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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA
Jean Bégin, President
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Happy New Year!!

January 3, 2017: Program

Club Assembly: Treasurer's Report and Community Service Committee Report

Gathering

After a two-week holiday members slowly returned to the first meeting of 2017 in the St. Elias Centre. At first it appeared as though we'd hardly have a quorum, members having to drive through some pretty stormy weather conditions, but by the time the food line had diminished there were about 47 present, still less than half the membership. **President Jean Bégin** bid us welcome to the 23rd meeting of this Rotary year, invited us to stand for *O Canada*, and called upon **Susan Diening** to offer the grace. **Ken Murray** introduced the guests: Bruce Brooks (about to become a member) and **Henry Akanko's** two daughters, Adella and Kanbasi. We sang them our Welcome Song.

Navin Parekh was the stand-in for the Past President's draw and offered \$25 to the lucky winner, who was **Joseph Redhead**.

Membership moment

Merv Letts suggested that we make a New Year's resolution to approach at least one friend, colleague or neighbour to see if they would join us in the magic of Rotary. He reminded us that February 28th would be the annual Visitors' Day at Rotary. **Merv** also suggested we read "*Man's search for meaning*" by the Austrian-born Holocaust survivor, Viktor E. Frankl.

Induction

It was then time to induct our first member in 2017. **Joe Wattie** introduced his friend and former colleague, **Bruce Brooks**. Our inductee is a retired C.A. with more than 40

years' experience in public practice specializing in business valuations, insurance loss claims and strategic business planning. **Bruce** is currently the treasurer and Board member of the Ottawa Rotary Home Foundation and a member of the audit and finance committee of the Rotary Home. He was a long-time member of Kiwanis and has been active with the Ottawa Public Library Foundation, the Nepean Chamber of Commerce and the United Way. **Bruce** is married to Jennifer, a retired nurse practitioner. They have 2 adult children and 4 grandchildren. **President Jean** charged the member with the responsibilities of Rotary and **Joan Heyland** presented the membership kit and pin. **Bruce** has been assigned to two committees: Community Service and Dictionary4Life.

Program

Part 1 - Report from Treasurer, Hadi Mortada

Hadi presented a comprehensive report on the finances of the RCWO Service Fund itemizing the balance sheet as of June 30, 2016 (with a comparison to 2015) A Statement of Operations for the year ending June 30, 2016 was also presented along with a balance sheet of assets, liabilities and equity for the same period. Copies were on the tables. It was noted that the District dues had risen and that the finances were generally in good shape. Since the meeting, copies of the Report were emailed to all members. A few questions were raised concerning Music for Humanity proceeds, Cash Calendar cheques and PolioPlus givings. **Linda Flynn** has separately clarified

these and other matters in an email to all members.

Part 2 - Community Service Committee Report by Dave Morton

Community Service highlights were outlined by **Dave Morton**.

The Statement of Purpose of the CS committee is to help improve the quality of life of persons in need in the community through personal and financial support. About half of the budget has been spent so far, and all of the funds disbursed stay in our community.

Dave outlined the major groups and people assisted by donations: Start2Finish Running and Reading Club, Ottawa Rotary Home Golf Tournament, Camp Misquah, Trips for Kids, Kelly Lee Evans, School Breakfast Program, expansion to Ottawa Hospice Care in Kanata, Youville Centre bursary for teen mothers, Christie Lake Camp and Camp Merrywood, Centre 507, Elizabeth Fry Society, Cityview United Church Christmas Hampers, Jonathan Pitre – Ottawa's Butterfly child, Twice Upon a Time – literacy program, Parkdale Food Bank, Caring and Sharing Exchange, OutCare Foundation for hospice in Kanata. **Dave** reported that members were most generous when the hat was passed for funds to assist Nella Campagna, long time server at the Travelodge. The full report was emailed to all club members.

HAPPY DOLLARS

To start the New Year off right, **Bill Morris** was the first to speak, thanking members

for messages about his wife, Dian. He reported that she is progressing well, and added \$10.

Ken Murray saluted former member, Jake Maarse, who appeared in a recent *The Rotarian*; and added \$20 in penance before departing for three months!

Inna Flyazhenkova wished every one a Happy New Year!

Alan Bowles reported on visiting his son's family in Chicago where his grandson solved the Rubik's Cube.

Bud McGinnis, having just passed another birthday on December 28th, contributed \$95 to celebrate the occasion.

Henry Akanko spent the holidays in Calgary, and is happy to be back.

Bruce Brooks said by joining Rotary, this is a great way to start the New Year.

ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE SCREEN

Leaves of Absence granted to **Bea Osome**, Dec 31–Mar 31; **Tom Stollman**, Dec 1–Mar 1.

Rotary Trivia Night, Friday, February 17 – Rotary Club of Stittsville

Toiletries still needed for the Parkdale Food Centre.

Shoe Give Away Days needs large plastic bags for the next distribution.

From the Presidents' Council:

Consideration for area clubs to participate in a multi year commitment to provide a "Rotary Room" in the west end hospice in Kanata.

RCWO 60th Anniversary Gala: Friday, April 28, 2017 (Tuesday, April 25 noon meeting to be cancelled) Mark your calendars!!

Cash Calendar draw results for November 16 to December 26, 2016:

	4229	\$50	G. Lyons, Ottawa, ON
Austria	1864	\$50	Oswin Teuffenbach, Ossiacher See,
	3567	\$20	Norm Thomas, Ottawa, ON
MB	3173	\$50	Barrie & Dorothy Brooking, Minnedosa,
	4836	\$25	Dorlenc Doherty, Kemptville, ON
	2279	\$25	Tracey Pagé, Kanata, ON
	3595	\$50	Gordon & Sharron Welby, Maberly, ON
	4662	\$50	Phil & Leanne Bulsink, Ottawa, ON
	3139	\$20	Brenda Reid, Nepean, ON
	1643	\$100	Eva Francoeur, Kemptville, ON
	4226	\$50	Joy Picozzi, Ottawa, ON
	2437	\$25	Tia McEwan, Ottawa, ON
	1593	\$25	Ruth Doxtater, Merrickville, ON

	4352	\$50	Marc Zucker, Nepean, ON
BC	4195	\$100	Diane & Wilson Friskie, Port Coquitlam,
	2627	\$25	Patricia Faguy, Ottawa, ON
	4246	\$50	Meaghan Shanahan, Ottawa, ON
	3715	\$125	James McFarlane, Renfrew, ON
	2758	\$25	Laurie Holcombe, Nepean, ON
ON	1631	\$25	Anna Van Adrichem-Rochon, Kemptville,
	2609	\$50	Ken Guri & Ann Brosseau, Grenville sur
	3808	\$20	Adrienne Creighton, Stittsville, ON
	4150	\$50	Maureen Roger, White Rock, BC
	1253	\$20	Jennifer Lainez & Serge Frechette,
			Orléans, ON

1624 \$50 Joyce Derragh, Mountain, ON
2423 \$25 Trevor Watkins, Shannonville, ON

2081 \$200 Inna Flyazhenkova, Ottawa, ON
4890 \$25 Andy Boffee, Perth, ON

Tuesday January 10, 2017

Carman Joynt: Chairman, Royal Canadian Mint

Intro: **Keith Fraser** Thanks: **Ron Scott**

Greeters: **Paul Leduc & Doreen Ide** Reception: **Hadi Mortada**

Lunch Payment: **Bob Harrison & Len Baird** Grace: **Phil Bronsther**

Past President's Draw: **Peter Fisher** Editor: **Joe Redhead**

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Dr. Grant Gilchrist ~ Exploring the art of delivering Science

Greeters: **Jen Ahde & Inna Flyazhenkova** Reception: **Denzil Feinberg**

Lunch Payment: **Carol Bell Thompson & Marcia Armstrong** Grace: **Marilyn Letts**

Past President's Draw: **Len Baird** Editor: **Cam Ross**

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Marcia Armstrong ~ Classification Talk