



# SpinoFF

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Chris Wanna, President

June 7, 2016

Editor: Don Butler

**Tuesday, June 7, 2016**

**Rob Shaw-Wood:** Classification Talk

Intro: **Don Butler** Thanks: **Victor Mazzola**

We were back in the main hall, greeted on by **Fred Sirotek** and **Blair Armstrong** and informally by several other friendly souls waiting at the entrance to pay **Ron Doll** and **Anup Subedi** for lunch or buy PP Draw tickets from **Hadi Mortada**. **Jim Maxwell** was recording visitors and guests.

**President Chris Wanna** welcomed us to the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Rotary year- yes, we missed a couple in addition to the Christmas break- with his quote of the day from Nobel laureate French writer André Gide:

*Believe those who are seeking the truth.  
Doubt those who find it.*

After the National Anthem with Music Master **Rod Holmes** at the keyboard and a traditional grace said by **Jen Ahde** happy to be back from her leave of absence, **Jim Maxwell** recognized guests and visitors. Former member George Grande was back for a visit from Qualicum Beach, BC; Toni Grande, a cousin of George, was guest of **Phil Bronsther**; Chris and Jack Earnshaw were guests of **President Chris** along with his wife Denise. **Ken Murray** introduced his Palm Spring winter neighbours Rotarian Surinder Khanna of RC Calgary Heritage Park and wife Bonnie, in Ottawa to visit their daughter Mala and her husband Mark Scrivens. Surinder had obtained a PHF for Mala in Calgary back in April had with **Ken** arranged for the pin and certificate to be presented to Mala during their visit to Ottawa which **President Chris** now did. Surinder told us that Mala's PHF was to match the one presented to her brother in Washington a few years ago.

PP Draw and the ticket drawn from **Hadi Mortada's** hat was held by **Claudette Léger Paillé** who won \$25 thereby.

At **President Chris's** signal **Hadi Mortada** and **Jen Soucy** (formerly Bosworth) now presented Paul Leduc who would become a Club Member in the Corporate Membership of **LiveWorkPlay**. Paul has developed a skill in support for intellectually challenged people and matching them to appropriate employers. He is also a trained paramedic. **President Chris** inducted **Paul** with classification Employment Support and assigned **Jen** to be his mentor. He would be a member of the Golf and New Generations committees. As usual **Paul** would stand with **Jen** at the door so members could welcome him individually as they left today's meeting.

## Announcements

**Ken Sparks** rang the bell for attention and asked us to get thinking about the Club tournament September 15. Mulligans Golf Bar would be a presenting sponsor but more sponsors are needed as well as auctionable items and participation. Join in.

**Bob Harrison** reminded us about Changeover and Awards Night June 28. Tickets \$40; Cash bar opens at 5:30, President Chris convenes meeting at 6:30, plated service, choice of salmon or chicken; ends about 9pm. He would be selling tickets today and on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Eric Armstrong** stood to ask for 4 more hosts for the Scottish Curling Tour November 1 and 2 but he got one as he spoke so 3 hosts are still needed.

**Doug Heyland:** Cash Calendar ads are still needed, both \$100 back page ads and, according to **Fred Christie** two \$1000 month ads. This is becoming urgent.

**Hadi Mortada** made a strong pitch for the Club BBQ chez **Balys** June 25. A sign-up folder is circulating.

**President Chris** urged us to attend the District Changeover June 22.

**Peter Gilman** started Happy \$ with George Grande who was happy to be back. He enjoyed receiving Spinoff for which thought he should contribute to the Club a bit for the postage with a BC cheque.

**Clive Talbot** was happy to see George back and have a visit from South African son and so celebrate with both sons and his daughter.

**Graeme Fraser** thanked **Rocco Disipio** and **Gaye Moffett** for doing his Spinoff first when he was sick and then when plane cancellation prevented his return. He aims to do the Spinoff for Changeover Night.

Surinder Khanna thanked **Ken Murray** for arranging the presentation opined that WO is a good club but is matched and maybe surpassed by Calgary Heritage Park

**Sucha Mann** delighted in being at table with Punjabi speakers Surinder and Bonnie and offered language lessons to the rest of us.

**Joan Heyland** said she and Jean Begin had had a great time in Korea; enjoyed both the Convention and the touring in Korea. Had met people from previous travels, Had found the food a challenge but had learned a lot.

**Marilyn Letts** had enjoyed the Rotary Home Golf-athon ( Spinoff May 31erred. The WO foursome was actually **Merv** and **Marilyn Letts**, **Joe Redhead** and **Brian Hartley**). She noted that though KPMG was a prominent supporter of the event, Shauna's Shankers had raised the most. She had played with a tee bearing the Oakpark (retirement residence) logo and liked it.

**Hadi Mortada** was happy to announce that he had registered for the Atlanta Convention. He also told us that we could pay for the District Changeover June 22 at the door.

**Keith Fraser** was pleased to comment that the Habs had not been doing well since George Grande left.

Resisting the urge to babble on about shared experiences with fellow former Trade Commissioner **Robert Shaw-Wood**, your editor briefly noted a few points about his work and his experience as a Rotarian and let **Rob** get on with his Classification Talk.

And that was a good thing as we were an appreciative audience and for the small share **Rob** had time to give us of the stories he had prepared. "Tuan-tuan dan puan-puan" (Gentlemen and ladies) was Rob's opening in Bahasa Malaysia; he would come back to Malaysia later. Meanwhile he told us he had been born in Mntreal, moved to Ottawa and in due course gone to Brookfield HS where he had met **Gaye Moffett**. University in Ottawa and Calgary and back to Ottawa foran MBA from the Norman Paterson School of International

Affairs and then to what is now called Global Affairs for jobs doing trade analysis, support to Canadian business in honing their export skills and the more interesting postings abroad to help Canadian companies on the ground there. He needed care when asked to support visa applications and endorse questionable Canadian visitors He had served in several countries and told us of interesting experiences in places like the Philippines

In Malaysia he had organised trade shows to promote Canadian products and at one had had Stephen Yan of CBC TV's *Wok with Yan* fame do cooking demonstrations. Besides sales promotion he had arranged Canadian minister visits and arranged business visits and done economic analysis and market reports. A regular report was on asbestos still used in some countries to make asbestos cement pipes and roofing. Contact with Malaysian asbestos users had led to a memorable chug-a-lug contest with the industry association chairman. On another occasion a Canadian engineering company had done a hydro power feasibility study financed by Canadian aid but seemed be being excluded from consideration for project execution. On following up **Rob** had been angrily asked by the official in charge as what the study had meant by recommending sensitivity to aboriginal rights when Canada had "murdered most of its aboriginals". Less pleasant was the execution in Malaysia of two Australians for drug smuggling and the constant worry the foolhardy young Canadians might ignore the warnings and take the risk.

To Jim Maxwell whose cousin who had been cheated out of an Asian venture by his Asian partner Rob answered that such cases were not that common but that also Canadian companies needed to be at least as careful in Asias as they would be in Canada and some were not.

In sum **Rob** left his audience wanting more of his stories and anecdotes and **Victor Mazzola** thanked him appropriately

With **Dave Morton's** call for a Community Service Committee meeting and the usual reminders about living the RI theme and bringin in potential members, **President Chris** ended the meeting

New club photographer **Pardeep Ahluwalia** was busy at this meeting

Pix <http://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2016-06-07-robert-shaw-wood-classification-talk-1>

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for week, May 31 – June 6, 2016, Including the bonus \$1,000 draw on June 3rd. All winners are from Ontario.

2438 \$20 Doug Rigby, Oxford Mills

4684 \$25 Evelene Workman, Kemptville  
2411 \$125 Bob & Karen Fisher, Oxford Station  
4308 \$1,000 Dian Morris, Ottawa  
3101 \$25 Barb & Tom Bayman, Kanata  
3626 \$25 Tops Car Wash Co. Ltd., Ottawa  
4886 \$50 Carole Perkins, Kemptville  
1456 \$25 Ronald & Dianne Shantz, Kanata

**Tuesday, June 14, 2016**

**His Eminence Imam Dr Mohamed Jebara:** Halal Food

Intro: **Hadi Mortada** Thanks: **TBA**

Lunch Payment: **Clive Talbot & Cam Ross** Greeters: **Eric Armstrong & Andrew Young**  
Grace: **Sabby Duthie** Reception: **Rob Shaw-Wood** PP Draw: **Joan Heyland** Editor: **Joe Redhead**

**Tuesday, June 21, 2016 Club meeting cancelled**

Register for District Changeover Meeting June 22 5:30-9:00 PM at <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50214>  
**NB Attendance at District meeting is encouraged but optional. It may be claimed as a make-up.**

**Tuesday June 28, 2016 Changeover & Awards Night 5:30 pm**

Tickets from **Bob Harrison**- \$40