



Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Jean Bégin, President

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Editor: Cameron Ross

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PDG Ariane Carriere: District 7040 Vision Team - Guatemala

Intro: **Bob Harrison** Thanks: **Susan Diening**

The club members gathered for the first meeting of the new Rotary year, under the direction of new **club President Jean Begin**. She began the lunch with a few changes to the routine program. The first was grace being said as the first order of business, today by **Norm Thomas**.

At the conclusion of grace, the club members collected their food from the buffet line. Today's menu included salad, potatoes, pasta, and BBQ chicken. As everyone took their seats, **Jean** highlighted another new change: the duties of the week will not be read aloud – only shown in the Spinoff. This week, the members and guests were greeted by **Chris Wanna** and **Robert Shaw-Wood**. **Eric Armstrong** took the names of our guests, and **Doug Rowlands** took lunch payment. **Suren Gupta**, doing Past President's Draw, handled the collection of money, issue of tickets, and the announcement of this week's winner – lucky **Inna Flyazhenkova** won an Esso gas card. Finally, your Spinoff editor is **Cameron Ross**. My apologies if any stories were missed or exaggerated – I was very distracted by the delicious chicken.

President Jean continued the meeting with the sad announcement of Margaret Loynes' passing. Margaret was the wife of former RCWO member for whom the Lloyd Loynes Award is named. Lloyd promoted many ways of increasing volunteerism in the club and the community. His award is presented to a club member who has performed outstanding "hands on" volunteer service in support of club activities and/or to the community through activities external to Rotary. This year's recipients are **Rocco Disipio** and **Navin Parekh**.

The club was also sad to hear that **Brian Langill** has resigned for the present, due to a heavy work load. He hopes to return at some time in the future.

A few announcements were made:

- **Ken Murray** announced that a Paul Harris award had been missed at the Changeover & Awards Night. The RCWO is very happy to recognize **Ed Balys** for all of his hard work with the Program Committee, Cash Calendars, and BBQ.
- **Brett Brooking** recognized all of the volunteers who had helped in a recent shoe-sorting event for Shoe Bank Canada. This event will be recurring, if you're interested in supporting both your local community and developing areas of Africa.
- **Suren Gupta** read an email from friend and regular Mums buyer Gerry Conger who had deliberately overpaid by \$5 for the plant he received last year because of the good work Rotary does and in memory of his father, "a charter member of the Ottawa club"
- **Don Butler** told us that Meals on Wheels has withdrawn from Mums for Thanksgiving but they have graciously helped us access their list of Mums buyers. If we succeed in selling to those buyers we will need all-out Club support in providing drivers to make the deliveries the MOW drivers handled previously. But success in selling to previous MOW customers, who largely favour support to local charities, will give us additional funds we can use for local Ottawa projects in addition continuing our past Mums support for international services.

Bob Harrison presented our guest speaker, who needed no introduction to the group. Ariane Carriere is the Past District Governor for District 7040, also Past District Treasurer & Past President of the Cornwall Rotary club, and she is now the Chair for Interact in the District.

Ariane spoke of her decision to take on the Interact program and the new Rotary President's mission to expand youth programs. Currently in the District there are 26 operating Interact clubs (14 were terminated for no longer functioning). Eight of those clubs received Presidential Citations. She presented an award for the Woodroffe club that will be passed along once classes resume.

The main purpose of Ariane's presentation was to highlight her recent visit to Guatemala with Interact youth. A partner charity called Common Hope with extensive development activities in Guatemala hosts Vision Teams to promote support and raise funds. The Vision Teams are 8 day introductions to Common Hope programs for education, social & family development, health, and housing projects along with as fun educational outings. The Interact members were allowed to follow Guatemalans throughout their day, including shifts with a sculptor, wood

worker, and a tortilla maker. They also built a house for a local family and walked a tour through Antigua and visited a Mayan ruin.

She concluded with a video slide show with music. The chaperones for the next trip have already been arranged, but the group is still looking for interested participants. Children need to be between 12 and 18 years of age, with a cost per person of approximately \$2,000. A further \$4,000 is raised to help the community visited.

Finally, there were two minutes for Happy Dollars:

- **Brian Hartley** was happy to return from a Newfoundland cruise with his wife.
- **Ken Murray** was happy that the Saskatoon berries are ripe for the picking.
- **Hadi Mortada** was thankful that **Campbell Whillans** came over to help him with a plumbing problem.

The meeting concluded with a reminder that there would be no meeting July 19. The Calendar Committee met afterwards.

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week, June 28 – July 4, 2016.

All winners are from the province of Ontario.

1700 \$50 Wayne Tosh, Orléans
3032 \$50 Lionel Rowe, Ottawa
4496 \$50 Derek Christopher, North Gower
4411 \$20 Wayne Scrim, Kanata
4944 \$50 Sahar Owiolat, Barrhaven
4684 \$25 Evelene Workman, Kemptville
4527 \$50 Nina Taylor, Toronto

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Pardeep Ahluwalia: Classification talk

Intro: **Doug Heyland**

Thanks: **Stu Picozzi**

Payment: **Claudette Léger-Paillé & Ken Sparks** Greeters: **Tom Stollman & Pardeep Ahluwalia**

Grace: **Jen Soucy** Reception: **Marcia Armstrong** PP Draw: **Chris Wanna** Editor: **Ginette Thomas**

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

MEETING CANCELLED (Lebanese Festival)

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

Rabbi Chaim Mendelsohn: *Judaism's perspective on successful relationships*

Intro: **Phil Bronsther**

Thanks: **TBA**

Payment: **Suren Gupta & Ken Murray** Greeters: **Chris Wanna & Blair Armstrong**

Grace: **Andrew Young** Reception: **Sucha Mann** PP Draw: **Nigel Lever** Editor: **Don Butler**