



# Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA;  
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President  
July 3, 2018 Editor: Graeme Fraser

Program: **Doug Heyland** – a 'sage' member reviews his long-ago classification talk

## Intro

And so the day finally came when our Club officially welcomed our new president after enjoying the leadership of **Jean Bégin** for two years. For the first time in our history we had a president for two terms. My, the world is changing. Now **Jean**, discarded president, is today relegated to offering grace and thanking the speaker. Taking her place in the chair, **Pardeep Ahluwalia** became our president and, grabbing the microphone without hesitation, he suggested we should fill our plates at the buffet before the meeting took flight. Clearly another great year for the RCWO is in store for us all.

## The Meeting

Key roles today were filled by **Brian Foster** on reception, **Jean Bégin** offering grace, with greeters being **Caroline De Witt** and **Joe Wattie** and **Linda Flynn** marking attendance and collecting lunch payments.

Our guests today included Faye Campbell from RC Orleans, Barry Wellar (member to be) and Emile Findlay from RC Kingston, Jamaica. **Rod Holmes** hit the keys with confidence as we sang our welcome.

The Past Presidents Draw run by **Hadi Mortada** was won by the maestro **Rod Holmes**.

## Announcements:

**Robert Shaw-Wood**, our Sergeant-at-Arms, asked for a few members to join his committee to help with the set up and take down for each meeting. He suggested it takes about half an hour before and after a meeting. Can you help? Please contact **Robert**.

**Susan Dienes**, told us that a number of previous Cash Calendar advertisers had not renewed and urged us to seek new advertisers. She also asked if any members or other supporters might consider paying an additional \$100 for their existing ads. Tell **Susan** ASAP as they will soon complete formatting and ad sales form a critical component to the success of the Rotary Calendar project.

**Len Baird** advised that he and Barbara now reside at 120 Central Park Drive, Apt 607, Ottawa K2c 4G3. Phone number is unchanged.

## President Pardeep

- invited us to consider joining the PR committee which needs more members.

- reminded us that as the new Rotary year starts, membership dues must be paid. Payment to **Marcia Armstrong**.
- told us prospective Club member Barry Wellar has been appointed a Member of the Order of Canada in the June honours list for his work in the field of GIS. Congratulations Barry

**Fred Sirotek** donated two tickets to the July 7 RC Ottawa South Polo in the Park event. At the request of **President Pardeep PP Graeme Fraser** auctioned it off. **Hadi Mortada** won with bid of \$35 which went to our operating fund.

**NO MEETING on the 17<sup>th</sup>**. The Saint Elias Centre hosts the Lebanese festival.

## Presentation

**Keith Fraser** introduced our speaker **Doug Heyland**, for the first of what we are calling 'the sage series' in which longer serving members of our club will review their career highlights to inform newer members and remind older members.

**Doug** joined the West Ottawa Rotary Club in 1994 and in 1998 was our president. He is a very active member so he gave us a quick summary of his earlier career.

**Doug** earned degrees from both Carleton University and the University of Guelph which led to a career as a wildlife biologist. He got one of his key jobs early on in Quebec City by filling in an application, mailing it in and receiving a phone call that he had the job. Unheard of these days!

**Doug** and **Joan** spent 12 years in Quebec City and welcomed three children there. He did a study of Canada geese including their population and migration routes. He performed similar research on the three types of Snow geese that are native to the Canadian North. Gathering data was a challenge, ranging from banding of the birds to aerial photography. The banding was

performed in the summer when the birds were molting and couldn't fly away. They were herded into pens using a helicopter, then caught and banded and released. Aerial photography was used to determine population numbers and **Doug** played a large part in developing a more effective system of counting the number of birds. Used also to the count beluga whales, the system involved photos taken from 12,000 feet which were examined and the numbers were counted by hand.

**Doug** also worked at Parks Canada and then Environment Canada. He then moved to Energy, Mines and Resources where they developed remote sensing techniques that involved satellite technology.

In 1989 they moved to Yellowknife where he became the Director of the Northwest Territories Science Institute and he held that role until 1993. While in Yellowknife he joined the Rotary club there.

**Doug's** talk sparked a variety of questions including his thoughts on climate change. He stated one of his concerns is that climate change effects may be even worse up north as seals and polar bears need the ice for survival. He suggested that the solution may be to reduce what we put into the air.

**Jean Bégin** thanked **Doug** for an informative and interesting talk.

## Happy Dollars

**Andrew Young** told us about the successful social event hosted at his residence on behalf of our Club for a visiting group Rotarians from India. He thanked **President Pardeep** and his wife for helping with the post-event cleanup; it boded well for the **Ahluwalia** presidency

**Caroline De Witt** enjoyed the Rotary convention in Toronto. She learned that RCs Peterborough and Guelph have teamed up with Wellington Brewery to launch "Local Lager" as a fundraiser. (see

<http://www.thebeerstore.ca/beers/local-lager>). She was thrilled that both Laura Bush and Princess Anne had been speakers. **Carol Bell Thompson** was happy that her group had planted over 600 Canadian flags on lawns in her neighborhood for Canada Day.

**Henry Akanko** had also enjoyed attending the Rotary convention and proud that over 24,000 Rotarians had also come. He thanked **Brian Foster** for covering Reception for him.

**Merv Letts** was happy because he had just returned from a trip out west with **Marilyn** to Vancouver Island and then Winnipeg. He then presented President Pardeep with his first Rotary banner.

**Bill Rolph** was thrilled that his granddaughter had returned from a successful year as a Rotary Exchange student in Brazil. She had left as a 17-year-old girl and returned as an 18-year-old woman, again highlighting the value of this tremendous Rotary program. If asked she would tell our Club about it

**Brett Brooking** proved again his superior engineering skills by figuring out a way to transfer 35mm slides to a digital format for today's speaker using an iPhone.

And finally **Keith Fraser**, with a wink, noted that all the members present at the meeting had 100% attendance so far this Rotary year.

### Meeting ends

**President Pardeep** finished his first meeting by reminding us to "Be The Inspiration" and that "Rotarians are People of Action, helping make a difference " and, finally, to invited potential Rotarians to a meeting.

### Post Meeting

Carol BT reported that the 27 June 4-Way-Test Trophy presentation at J H Putman PS was a great experience with Rotary accents. The winner, a nice young boy, has a Rotary relative, Angela Kelly, and one of the teachers' friends had been an Award recipient. Small world!

Some pix of the event:

<https://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2018-06-27-4-way-trophy-presentation-j-h-putman>

### Cash Calendar

Winners for June 26- July 3 were published in Spinoff for June 26

### Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Anne DeButte- *Grief's Abyss*

Intro: **Gaye Moffett** Thanks: **Don Butler**

Sitting in for **President Pardeep**: PP **Graeme Fraser**

Greeters: **Eric Armstrong, Chris Wanna** Reception: **Jim Maxwell**

Grace: **Phil Bronsther** PP Draw: **Doug Rowlands** Editor: **Don Butler**

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### Tuesday, July 17, 2018

**NO MEETING (Lebanese Festival)**

### Tuesday, July 24, 2018

**Rami Alsaqqa**: Classification talk- Immigrant consulting services

Intro: **Merv Letts** (TBC) Thanks: **Ali Pahlavani**

Greeters: **Merv Letts, Norm Thomas** Reception: **Brian Hartley**

Grace: **Jen Ahde** PP Draw: **Hadi Mortada** Editor: **Roy Miller**

Sales/Attendance: **Linda Flynn**

