



Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA
Jean Bégin, President RY 2017-18;
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President RY 2018-19
June 26, 2018 Editor: Joseph Redhead

PROGRAM: Update on Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre - David Kinsman, Centre Chair

Gathering

The number gathered on this sunny and warm summer day was lower than normal; several members were in Toronto attending the annual Rotary International Convention. **Past President Ken Murray** presided for the second time this June as **President Jean Bégin** and **incoming President Pardeep Ahluwalia** were away at the Convention. **Mary Wattie** collected attendance payments, **Bill Rolph** greeted members and guests and **Cletus Peters** manned the reception desk. **Len Baird** pursued sales of Past President Draw tickets.

The Meeting

PP Ken Murray invited us to the buffet at 12:10 and opened the 48th and last meeting of the Rotary Year at 12:30. We sang the National Anthem with **Rod Holmes** on the keyboards, followed by grace from **Peter Fisher**. **Cletus Peters** introduced our two guests: today's speaker, David Kinsman, and Barry Wellar, father of **Keenan Wellar**. We sang them our Welcome Song.

PP Ken presented **Ed Balys** with his third Paul Harris pin and **Larry Chop** auctioned off Kichesippi craft beer and a cap left over from the Club picnic on Saturday. **Jack Troughton** put in the winning bid. **Larry** then told us about a computer application available via ClubRunner that would put on our smart phones detailed contact information for all members.

The Program

Graeme Fraser then introduced our speaker. David Kinsman had a distinguished career in the Canadian military, serving as a pilot in the Air Force for more than 30 years. He joined the Board of the David Smith Youth Treatment Centre in 2007 and is currently its Chairperson. Mr. Kinsman expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to speak to us and thanked us for the Club's support to the Centre, which amounts to some \$85 K to date.

Kinsman then asked for a show of hands by those amongst us who have been affected by or know people who have been affected by addiction to alcohol and/or drugs (roughly 80% raised their hands). Only about six in the audience then raised their hands in answer to his call for those impacted by or knowing people who have been affected by drug/substance addiction/abuse. He then gave us some background context. An Ottawa Citizen article on May 28 provided these statistics: 2017 opioid deaths from overdose in Ontario increased by 45 % over those in 2016. In Ottawa, opioid deaths increased by 60% for the same period. Emergency room visits/responses attributable to overdose increased by 69% in 2017. The federal government decided in 2017 to allocate \$1.9 Billion to Ontario for mental health and addiction care and Incoming Premier Ford promised during his campaign to commit \$3.8 billion for mental health and addiction treatment.

Mr. Kinsman told us that the DSYTC celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2018. Day treatment was provided from 1993 until 2010, when the residential treatment clinical program was

inaugurated. Roughly 15,000 people (youth and care givers) have been treated at the Centre during those 25 years. Under the residential program- up to three months of in residence treatment complemented by an after-care program- approximately 150 youth are treated per year along with roughly 250 caregivers.

Many people do not support the construction of a new 30 bed facility because “a facility already exists and is functioning effectively.” But the new facility would provide 25% greater capacity and the demand is definitely there. Also, the current infrastructure is aging, which will cause maintenance and operation costs to increase in a few years.

Land has been purchased, City approval is obtained, architectural design and construction drawings are in hand, the environmental assessment is complete and contractors pre-qualified. But at least \$5M must be obtained before construction can start and government support is being sought. Mr. Kinsman completed the presentation by asserting that the Club’s financial support continues to be critically important.

In response to questions from **Cameron Ross, Gaye Moffett, Don Butler, and Andrew Young**, we were told that our money is committed for construction and is not being used for operations. The Centre screens out people likely to be disruptive and people who have been incarcerated. Kinsman regretted the Centre’s inability to track how clients do once they have left treatment. **Jack Troughton** told us that other Rotary clubs had declined to join our Club supporting the Centre. Mr. Kinsman noted that an overnight stay at the Centre costs around \$300, in a hospital it costs around \$ 1,000 and a jail around \$1,600. He ended by telling us that. **Doug Heyland** thanked Mr. Kinsman and presented him with our regular tokens of appreciation..

Happy Dollars

Carol Bell-Thompson collected from

- **Gaye Moffett** – happy that three of her Cash Calendar recipients were winners in the latest draw.
- **Andrew Young** would be hosting a delegation of Indian Rotarians for dinner later this week. He invited **Jack Troughton** to join them.
- **Ron Doll** - happy that his granddaughter was graduating this month.
- **Don Butler** unhappy that an Award recipient had been given the wrong name in the e-Spinoff for June 19. It was Cat Weaver who had received the Family and Community Service award.
- **Ed Balys** was happy that the Club picnic he hosted went well despite the occasional light rain. He thanked all those who helped to set up then put away the items needed for the event.
- **Denzil Feinberg** thanked **Larry Chop** for the photographs of the Changeover dinner posted on our web site. He then put in the bag the \$4.50 he had received for the empty beer cans he returned after the Club picnic.
- **Mary Wattie** thanked the club for the award she received at the Changeover dinner but doubted that she was worthy. We disagree.. She was happy that **Brett Brooking** and **Joseph Redhead** had received Paul Harris Awards, declaring that the two were worthy recipients.
- A member was not pleased to have to tell us that a new case of polio had been identified in Papua New Guinea which had been previously declared polio free. We apologise for missing his name
- **Larry Chop** credited **Rod Holmes** and **Carol Bell Thompson** for many of the photos taken at the club BBQ.
- **Joseph Redhead** was happy that he and Rosine would be celebrating their 39th wedding anniversary this week and thanked the club for giving him a Paul Harris award.

Ken Murray then conducted a quiz with questions on the content of recent issue of the Rotarian. Various members gave connect answers to his three

questions, namely: who invented the (baby) Snuggli, the name of the new RI President and about the background of a photo of the RI President and his wife.

Photos of Club picnic

<https://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2018-06-23-annual-rotary-picnic-at-eds>

Closing

Presiding Past President Ken Murray adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM with the usual request that

we spend time working on the mission of Rotary and inviting others to join.

Cash Calendar Winners

The winners for Jun 27 to July 3

2882 \$50 Anne Parks, Scarborough, ON
0922 \$50 Betty Prophet, Russell, ON
1081 \$25 Lee Beatty, Ottawa, ON
0398 \$125 Todd Tuttle, Ottawa, ON
3048 \$50 Gisele Pethick, Ottawa, ON
2454 \$20 Alyssa Clark, Toronto, ON
0909 \$25 Pat Kinnear, Kemptville, ON

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: **Jean Bégin** PP Draw: **Chris Wanna** Editor: **Graeme Fraser**

Sales/Attendance: **Linda Flynn**

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**

Sales/Attendance: **Linda Flynn**

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

NO MEETING (Lebanese Festival)