



# Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA  
Jean Bégin, President  
June 5, 2018 Editor: Cameron Ross

## Program: Dr Chelsea Honeyman – Medieval Ottawa

### Getting Started

The usual group of friendly, talented and hard-working team members were on hand: **Mike Traub** and **Frank Sirotek** greeted members and guests while **Mary Wattie** ensured we signed-in and had lunch tickets and **Frank Cranton** sold Past President Draw tickets. One major difference of this week was that **Ken Murray** was acting-President for **Jean Bégin** absent to attend a 'girlfriends reunion'.

### The Meeting

**Acting-President Ken** called the meeting to order and asked us to rise for the national anthem with **Rod Holmes** at the keyboard. **Jeremy Klein** gave a very eloquent invocation. **Tony Watkins** announced that we had two guests other than the program speaker: A Rotarian from Ottawa-Stittsville, Grace Bell; and Jaden Lairson, the teacher-advisor to the Interact Club at Woodroffe High School.

**Larry Chop** won the first Past Presidents' Draw, \$25.

### General Announcements

\* **Merv Letts** is golfing in the Rotary Home Golf-A-Thon Monday June 11 and invited us to participate or at least to support them with donations using the circulating folders.

\* **Marcia Armstrong**, Mums Committee chair, told us they have ordered 5400 plants and asked us to please start considering who might buy some.

\* **Bob Harrison** is selling tickets to the Changeover Dinner on June 19th. There will be no

tickets at the door, so arrange to buy them before then.

\* **Caroline De Witt** is now chairing the Cash Calendar Committee. This year's theme is Ottawa's urban landscape and an email has been circulated requesting photos to be used.

\* **Susan Diening** needs advertisers for the 2019 Cash Calendar. Let's go back to previous advertisers and seek out new ones.

\* **Rocco Disipio** and the SocRec committee are organizing the annual BBQ June 23. There will be a sign-up sheet circulated next meeting ( June 12). Tickets are \$25.

\* **Len Baird** announced that **Ron Scott** had won the prize as top scorer in the 6-month Rotary bridge tournament.

\* **Stu Picozzi** reported on the tree planting in Kanata on June 2. 150 trees had been planted with the help from the Air Cadets of Kanata by Club volunteers including: **President Jean Joseph Redhead, Carol Bell Thompson, Luana Achihaei** and Alessia and David, **Sucha Mann, Eric Armstrong, Ed Balys, Caroline De Witt, Doug Heyland, Doug Rowlands, Brett Brooking** and his son.

\* **Ken Murray** quizzed us on the content of The Rotarian magazine and gave examples of some of the international Rotary Fellowships (groups focused on particular interests) that you can read about and join if they appeal to you.

**Joe Redhead** presented to Jaden Lairson a Rotary Citation for the achievement by the Woodroffe High School Interact Club of goals that strengthened Rotary and their club over the 2017-2018 school year. Those goals included:

- \* Participating in an activity that promoted international understanding.
- \* Exposing worthy students to an activity such as RYLA.
- \* Participating in a fundraiser that supports a Rotary area of focus.
- \* Carried out a service project for Global Youth Service Day.
- \* Participated in a career day or mentoring activity.

We wished **Nigel Lever** a happy birthday for June 11th.

### The Program

**Gaye Moffett** introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Chelsea Honeyman. A PhD in English literature, she has taught at U Ottawa and U St Paul. She studies and teaches medieval architecture, mythology and Aboriginal culture and is currently employed with Elections Canada. Today she highlighted some medieval flavoured landmarks and markings in Uppertown Ottawa – in and around the Parliament buildings.

Dr. Honeyman's theme was the degree to which 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century Ottawa architecture and culture looked back toward medieval and renaissance Europe. Her slide show included statues of Dante and Galahad, pictures of the lily, thistle, and rose motifs in archways and around signage and buildings in architectural styles often referred to as Tudor Gothic, but which she classifies as Scottish baronial and neo-Gothic. Long narrow windows evoke feelings of a castle. She talked about the messaging that our early parliament were trying to make with their architectural designs: that we may be a new country but we still have a long history and old traditions.

Several photos of gargoyles were shown and our speaker elaborated on their messaging. Technically, a gargoyle is a statue that is built to drive water away from the building. If it does not, it is called a grotesque. It is said that religious and political buildings have these depictions to show the evil on the outside of the walls which is not allowed to enter inside.

She finished by showing landmarks from other cultures that demonstrate the multicultural nature of our country. Examples are a plaque from Iceland and a large dreamcatcher in the Portage Bridge Plaza. Dr Honeyman was thanked in the usual way with memento and donation to End Polio by **Don Butler**

### Happy Dollars

**Graeme Fraser** then collected from our happiest members and guests:

\* **Caroline DeWitt** was happy to have gone tree planting with the other Rotarian volunteers last weekend.

\* **Nigel Lever** has been away since March and is now flying to England with no return ticket yet.

\* **Graeme Fraser** is happy he and his family are back from France.

\* **Jim Maxwell** is going to Britain to see his granddaughter graduate from St. Andrews College.

### Ending

**Acting-President Ken** reviewed the next meeting's program and brought the meeting to a close with the usual reminders that we are Rotary Making a Difference and to bring people we like to check us out

at a meeting.

The International Service Committee would meet afterwards.

### Photos

were taken by our new addition to the Photographers Group, **Mike Traub**, and are posted on our club website

<https://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2018-06-05-dr-chelsea-honeyman-medieval-ottawa>. Thanks Mike

### Cash Calendar

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week, June 6 – 12, 2018:

1375 \$25 Jeff Richardson, Kanata, ON

1430 \$20 Louise Ring, Ottawa, ON

1253 \$25 Karine Gervais, Gatineau, QC

2531 \$50 Alicja Marian Stys, Nepean, ON

2108 \$100 Beth Campbell, Nepean, ON

0743 \$50 Eric & Sue Hammond, Almonte, ON

| 2436 \$25 Kathrine Vollett, Nepean, Ont

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Charles-Henri Houze-Cerfon- Global Grant Scholar from France

Intro: **Joan Heyland** Merci: **Don Butler**

Greeters: **Len Baird, Doug Heyland** Reception: **Pardeep Ahluwalia**

Payment: **Mary Wattie** Grace: **Andrew Young**

PP Draw: **Suren Gupta** Sales/Attendance: **Mary Wattie** Editor: **Rod Holmes**

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

**N.B. EVENING Meeting**

Changeover and Awards

Greeters: **Victor Mazzola, Eugen Achihaei** Reception: **Hadi Mortada**

Payment: **Mary Wattie** Grace: **Fred Christie**

PP Draw: **Clive Talbot** Sales/Attendance: **Mary Wattie** Editor: **Rocco Disipio**