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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA;  
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

December 4, 2018

Editor Gaye Moffett

## Program Dec 4: Dr. William McIntyre, Pediatric Surgeon- Classification Talk

### WE GATHER:

A decent crowd rolled up for today's meeting being greeted by **Joan** and **Doug Heyland**, visitors were registered by **Andrew Young**, and **Bob Harrison** sold Past President's Draw tickets.

Meeting tickets were sold by **Doreen Ide**. At noon sharp **President Pardeep Ahluwalia** rang the bell and welcomed fellow Rotarians and guests asking that we serve ourselves at the buffet.

### THE MEETING:

Projected on to the screen as we ate was information including a summary of the most recent Club board meeting. The board had i.a. discussed the possibility that some of our present fund raisers might be dropped and a committee had been struck to consider new ones. This was not discussed at our Dec 4 meeting, but will be soon.

At 1230 **President Pardeep** rang the bell and called the meeting to order asking us to stand and sing the national anthem. **Rod Holmes** accompanied us on keyboard.

**Sucha Mann** came to the mic to give us an inspirational grace with Rotarian messaging saying "Alone one goes fast, but together we go further"

**Andrew Young** introduced the visitors. Darryl Pereira told us he had been invited to attend by his downhill skiing friend **Pardeep** since he had recently retired from PricewaterhouseCoopers. Dr. Baxter Willis, a guest of **Dr. Bill McIntyre**, had recently retired from CHEO and told us he was wanting to do something else with his time, -joining Rotary maybe?

Next it was time for **Bob Harrison** to conduct the Past President's draw, a gift certificate to Farm Boy. The lucky winner was **Len Baird**.

### APPROVAL OF 2019-20 CLUB BOARD

**President Pardeep** invited Past President **Jean Bégin** up to the microphone to announce the nominees for the Club's Board of Directors for the year 2019-20. Jean told us she had received no other nominations since last week's meeting, so she presented the slate of officers:

- \* President: **Pardeep Ahluwalia**
- \* President Elect: **Ali Pahlavani**
- \* President Nominee#1: **Chris Wanna**
- \* President Nominee#2: **Graeme Fraser**
- \* Secretary: **Marcia Armstrong**
- \* Treasurer: **Linda Flynn**
- \* Director, Youth and Community Services: **Caroline De Witt**
- \* Director, International Services: **Henry Akanko**
- \* Director, Club Services & Fellowship: **Eugene Achihaei**
- \* Past President: **Jean Begin**

She then moved acceptance of the 2019-20 slate of officers. It was passed unanimously.

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Joan Heyland** reminded club members to sign up in the folder being circulated for the Foundation Fellowship Dinners.

**Rod Holmes** was circulating the proof of the new Club directory. Members should review and sign off on their listing.

He also reminded us that in two weeks will be the Club's Christmas Program. Patricia Talbot will join him with her key board and baritone Garth Hampson will be back by popular demand. **Rod** has been asking willing club members to lead with some Christmas Carols.

#### PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-December 11 meeting will be in the basement of the church;

-thanks to members for volunteering for the Salvation Army's annual kettle campaign;

-Youth Now Christmas turkeys at \$4.50 a pound. Visit and order on line: [www.youthnowfarm.ca](http://www.youthnowfarm.ca);

-**Caroline De Witt** and **Brett Brooking** had 2019 Calendars for us to pick up after meeting and sell

-**Warren Creighton** is still in hospital and he's doing much better. He hopes to be discharged soon.

- Birthdays: **Dave Morton's** on December 9th

#### PROGRAM:

**Marilyn Letts** now introduced our Speaker, **Dr. Bill McIntyre**.

**Bill** was born in 1936 in Ottawa, he was the 7th of 8 boys, he went to St George's Public School St. Patrick's High School. His undergraduate science degree was from University of Toronto at St Michael's College and on the advice of one of his brothers, who had succumbed to polio, went into medicine instead of engineering like his other brothers had done. He took his medical degree from the University of Ottawa graduating in 1961. He and his classmate Wilbur Keon rotated internships at the Civic Hospital working 24 hour shifts at a time. He did a surgery and a pathology residency at Montreal General and then left to go to North Carolina in 1960's where he first saw the racial discrimination against the black citizens in the southern US.

He entered a four-year residency in orthopedics at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre in New York. At one clinical rotation at the Harlem Hospital he saw the poor treatment of black patients versus white ones both in staff levels and equipment.

**Bill** married Mary Frances Gleeson in 1960 while in medical school and subsequently had three girls in quick succession, a gap of six years then they adopted a boy and then had another boy one year afterwards. From these children he now has 5 grandchildren.

After three years in the USA, in 1967, he returned to Ottawa, narrowly escaping the draft for the Vietnam War and joined the orthopedic staff at The Civic Hospital where they treated both adults and children.

He became the Medical Director of the Children's Treatment Center in 1971 and remained there for 27 years. When CHEO opened in 1974 he was appointed the 1st chief of the division of orthopaedic surgery where he remained for 19 years. This is where he met **Merv Letts** in 1990's.

**Bill** began to slow down a few years ago and now worked 2 days a week for the Medical Devices Bureau of Health Canada as an orthopaedic medical advisor.

**Bill** attributed much of his success was his dear wife of 57 years, Mary Frances Gleeson. Unfortunately, Mary, though a non-smoker, was diagnosed with lung cancer in January 2016 and she passed away peacefully at home in November 2017. To honour her, **Bill** is promoting a foundation to further lung cancer research in her name

**Merv** thanked **Bill** for the comprehensive and interesting overview of his life, his wife and family and his career.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

**Cletus Peters** was asked to collect happy Dollars:

-**Merv Letts** told us he and **Marilyn** had just returned from Yellowknife visiting family. Our club is considering fundraisers, so he told us that he had visited the Rotary Club of Yellowknife and learned that one of their major fundraisers is selling Christmas wreaths.

-**Denzil Feinberg**, wearing shorts for medical reasons, bragged he had just given his 99th blood donation.

-**Ken Murray** told us the 1921 Census was now accessible on the Library and Archives web site. The 1926 Census is now being prepared for release after the end of the 92-year confidentiality required by law.

-**Doug Heyland** had travelled in the southern USA in the late '50s' saw instances of racial discrimination similar to those mentioned by **Bill**

-**President Pardeep** was happy that after 8 weeks he was able to set up a bank account as a UK non-resident.

## WRAP UP

**President Pardeep** reminded us that we are meeting in the church basement December 11 and reviewed the meeting program. At his call for "anything else..." **Linda Flynn** reminded everyone that next week is the deadline for Foundation donations. **President Pardeep** then closed the meeting with his usual reminder of the current theme- 'Be the Inspiration' and his call to bring likely acquaintances to check us out at a meeting.

## PHOTOS

<https://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2018-12-04-bill-mcintyre-classification-talk>

## CASH CALENDAR

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for December 5 – 18, 2018:

1275 \$20 Carman Carroll, St. John's NL

1898 \$100 Monique LaRocque, Chelsea, QC

0592 \$50 Stephanie Brown – Mark Donnelly, Iroquois Falls, ON

0302 \$25 Leigh MacKenzie, Orleans, ON

3062 \$25 Matt Rowlings, Metcalfe, ON

1814 \$50 John & Ykiko Mahony, Ottawa, ON

1557 \$100 Brenda Coucheir, Kemptville, ON

0996 \$25 Dwayne Gravelle, Ottawa, ON

1312 \$50 Tammy D'Albertanson, Kanata, ON

1379 \$125 Harry Binks, Ottawa, ON

3828 \$25 Bill & Karen Schryer, Sault Ste Marie, ON

3549 \$25 Dr. Richard Moulton, Ottawa, ON

3559 \$50 Trudy Hare, Ottawa, ON

3145 \$20 Susan Buchanan, Kemptville, ON.

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

**Birket Foster:** A First Nation water project

Intro: **Pardeep Ahluwalia** Thanks: **Larry Chop**

Greeters: **Denzil Feinberg, Len Baird** Reception: **Alan Bowles**  
Grace: **Jean Begin** PP Draw: **Chris Wanna** Editor: **Roy Miller**  
Meeting fee/Attendance: **Doreen Ide**

**Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

**Rotary Christmas Program.**

Program Director: **Rod Holmes** Keyboard: Patricia Talbot. Guest soloist: Garth Hampson

Greeters: **Mike Traub, Marilyn Letts** Reception: **Marcia Armstrong**

Grace: **The Program** PP Draw: **Hadi Mortada** Editor: **Rob Shaw-White**

Meeting fee/Attendance: **Doreen Ide**

**Tuesdays, December 25, 2018 and January 1, 2019**

**NO MEETING**