



Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA
Jean Bégin, Outgoing President;
Pardeep Ahluwalia, Incoming President

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Program: Rotary West Ottawa Changeover and Awards meeting

On this beautiful Tuesday evening in mid-June we gathered around for Cocktails and Fellowship in anticipation of our Annual Changeover Meeting. Guests, and there were many, were greeted by **Victor Mazzola** and **Eugen Achihaei**. **Bob Harrison** and **Cletus Peters** checked our names against the sales listed or the reserved tickets awaiting collection. **Mary Wattie** recorded our attendance, **Clive Talbot** sold tickets to this week's Past Presidents Draw and **Navin Parekh** recorded guests and visitors.

Not wanting to interrupt the Fellowship in the room and awaiting the arrival of Convention-bound guests from abroad, **President Jean Bégin** delayed ringing the bell until 6:45. She then welcomed us to this year's 47th Rotary Meeting. **Rod Holmes** led us in singing our National Anthem and **Fred Christie** delivered a thoughtful grace reminding us of our advantages and asked us to rededicate ourselves to serving others.

Navin Parekh, introducing guests and visitors, noted, that they numbered more than the members. In addition to our Members' Partners and Award Winners (more about them later) we were also joined by Visiting Rotarians from New Zealand, Australia, Taiwan, Hawaii and the United States many of them members of the International Travel Hosting Fellowship. Names available on request.

Other Club Guests included: former Global Grant Scholar Meghan Casey, Shawn Dawson, Emily Glossop, Kyla Armitage, Danielle Fontaine, Carol Rhead, Richard Deadman, Debbie McCann, Karen Letts, Marcie Girouard and Barbara Riley and Award Winners who will be named below. We sang them our Welcome Song.

Next up **Clive Talbot** asked **President Jean** to pull the winning Past Presidents Draw ticket. Winner was Patricia Talbot.

This being a very special evening our Hosts, the St. Elias Banquet Centre, served up a delicious dinner including

Cream of Vegetable Soup, a Tossed Salad, a main course of either Salmon, Steak or Vegetarian and a Delicious Dessert.

The meeting was then turned over to **Alan Bowles**, the Chair of the Awards Committee, to manage the citations and presentations to award winners.

Merv Letts introduced our first award winner noting the many hours he spent on the Shoe Bank of Canada's program, his service as Chair and Co-Chair of the Cash Calendar Committee, one of our Club's Major Fundraising Programs, and his technical help and continued maintenance of our Club's Website. Club Member **Brett Brooking** was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship

Cletus Peters told us the next award winner, a fairly new Club member, has done the tremendous amount of organizing and scheduling of delivery routes and drivers required by the Mums program. He has arranged the drawing of the daily winning Cash Calendar numbers and ensured winners received their winnings. He does regular duty as a Spinoff editor. He has helped with the golf fundraiser, the Dictionary for Life Program, and supports the Woodroffe High School Interact Club. Club Member **Joseph Redhead** was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship.

David Morton told us that eleven years ago Family and Community Service Award recipient Cat Weaver lent out bikes and helmets at one school so that more kids could get involved in mountain biking. This program, Trips for Kids Ottawa, now involves three schools plus the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre and has 600 children mountain biking, snowshoeing, fishing and exploring nature as well as learning bike mechanics and trail stewardship.

Gaye Moffett now introduced the recipients of Rotary's Family and Community Service Award. Eleven years ago

Jennifer and Deborah Wyatt started a not-for-profit organization known as Thinking in Pictures Educational Service – TILES- to aid families with autistic children. TILES now has a staff of more than 30 and clients in Ottawa, Cornwall, Kingston and Renfrew.

Bob Harrison introduced Ryan Armitage who would receive Rotary's Family and Community Service Award. Ryan is a fitness trainer who has helped many extremely debilitated people regain strength, mobility and independence. Through patience and persistence Ryan encourages and motivates his clients whose courage and persistence in turn inspire him, the trainer.

Alan Bowles asked Roger Martin to tell us about his mother, Ruth Martin and present the Club's eponymous award. Roger told us that his Mom, "just got things done" and told us about her contributions to the community. On her passing the Rotary Club of West Ottawa established an award in her name to recognize notable contributors to our community. **Brett Brooking** then read the citation for Isabelle Nicol and Sandra Garland who are this year's recipients of the Ruth Martin Award for Community Service for their work with the Fletcher Wildlife Garden. This garden shows how to use native plant species to create a wildlife- friendly habitat.

Joseph Redhead followed, introducing Daxton Rhead and Henry Morris as two young men with a purpose. In grade four they had learned of the dreadful conditions at the school of the Attawapiskat First Nation about Shannen Koostachin who, before dying tragically, worked to have it replaced. Daxton and Henry began advocating to ensure adequate schools are available to First Nations Students. They have continued their advocacy as university students. For their promotion of the Canadian Aboriginal Community welfare Daxton and Henry were recipients of a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Doug Heyland now introduced Todd Nicholson, who has represented Canada in 5 Paralympics. Todd spent 21 years on Canada's Sledge Hockey Team, 15 years as a captain and has won bronze, silver and gold medal as well as being Canada's Flag Bearer at the 2006 Turin Games. Todd has been an important voice internationally for the past 8 years and was the Chef De Mission for the 2018 Canadian Team. Congratulations Todd and thank you for your inspirational remarks upon receiving this award on the support to the principle of inclusivity of recognition by our Paul Harris Award to him

Next up **Rod Holmes** accompanied **Joan Heyland**, **Gaye Moffett** and **President Jean** as they sang a verse of *Scotland the Brave* to introduce the next presentation. **Alan Bowles** cited **Mary Wattie's** countless hours as a volunteer at the Glengarry Highland Games and as a director of the Games for the past twenty plus years. **Bob**

Harrison read a letter from the Games' Organizing Committee recognizing **Mary's** considerable contributions. For her service **Mary** was presented with the Lloyd Loynes Award for Volunteer Service

Alan Bowles followed with a citation of **President Jean Bégin** for her selfless service to the Rotary Club of West Ottawa which **Pardeep Ahluwalia** solemnized by presenting **Jean** with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by himself as her successor. Congratulations and thank you, **Jean**.

Alan Bowles then thanked the Club Members for their nominations, the Awards Committee, the President and Secretary for their support and finally the people who set up and ran the meeting tonight. Thank you, **Alan**, for your countless hours in making the Changeover Meeting a true Success.

Past **Past President Chris Wanna** was next up to replace **President Jean's** President's Pin with a Past President's Pin. Now **Past President Jean** conferred the President's Pin on **Pardeep Ahluwalia**. **Jean** took a moment to thank everyone for allowing her the privilege of serving as the Club's President for 2 years. She thanked the 33 Club committees for their fine work and noted that financially the Club has enjoyed the best year in a long while and can do much with the funds raised. We have planted trees meeting the challenge set by RI President Risely and we are in the progress of setting up an Education Centre at the "Youth Now" Farm.

New **President Pardeep Ahluwalia** then introduced the 2018/2019 Club Board: **President Pardeep Ahluwalia 2018-2020; President Elect 2020/2021 Ali Pahlavani; President Nominee 2021-2022 Chris Wanna; Past President Jean Bégin; Secretary, Marcia Armstrong; Treasurer, Cameron Ross; Director, Community Service and Youth, Ginette Thomas; Director, Club Service and Fellowship, Eugen Achihaei; Director, International Service, Henry Akanko and Directors At Large, Susan Diening and Joseph Redhead.**

President Pardeep thanked the Club saying he is humbled to lead the Club and will try hard to justify the faith of those who thought it advantageous to have a new(er) member lead the Club and for two terms. He is extremely thankful to have the help and support of his wife, Simmy.

Past President Jean asked **Brett Brooking** to collect Happy Dollars:

Larry Chop had met two people from the Australian town where he spent 1972-1976;

Brian Harley donated \$242 to celebrate his 65th Anniversary, and Betty's and his birthdays;

Anup Subedi was happy for both **Jean** and **Pardeep**;

Guest Trish from San Diego was happy to hear our National Anthem and knew the words from a stay in Canada

A Guest from Hawaii was happy as this is his first visit to Canada;

Doreen Ide was happy that **Graeme Fraser** was playing squash with her son-in-law;

Bill Rolph was celebrating his 34th anniversary;

Andrew Young was happy;

Carol Bell Thompson was happy to have so many International Guests;

Eugen Achihaei's 14 year old Daughter won an award for a book she wrote;

Jack Troughton was happy that Steve from Alaska was present tonight. He had met Steve while District Governor 1994-95. More importantly, he had been let out of the Civic Hospital, his home away from home, to attend the meeting.

Keith Fraser was happy that he could stand up again and would need some help should he sit back down.

The meeting was then adjourned with **Past President Jean's** usual reminders that we are Rotary Making a Difference and to invite people we like to a meeting

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<https://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2018-06-19-annual-changeover-and-awards>

Correction to Spinoff June 12

Joseph Redhead will present the Four Way Test Award at Merivale school and not **Joe Wattie** as reported.

Cash Calendar

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the period, June 13 – 26, 2018:

2126 \$50 Yves Soumillon, Cornwall, ON

3092 \$25 Beverly & Randy Leader, Osgoode, ON

0844 \$100 Ann Freel, Ottawa, ON

0402 \$50 Pierre Quesnel, Gloucester, ON

1213 \$25 Jim Wert, Avonmore, ON

0486 \$50 Suzanne Sakaluk, Ottawa, ON

0810 \$25 Gaye Moffett, Ottawa, ON

0030 \$20 Donna Warren, Kenmore, ON

2879 \$50 Jane Legg, Ottawa, ON

0540 \$25 Donna Ebata, Stittsville, ON

0856 \$200 Andrew Pinhey, Kemptville, ON

3420 \$25 Roger Skidmore, Nepean, ON

0843 \$20 Peter Schnobb, Ottawa, ON

3341 \$50 Daniel Bissonnette, Navan, ON

June 26, 2018

David Kinsman, Chair, Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre

Intro: **Graeme Fraser** Thanks: **Doug Heyland**

Greeters: **Bill Rolph, Claudette Léger-Paillé** Reception: **Cletus Peters**

Grace: **Peter Fisher** PP Draw: **Len Baird** Editor: **Joseph Redhead**

Sales/Attendance: **Mary Wattie**

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

Doug Heyland: A 'sage' member talk- "About me"

Intro: **Keith Fraser** Thanks: **Jean Bégin**

Greeters: **Joe Wattie, Caroline De Witt** Reception: **Henry Akanko**

Grace: **Denzil Feinberg** PP Draw: **Chris Wanna** Editor: **Graeme Fraser**

Sales/Attendance: **Linda Flynn**