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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Jean Bégin, President

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Pardeep Ahluwalia: Classification Talk

Intro: **Doug Heyland** Thanks: **Stuart Picozzi**

Lunch payment: **Claudette Léger-Paillé, Ken Sparks** Greeters: **Tom Stollman & Pardeep Ahluwalia**

Grace: **Jen Soucy** Reception: **Marcia Armstrong** PP Draw: **Peter Gilman** Editor: **Ginette Thomas**

At 12:00, following an inspiring grace delivered by **Jen Soucy, President Jean** invited us to help ourselves to the wonderful buffet and to enjoy our lunch.

At 12:15, **President Jean Bégin**, called the second meeting of this Rotary Year to order. **Rod Holmes** accompanied us on the keyboard as we collectively engaged in a heartfelt version of O Canada. **Marcia Armstrong** introduced today's guests: Tony Grande, guest of **Phil Bronsther**; Bob St-Eloi from Ogonquit, Maine; Hermant Lohda from the Rotary Club of Nagpur, India where he is the District Chair for Child Education, and his son Pratik Lohda who lives in Ottawa. We welcomed them warmly to our meeting with the Welcome Song, again accompanied by **Rod Holmes**.

At 12:40, **President Jean** asked **Peter Gilman** to initiate the Past President Draw for this week **PP Chris Wanna** having had to leave early. The winning ticket was held by **Doug Rowlands**.

Joan Heyland reminded us that make-up meetings are an important way to not only get attendance credits, but to also meet other Rotarians and learn about ideas that may be of interest to our club. There are nine Rotary Clubs in the Ottawa area meeting in a variety of locations during the week with meeting options for early morning, lunch or dinner and at least a dozen other clubs are in easy driving range. The list, with their locations and meeting times, is available on our website and on the hard copy of SpinOff. There is also an option for an online make-up meeting. More information is available at www.rotaryclubone.org or www.rotaryclubcanada.ca.

President Jean invited guest Hermant Lohda to

say a few words about his club in Nagpur, India. He spoke about club activities in education, health and water management, a program that offers one-year scholarships for tutoring children for the future, as well as programs to support disabled children. He is looking forward to opportunities to partner with the RCWO and he exchanged club banners with **President Jean**. For more information about the Rotary Club of Nagpur and their activities, you can visit their website at:

<http://www.rotaryclubofnagpur.org/>.

President Jean replaced the new member badges with regular ones for **Sabby Duthie** and **Marcia Armstrong** who had completed the 3 tasks required of new members. **Robert Shaw-Wood** had also done so but was absent and will receive his badge later. Congratulations to all three!

Announcements:

Alan Bowles told us of letters of thanks from two Cash Calendar winners, including a woman from Germany who sent a beautiful letter (in German!) with many thanks to **Andrew Young** who had sold her the calendar, and with best wishes to the RCWO for every success.

As **Brett Bookings** showed us pictures of volunteers sorting shoes for Shoe Bank Canada June 29 and July 9 and thanked everyone who participated. **Rocco Disipio** provided a few laughs when he showed off a pair of cowboy boots he gathered from the event, and a pair of (very) high heeled shoes that he thought **President Jean** might want to wear for her official duties!

Don Butler circulated 2 folders for drivers to sign up to deliver Mums for Thanksgiving on Friday September 30th and Saturday October 1st. A third

folder circulated for Doug Rowlands calling for Mums unloaders first thing Thursday September 29 and for volunteers for general warehouse duties Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Doug Rowlands attended the 2016 graduation ceremony at A.Y. Jackson Secondary School in Kanata where he presented the Julia Hill Bursary to Katie Oickle. He read from an email in which she thanked the RCWO for the bursary which will support her studies for a degree in bio-medical science at the University of Ottawa in the Fall with a goal to pursuing medicine in the future.

Phil Bronsther announced a joint fundraiser with the Canadian chefs federation that will be held in the spring of 2017. Tony Grande, who is a pending new RCWO member, will be chairing the Committee to organize the fundraiser and we will soon be getting information about dates, location, and fundraising activities for that exciting event!

Doug Heyland gave a warm introduction to **Pardeep Ahluwalia** as he prepared to give his classification talk. **Pardeep** walked us through an entertaining and light-hearted account of his extensive career in academia and the public service, from his birth in India, his youth and academic education in England, to the opportunities in life that brought him to Canada.

We learned of his contributions to the field of science in Canada as he managed work in disciplines such as toxicology, psychopharmacology and sub-atomic particle physics amongst many sciences. With the skills of an accomplished storyteller, he entertained us as he shared his career progression in the public service that positioned him as witness to some important historical events in what he referred to as the “golden age in physics in Canada”. One of those events was the 1998 opening ceremony for the cutting-edge Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO) that is located 2 kilometres deep in the active Creighton nickel mine in Sudbury Ontario.

Pardeep told us of the honour he felt at having been part of history at that event surrounded by 5 Nobel laureates in physics, as well future Canadian laureate, Dr. Arthur McDonald of Queens University, who won the Nobel prize for his research in physics in 2015. Those were exciting times.

His skills and knowledge, and the ease with which he could learn new scientific disciplines and adapt to new surroundings, brought him to contribute to the development of national scientific policy development in Canada. His contributions include

his work in physical and mathematical sciences at the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC); in large-scale research projects at the Chief Scientist’s Office at Industry Science and Technology; as a Canadian representative at international organizations (the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the International Human Frontier Science Program, and the Canadian Genomics Program); as senior executive in the fields of forestry, health, education and social policy at the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

We have no doubt that he will bring the same level of enthusiasm for learning and contribution to society as he begins his well-deserved retirement.

Stu Piccozzi thanked the speaker and commended him for his inspiring attitude in life!

After we warmed up our vocal chords one more time, accompanied by **Rod Holmes** on the keyboard (we truly are the singing club) we sang the Happy Birthday song to **Chris Wanna, Joseph Redhead, Fred Sirotek, and Graeme Fraser**. However, **Fred Sirotek** gave us all a laugh when he rose to ask WHICH birthday we were celebrating, the one last November, or the upcoming November! **President Jean** promised to look into that one!

Peter Gilman passed the hat to collect Happy Dollars from:

- **Larry Chop** who received a hand-engraved invitation from Regina Street Public School to attend their event in thanks for RWCO support for their successful reading program. He also showed us WestboroFUSE pictures of the Capital City Chorus with distinguished Rotarian **Ed Balys** in the back row...and a picture of small mouth bass that **Larry** caught last week.
- **Ron Doll** filled in for **Dave Morton** at the Youville Centre Graduation and told us of his heartwarming experience presenting a scholarship cheque to a young woman to continue her education.
- **Jack Troughton** met up with a former member Hung Chu last week who reminded him how much he had enjoyed this club.
- **John Kersley** saw Billy Idol and John Fogerty at Bluesfest and was impressed that their voices are just as strong as ever!

Last minute announcements:

- **Bill Rolph** asked for drivers to help the Archives Committee move archive folders to the new storage location at the Riverstone Residence on Thursday.
- **Hadi Mortada** was also looking for volunteers to help move the ABCs of Fraud boxes.
- **Doug Heyland** reminded the Cash Calendar committee that they were meeting today.

President Jean reminded us that there is no meeting next week due to the Lebanese Festival and that next meeting will be held on Tuesday July 26. She thanked **Pardeep** one more time and closed the meeting at 13:35.

PIX: <http://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2016-07-12-pardeep-ahluwalia-classification-talk>

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week, July 5 – 11, 2016.
All but the last two are from the province of Ontario.

3026 \$25 Caroline Dewitt, Ottawa
1647 \$20 Dick Sculthorpe, Kemptville
1671 \$25 Teresa Whitmore, Orléans
4865 \$100 Ryan Salter, Merrickville
2060 \$25 George Papadopoulos, Ottawa
4529 \$25 Kathy Taylor, Winnipeg, MB
2612 \$50 David & Janice Winfield, Chase, BC

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

MEETING CANCELLED Lebanese Festival

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

Rabbi Chaim Mendelsohn: *Judaism's Perspective on Successful Relationships*

Introduction: **Phil Bronsther** Thanks: TBA

Lunch Payment: **Suren Gupta & Marilyn Letts** Greeters: **Chris Wanna & Blair Armstrong**

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