



# Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA  
Jean Bégin, President  
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Program July 25 2017- Ann Hall: "Sportswomen – why their history matters"

## The start

Today **Clive Talbot** was on Reception, we were greeted by **Joan Heyland** and **Victor Mazzola**, paid **Mary Wattie** for our lunch and got our Past Presidents Draw tickets from **Alan Bowles**. Exactly at 12:00 noon **President Jean** asked a full-capacity crowd of members to proceed to the buffet with their lunch tickets. Lunch was special at St Elias today, definitely leftovers from their Lebanese Festival: kafta sausages and shish taouk (chicken) were the main dishes in the buffet.

Ringling the bell at 1230 **President Jean** welcomed us all to the 3rd meeting of this Rotary Year. She had earlier drawn our attention to **Joe Redhead's** Mums delivery questionnaires on each table. She now reviewed today's program telling us Ann Hall, our speaker, would be introduced by **Bob Harrison** and thanked by **Jen Ahde**. After we sang the national anthem with **Rod Holmes** on the keyboard we were treated to a short and sweet grace given by **Melissa White**. **Clive Talbot** introduced Florence Cheng, a guest of **Dirk Keenan**; Dinara Sarybaeva a Rotarian from Kyrgyzstan and Shawn Zahrawi who will be inducted later in the meeting. We sang them the Welcome song accompanied as usual by Rod Holmes. **Alan Bowles** ran the Past Presidents Draw for a \$25.00 Indigo gift card- happily won by **Fred Sirotek**.

## Induction of new member

**President Jean** now asked **Ken Murray** to join her to induct Shawn Zahrawi. **Shawn** had been a member of our Club before (inducted April 12, 2011) and we welcome him back! Originally from Syria, he lives here with his wife and university aged children. He has his own engineering consultancy and his Classification will be Structural Engineering. **Shawn's** mentor will be **Chris Wanna**. We welcomed **Shawn** back with a round of applause.

## Announcements

- **Ken Murray**: Asked for volunteers for Dictionary 4 Life warehouse duties and labelling on August 17<sup>th</sup>. **Ken** will e-mail details.
- **Pardeep Ahluwalia**: Members are urged to find Cash Calendar advertisers especially for banner ads.

Three or four of the regulars have dropped out. Two advertisers can share a banner ad.

- **Merv Letts**: reminded Club members to patronise our Calendar advertisers.
- **Don Butler**: Mums for Thanksgiving time again. Send mums to your family and business contacts and get your banker, lawyer, auto mechanic etc. to do likewise. Ask Don, Andrew Young or any committee member to e-mail you an order form. Only electronic forms will be processed but manual forms are available if you need some and we can help transfer the manual info to the electronic forms. Bottom line- please start getting orders in.
- **Joe Redhead** asked Mums delivery volunteers to indicate and return to him when, where and how many plants they could handle in the questionnaires on our tables

## President Jean

- Birthdays: **Fred Christie** on the 25<sup>th</sup> and **Luana Achihaei** on the 26<sup>th</sup>
- The Board has decided that the Ways and Means Committee will now be called Future Planning to be chaired by **Joe Wattie**.
- invited guest Dinara Sarybaeva from the Rotary Club of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (Chartered in 1999, in District 2430) to come forward for a banner exchange. Dinara told us that her 39 member club's major fundraising focus is children with special needs. They plan to raise \$50,000 and she asked RCWO to partner with RC Bishkek on this project.

## Speaker

**President Jean** now asked **Bob Harrison** to introduce our guest speaker who is **Bob's** cottage neighbour. Dr Ann Hall is Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation at the University of Alberta. She has written 5 books on women in sports, and says she is an Ottawa girl having gone to Glebe and Queens University. Ann gave us an amazing look into the history of women in sports. Starting with sketches from circa 1835 her slide show included women snowshoeing near Montreal in 1872, tobogganing on Mount Royal circa 1872, Canada's women's track & field champions who won gold, silver and bronze medals in the 1928 Olympics and old portraits showing aboriginal women playing the native

double ball game. She explored the differences between upper and middle class women who were accomplished equestrians like Queen Victoria and women of the working class who competed as "Pedestriennes" or "race walkers" such as Canadian Exilda Lachapelle who competed indoors for what were large purses of \$4000 to \$6000 in the 1870s. Louise Armaindo became Canada's 1st professional athlete as a high wheel bicycle racer, racing in tournaments 6 days a week in 12 hour matches. Ann blames women's lack of recognition on cultural resistance and male hegemony exemplified by a Toronto Star special June 21-30 listing 150 Canadian quintessential sports recognitions of which only quarter were female. She ended with a tribute to famous Canadian sportswomen who have passed in 2017 and encouraged us all to support Canadian women in all types of sports.

Keen sportswoman **Jen Adhe** had thoroughly enjoyed Ann's presentation and thanked her with the usual small gift and donation to Polio Plus in her name.

### Happy Dollars

**President Jean** told us the Board had accepted the recommendation of our new Sergeant at Arms, Robert Shaw Wood, that we have a different person each week, chosen at random, perform the Happy Dollars duty. This week it was **Dirk Keenan** and the following members were happy;

- **Ken Murray** gave kudos to **Hadi Mortada** and **Merv Letts** for finally fixing the Westboro clock.
- **Marilyn Letts**, wanted to thank Suede Contemporary Interiors for supplying electricity and facilitating the repair for the Westboro clock with a free back-cover Cash Calendar ad. **President Jean** said she had sent them a letter of thanks and other gestures were being considered
- **Russ Hicks** announced, as the 'Clock Father', he was thrilled to see it working again.
- **Clive Talbot** was happy to attend with his wife Patricia his eldest grandson's wedding
- **Larry Chop** showed us a picture of **Keith Fraser** and **Jim Maxwell** having lunch at Opinicon Lodge; unofficial Rotary meeting?.
- **Cam Ross** reminded us to register for the golf tournament hosted August 28 by RCWO and Mulligans

Golf Bar at the Stittsville (formerly Glen-Mar) Golf Course in support of four RCWO long-time kids' charity partners.

- **Marcia Armstrong** thanked the guest speaker for reminding her about a book she read when she was 10 about the Edmonton Grads women's basketball team.
- **Dave Morton** told us that Bushtaka's 11th Bring on the Bay 3km swim on July 15 raised over \$50,000 for Easter Seals. He thanked **Rocco Disipio's** wife Anna for helping with the registration.
- **Bob Harrison** challenged **Dave Morton** to race a High wheeler bicycle!!

### Meeting end

**President Jean** gave an overview of the program for our next meeting August 1. The guest speaker will be DG Sue Bellor who will meet beforehand with our Board @ 11:20. She reminded us that "We are Rotary Making a Difference!!" and if we would like to spend more time with someone we meet we should invite them to Rotary  
No meetings followed and we adjourned at 13:40

### Cash Calendar

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the period, July 19 – August 1, 2017, all in Ontario except for one winner in the UK

2738 \$50 Wayne Tosh, Orleans  
0867 \$25 Sandra McKenny, Ottawa  
3417 \$25 Harvey Eves, Kingston  
0738 \$100 Capital City Chorus, Orleans  
1494 \$50 Marilyn Moffatt, Kenmore  
3082 \$20 Fiona Williams Hulbert, Edinburg, UK  
1053 \$50 Christopher St. Louis, Orleans  
2579 \$20 David Wert, Swastika  
0712 \$125 David Stafford, Ottawa  
3406 \$25 Allan Hess, Kemptville  
2890 \$25 Robin Jackson, Nepean  
0651 \$200 Michel Gravelle, Vars  
2397 \$50 Rob Rock, Ottawa  
3373 \$25 Sheila Van Allen, Kemptville

### Tuesday, August 1, 2017

District Governor Sue Bellor

Intro: **Hadi Mortada** Thanks: **Jean Bégin**

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

Payment: **Mary Wattie** Grace: **Phil Bronsther**

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

### Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Linda Hay, RN, Cert. Hypnotist: "Impact of hypnosis on health"

Intro: **Gaye Moffett** Thanks: TBA

Greeters: **Larry Chop, James Maxwell** Reception: **Denzil Feinberg**

Payment: **Mary Wattie** Grace: **Joseph Redhead**  
PP Draw: **Suren Gupta** Editor: **Don Butler**