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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Chris Wanna, Outgoing President
Jean Bégin, Incoming President
Changeover June 28, 2016
Editor: Graeme Fraser



Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Club Awards and Changeover Night

MC Awards: **Fred Christie** MC Changeover: **PP Bob Harrison**

Dear Diary,

It has been a while since I last reported in and boy is there a lot to tell. First there was the District Changeover on a Wednesday night which affected our usual Tuesday meeting; in fact we cancelled it. Imagine. We just said, "Don't come on Tuesday; appear the next night at the same locale and celebrate the year that was and the year that will come in the District". Over 30 from RCWO were there along with about a dozen PDGs and a throng of Rotarians from other clubs. Outgoing DG Claude Laliberté summed up his year and incoming DG Nabil Oudeh shone a light on his expectations. He encouraged us to share Rotary and help humanity. Another good year in the offing, I'm sure.

If that wasn't enough the following Saturday we had our annual BBQ at the **Balys** estate. Once again it was a roaring success with likely over 100 people including Rotarians, partners, friends and kids. Quite the feast was prepared which accompanied weather that was perfect for the day.

And then, Dear Diary, the following Tuesday night we marked the end of the Rotary year with a changeover and our annual awards celebration. President **Chris Wanna** ran his last meeting by greeting us all and quoting from T.S. Eliot

"For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning".

This all took place after we were greeted by **Rob Shaw-Wood** and **Roy Miller**. **Ken Sparks** only recorded one guest, my sister Miriam Fraser, from the Nepean-Kanata club, while the room was full of partners and other guests. We all rose and greeted them in song, this of course after singing O Canada with **Rod Holmes** hitting the keys. Reverend Dr. Anthony Bailey, a special guest for the evening then offered a Rotary flavoured grace.

Doug Heyland ran the PP draw with 2 prizes this week. Guest John Graham won a lovely plant and Diane Morris won a box of chocolates.

Bill "Lefty" Morris circulated the room and collected money, happiness and stories including:

- **Hadi Mortada** celebrated his 5th birthday as it was five years ago that he received a bone marrow transplant and was given a new lease on life (Happy Birthday **Hadi** we are so glad your health is back!!)
- **Bob Harrison** was happy that their move to an apartment went well all while Arlene nursed a broken arm
- **Roy Miller** told us that a member (who shall remain nameless) did something nice for him
- **Carol Bell-Thompson** was pleased that her grandson graduated from high school
- **Merv Letts** recounted the great night they had at Mulligans (that new pub on Queen that is often frequented by Justin Bieber) as they enjoyed adult beverages while playing golf or racing NASCAR style

- **Cam Ross**, the barkeep of that same establishment was thrilled that **Merv** and crew enjoyed themselves
- **Anup Subedi** expressed his congratulations to **Chris Wanna** and his great year
- **Denzil Feinberg** thanked everyone for being patient with his singing "skills" at the BBQ and to offer him sympathy for his upcoming 8 weeks without his wife June

Fred Christie filled in for **Clive Talbot** as the chair for the evening of the awards committee. This very special part of the Rotary year recognizes the efforts and achievements of not only our members but also people within our community that have made a difference either in Ottawa or elsewhere in the world. The citations are extensive and fact filled with details that justify the selection of these award winners. **It is strongly recommended that people should refer to the West Ottawa website (www.rcwo.org) where the citations are posted to read them in full.**

Briefly, however, **Linda Flynn** presented to Reverend Dr. Anthony Bailey the Ruth Martin Award for all that he has done within our community far beyond the work he does within his church.

Jack Troughton then surprised **Linda Flynn** by presenting her with Rotary International's Avenues of Service Award for the multitude of things she has done both within the club and externally within the 5 avenues of service as defined by RI.

Ken Murray next presented the Lloyd Loynes award to **Navin Parekh** for his work in the international community and then **Graeme Fraser** presented **Rocco Disipio** with a Lloyd Loynes award for his work within the Ottawa community.

(It is worth noting that last year the Awards Committee felt it had received no nominations meeting the criteria for either the Ruth Martin or the Lloyd Loynes awards while this year three recipients were identified)

Gaye Moffett then presented a Paul Harris Fellowship Award to **Bob Harrison** for all his work in the past few years including serving as our president. And Jim Maxwell wound up the Awards presentations with another PHF Award to **Andrew Young** to acknowledge all the work he has done on the Mums and Calendar fundraisers.

Past President Bob Harrison MC'd the changeover part of the evening and first shared his thoughts on being a "PP" or a Past President and to be finally leaving the board. (Thanks for your commitment Bob!) **PP Bob** then voiced our thoughts on **President Chris'** year; he was welcoming and ran meetings efficiently, always starting on a positive note with a worthwhile quote. **Bob** also recognized the silent partner that supported **Chris** through his year by presenting the President's Rose to Denise Wanna. Then we all witnessed the trading of presidential and PP pins and saw **Jean Bégin** put on her presidential jacket for the first time.

Chris Wanna spoke for the last time as president about his year, his pride in the club and the achievements that

were realized within that period of time including reaching our fundraising goals and seeing the club grow further with the addition of new committed members. He finished by thanking his board of directors, committee chairs and of course club members for a successful fun-filled year. He finished with a special acknowledgment to his biggest fan and supporter Denise Wanna and offered his full support to **Jean** on her upcoming year. **Thanks Chris!**

President Jean Begin then took the microphone and she told us of how Rotary “serves humanity” by sharing a story from RI President Ravindran about his mother’s fight and eventual success over polio in large part because of Rotarians coming together and cutting red tape and finding the necessary means to assist when things looked bleak. **Jean** went on to say our club needs to stay the course in particular with fundraising but also to have fun as we celebrate our 60th anniversary as a club.

As her first duty of her/our new Rotary year **President Jean** cancelled our meeting of July 19th. She then rang the bell with conviction and the evening ended.

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week, June 14 – 20, 2016.
2821 \$25 Ryan Dillabough, Kemptville
4406 \$50 June Bush, Cromer, Norfolk, U.K.
4213 \$25 Richard Reeve, Orléans
4158 \$100 Lise Roy, Gatineau, QC
3162 \$50 Lorie Dockstader, Metcalfe
3163 \$25 Choice Vinters, Manotick
4086 \$50 Alaina Spec, Ottawa

-and for the week, June 21 –27, 2016:
1674 \$25 Kayla Hawkins, Navan
3304 \$20 Lorraine Baechler, Kanata
2427 \$50 Fred Vickers, Brockville
2155 \$25 Pauline Nubla, Nepean
4517 \$200 Steve Hillier & Joanne Biggs, Kemptville
4828 \$25 Bert Janvier, South Mountain
2282 \$20 Catherine Chapman, Ottawa
All winners are from the province of Ontario except as indicated.

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

PDG Ariane Carriere: District 7040 Vision Team - Guatemala
Intro: **Bob Harrison** Thanks: **Susan Dienes**

Lunch Payment: **Larry Chop & Doug Rowlands** Greeters: **Rob Shaw-Wood & Chris Wanna**
Grace: **Norm Thomas** Reception: **Eric Armstrong** PP Draw: **Nigel Lever** Editor: **Cam Ross**

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Sabby Duthie: Classification talk
Intro: **Mike Traub** Thanks: **TBA**

Payment: **Claudette Léger-Paillé & Ken Sparks** Greeters: **Tom Stollman & Pardeep Ahluwalia**
Grace: **Jen Soucy** Reception: **Marcia Armstrong** PP Draw: **Chris Wanna** Editor: **Ginette Thomas**

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

MEETING CANCELLED (Lebanese Festival)