



Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA
Jean Bégin, President

December 19, 2017

Editor: Jack Troughton

Dec 19 2017- Christmas Program

Prologue:

Greeters: Sucha Mann & Eugen Achihaei

Lunch Payment & Attendance: Mary Wattie

The Meeting:

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 sung grace written by the late **Dan Crone** to honour the spirit of the Christmas Season.

Pardeep Ahluwalia introduced our guests. In addition to our spouses and partners, guests included Eleanor Glynn and daughter-in-law Karen Wright, Nash Smith, Paula Richardson, David Fettes, Lionel Rowe, Marie Poste, Debra McCann and Rotarians Miriam Fraser (Nepean-Kanata) and former West Ottawa member Linas Pilypaitis now with Ottawa-Bytown. Your editor may have missed some names and apologises for any omission. Guests were welcomed in song in our usual manner.

Clive Talbot conducted the Past Presidents' Draw and **Marilyn Letts** was this week's winner.

Birthdays

President Jean offered birthday wishes to **Ed Balys**- Dec 21, **Bud McGinnis** -Dec 28, and **Chris Martin** - January 5th.

The Program

President Jean called on our Music Master **Rod Holmes** to lead our Christmas song program. As a side note, **Rod** is eminently qualified for the

job. He was music director of the Orpheus Musical Theatre for more than 20 Broadway shows; producer/director at CBC for 38 years; and music director/organist at Kitchissippi (formerly Kingsway) United Church for 40 years. Guest accompanist Patricia Talbot was a church organist and choir pianist in South Africa and is at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Guest soloist Garth Hampson is well known as Ottawa's favourite "singing Mountie". He performed with the RCMP Band all over the world, has been our guest for the past twenty years and is a Paul Harris Fellow. **Rod** explained that we would be singing the twelve Christmas songs on the song sheets at each table. The song leaders were **Linda Flynn, Jean Begin, Joan Heyland, Gaye Moffett** and **Don Butler**. Garth led us in *Good King Wenceslas* and then gave a solo performance of the *Star Candles* carol. Garth asked us all to stand as he led us in *O Come All Ye Faithful* and in ending the program by joining hands and singing a rousing *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*.

Epilogue

President Jean concluded the meeting with her reminder that, "**We are Rotary Making a Difference**". And as we look ahead to 2018, she asked us to remember that the next person we meet might make a Rotarian and make it a priority to invite them to meeting.

Cash Calendar

Names of the Cash Calendar draw winners for
the period after December 26, 2017 will be

published in a later Spinoff.

Tuesdays, December 26, 2017 and January 2, 2018
NO MEETING

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Committee meetings

Greeters: **Norm Thomas, Roy Miller** Invocation: **Jeremy Klein**
Reception: **Marcia Armstrong** PP Draw: **Bill Morris**
Ticket Sales/Attendance: **Mary Wattie** Editor: **Robert Shaw-Wood**