



Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Jean Bégin, President

July 11, 2017

Editor: Joseph Redhead

Program July 11 2017 – Club Assembly: the 2017-18 budget

The Meeting

Our 2nd meeting of the Rotary Year was well attended as members were most eager to consider the budget for the year. Three guests graced us with their presence, these being Grace Bell, fellow Rotarian from the Ottawa/Stittsville Club, Roselind Hope, guest of **Joan Heyland**, and Shawn Zahrawi, a guest of **Hadi Mortada** who will shortly nominate Mr. Zahrawi for membership.

Attendees were greeted by the ever-gracious pair of **Jen Ahde** and **Marilyn Letts**. **Marcia Armstrong** recorded our guests, while **Mary Wattie** ensured that lunch payment was collected and **Len Baird** sold tickets for the Past Presidents Draw.

As is her wont, **President Jean Bégin** called us to the buffet at noon, reminding everyone to deposit their lunch tickets in the bowl provided. Following lunch, we sang *O Canada*, listened attentively to the evocative grace from **Jennifer Wyatt** and sang our Welcome Song to guests and visitors with **Rod Holmes** providing the music.

Len Baird conducted the pulling of tickets for Past President's Draw with the winner of a gift certificate being our Rotarian guest, Roselind Hope.

Announcements

Rocco Disipio led off the announcements with an entreaty for suggestions of activities that the Social/Recreation Committee could undertake in the coming year. **Merv Letts** was eloquent with an update on the purpose of the Club's Foundation and the various methods of contributing to this important new aspect of the Club. **Susan Diening** appealed for members to secure sponsors of advertisements for the 2018 Cash Calendar, as a number of past sponsors will not renew their support. **Cameron Ross** enthusiastically promoted the upcoming golf tournament and explained a new wrinkle to the event by which members could benefit from bringing in participants (a member bringing in a non-member to the tournament will earn a ticket for a draw of a night at the Montebello Resort, the latter a gift of committee member **Jen Ahde**. **Alan Bowles** outlined the reasons (mostly lack of nominations) why the Lloyd Loynes award (awarded to a Club Member), and the Ruth

Martin and Family and Community Service awards (both given to non-members) were not awarded at the Awards and Change Over Dinner last month. **Brett Brooking** invited volunteers for the shoe sorting event scheduled for Saturday 15th.

President Jean - reminded members to check the back of the Spinoff to ensure that their names were properly recorded in the committee membership listing,

- asked for a volunteer to replace her in coordinating the Salvation Army Kettles activity in early December, and - advised that the 2018 RI Convention would be in Toronto between June 23 and 27.

Birthdays: **Graeme Fraser** (13th), **Campbell Whillans** and **Larry Chop** (both the 19th), **Hadi Mortada** (23rd) and **Clive Talbot** and **Keenan Wellar** (both on the 24th).

The time period normally reserved for a Speaker was devoted to a presentation by **President Jean** of the budget for 2017 – 2018, a follow-up question and answer session and acceptance of the budget by members. Items of import include the following:

- The meal price will be increased to \$26 beginning January 1, 2018
- Dates for the 2018 BBQ and the Awards and Change Over Dinner will be set at the next Board meeting to avoid conflict with the RI Convention
- If sufficient members would like meetings to be held in a different location from the St Elias Centre then they should strike a committee to consider same, remembering that the new place must meet the "must have" criteria set by the last venue committee.
- It would be wonderful if sufficient members advertise on the web site so the annual cost of ClubRunner and web site maintenance can be covered. The annual advertisement fee is \$100.00
- Parkway House and Public Relations committees still have no chairpersons.
- Committees must have someone volunteer to be the committee's treasure to record transactions and make bank deposits to a branch of TD Bank.

- Deposit slips with duplicates must be used, with the original to be given to **Linda Flynn**. With this change, **Linda's** workload would be lightened and committees would know exactly their financial status at any point in time.
- Fund raising committees will be required to document all income and expenses and provide details to **Linda** for verification.

Happy Dollars

Robert Shaw Wood collected Happy Dollars from:

★ **Len Baird**, happy to be celebrating 56 years of marital bliss.

★ **Ken Murray**, making a donation in thanks for rhubarb provided by the bountiful garden of **Caroline De Witt**.

★ **Robert Harrison**, adding to the pouch as he too was the recipient of **Caroline's** harvest of rhubarb.

★ **Marilyn Letts**, also a contributor as a recipient of rhubarb.

★ **Merv Letts**, with a handsome donation of \$130, this in honour of 53 years of marriage to his childhood sweetheart and his graduation as a medical doctor.

★ **Andrew Young**, to acknowledge the acceptances he received from Club members who will attend the Company of Fools performance in the park near his home on July 14th and the potluck chez **Andrew** afterwards

★ Roselind Hope, visiting Rotarian, was doubly happy at having reconnected with **Joan Heyland**, a friend she had not seen in years, and to be visiting Scotland in the very near future.

★ **Dave Morton**, made a donation to thank **Sucha Mann** for volunteering as a Marshall at a Canada Day running event in Kanata.

★ **Sucha Mann**, expressing his joy at seeing young people raising funds for charity over Canada Day.

Meeting end

President Jean adjourned the meeting at 1:40 PM with her reminders that we are Rotary Making a Difference and to invite contacts to check out our club by coming to a meeting. Meetings to follow would include Mums for Thanksgiving and International Service.

Cash Calendar

Winners of draws for the period July 5 to July 18 are as follows:

1569 \$20 Nicholas Wattie, Toronto, ON
 3954 \$25 Marc-Andre Mineault, Gatineau, QC
 511 \$100 Cameron Johnstone, Lanark, ON
 4975 \$25 Susan Gard, Ottawa, ON
 3102 \$25 Jennifer Maxwell, Ottawa, ON
 3257 \$50 Debbie McAuley, Winchester, ON
 3187 \$25 Elaine Garfinkel, Gloucester, ON
 598 \$50 Tecla Kalinda, Ottawa, ON
 3359 \$25 Bill White, Kemptville, ON
 3640 \$50 Bonnie Copping, Gatineau, QC
 613 \$25 Lynn McGuire, Kemptville, ON
 1063 \$50 Paul Banerjee, Ottawa, ON
 1497 \$20 Evelyn Mallory, Carleton Place, ON
 3033 \$25 Susan Fisher, Ottawa, ON.

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ann Hall: "Sportswomen: Why Their History Matters"

Intro: **Robert Harrison** Thanks: **Jen Ahde**

Greeters: **Joan Heyland, Victor Mazzola** Reception: **Clive Talbot**

Payment: **Mary Wattie** Grace: **Melissa White**

PP Draw: **Alan Bowles** Editor: **Gaye Moffett**

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

District Governor Sue Bellor

Intro and Thanks: **Jean Bégin**

Greeters: **Merv Letts, Claudette Léger-Paillé** Reception: **Navin Parekh**

Payment: **TBA** Grace: **Phil Bronsther**

PP Draw: **Linda Flynn** Editor: **Rocco Disipio**