ali Sochaski** Reception: **Denzil Feinberg**

Lunch Payment: **Bob Harrison & Anup Subedi** Grace: **Phil Bronsther**

Past President's Draw: **Blair Armstrong** Editor: **Joe Redhead**