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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA  
Jean Bégin, President

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Editor: Jack Troughton

## PROGRAM Club Assembly- Committee reports

*From his hospital bed **Editor Jack** reported in thankfully legible handwriting as shown below. Thanks for this, **Jack**. Get well soon. And thanks to Chris Troughton for scanning and sending. **DB***

### We gather...

greeted by Brian **Hartley** and **Brian Foster** and paying **Linda Flynn** for lunch, **Mary Wattie** being ill.

At 12:30 **President Jean** called the meeting to order and asked **Rod Holmes** to lead us in O Canada. **Brett Brooking** followed with a very good invocation. **Cletus Peters** was invited to welcome guests but there was no one to stand up so **Fred Christie** proceeded with the Past President's Draw which was won by **Marilyn Letts**. The planned prize selection not being immediately available the actual PP Draw prize became \$25 cash.

### Announcements

**Jen Ahde** needed a good portion of time to cover new details of the program for Music For Humanity on Saturday April 7. The new location for the event will be the Beechwood Cemetery Sacred Space. The varied program of music planned sounded most interesting. Help to eliminate polio worldwide- buy tickets for yourself and family and sell a few more too. You'll have a memorable evening.

**Linda Flynn** is introducing a weekly Rotary trivia contest to increase use of the Club website. Questions will normally come by e-mail and the winner will be drawn at random from the answers e-mailed to **Linda** by Monday with the right information found on the website. Winners would be announced at the Tuesday meeting. As an example, the first question was posed at the meeting and the winner would have the first hand to go up with an answer to "What new Club event has been posted on the Home Page?". **Ken Murray's** "Music for Humanity" won him "some pretty darn tasty brownies".

**Ken Murray** urged us to support Visitor's Day on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Membership has dropped below 90 and we need members to support the activities we

have undertaken. Club will pay the cost for guests. Invite for example: 1) members of other groups in which you are involved; 2) work contacts; 3) people who would fit open classifications; 4) past members. Please make a special effort. Keep our club great.

**Merv Letts** reminded us to get our Awards nominations in. Notes on nomination criteria were on our tables

### Committee reports

**Joe Redhead** gave a rundown on the status of Mums 2018. We are getting a good response from guidance counsellors at local high schools to recruit student delivery help. 5400 plants have been ordered. This year the plants will arrive, and deliveries start on the last Wednesday of September (the 26<sup>th</sup>) rather than the Thursday as previously. Other activities are on track. Let's have another good year.

Continuing to Youth Service, **Joe** told us that our club had named two delegates to the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) in June and could now sponsor a third free.

**Caroline De Witt** reported on the 2017 Cash Calendar sales were up 27%. Our partners outsold us with Kemptville RC accounting for 63% of the sales total. Net revenue was nearly \$42,000, significantly over that of 2016. She attributed the improved results to the earlier program launch and better internal communications. For 2018 they intend to continue using pictures from Club photographers. Go through your archives and take more photographs.

**Navin Parekh** gave us an excellent report on International Service Committee activities:

- 1) Providing medical supplies to Ghana in cooperation with other RCs

- 2) Support to Amarok program of teaching literacy to Bangladesh mothers so they can make their children literate. Amarok CEO Gem Munro spoke to us a while back.
- 3) Upgrade deteriorated water systems for Jordan schools with Jordanian RC.
- 4) With RC Ottawa help supply computers and training to Computers for Schools Burundi (see CFSB Facebook page)
- 5) Support to Indian RC literacy program for former prison inmates; 50 males and 30 females.
- 6) Water projects including one in Asia for a deep well with solar powered pump to provide 2000 litres/hour.

[ **Editor Jack** opines “...good committee....this is an important direction for large metropolitan clubs like ours.”]

**Board Announcements- President Jean**  
*Chase the Ace* will be a new Club fundraiser starting May 1. Details will follow in the coming weeks.

The lunch charge will now be called the ‘*Meeting fee*’ and, effective May 1, will be \$26 for everyone. Since attendance requirement were relaxed weekly attendance is down and we have not always met the minimum of 40 lunches weekly we agreed with St Elias. In February we were charged \$234 to make up the difference. This cannot continue to come out of the general fund for Club operation so must be covered by an increase in meal charges and/or an increase in membership fees. The Board has chosen the

former. More members would help solve this problem so how about it, Rotarians?

**Happy \$**  
**Ken Murray** wished to assure his tennis partners that he will bring his newly won brownies on Sunday  
**Inna Flyazhenkova** was happy to announce that her son is about to turn 30 years of age  
**Sucha Mann** was amazed by the construction work to enlarge the Panama Canal which he saw on his recent trip there. He was also concerned about the extent of money laundering in Panama.  
**Brian Foster** was off to the 103rd birthday of a friend.  
And **Marilyn Letts** also contributed to the Happy \$ pot

**The close**  
**President Jean** the reviewed next week’s program and closed the meeting with the reminders that we are Rotary Making a Difference and to bring potential members to a meeting

**Cash calendar**  
Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for March 7-13, 2018:  
2934 \$25 Rebecca Parker, Nepean, ON  
2219 \$20 Patrick McGahey, Kemptville, ON  
2350 \$50 Tanya H. Boyd, North Gower, ON  
1936 \$50 A. Jai Persaud, Nepean, ON  
3885 \$25 Nalin Bhargava, Ottawa, ON  
1411 \$100 Tim Virkler, Watertown, NY, USA  
951 \$50 Joel Allarie, Ottawa, ON

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

Teacher Danielle Fontaine and 2 students: Shannen’s Dream for aboriginal education  
Intro: **Marilyn Letts** Thanks: **Jen Soucy**  
Greeters: **Merv Letts, Roy Miller** Invocation: **Eric Armstrong** Reception: **Navin Parekh**  
PP Draw: **Keith Fraser** Ticket Sales/Attendance: **Mary Wattie** Editor: **Rob Shaw-Wood**

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

1) Mark Arnold, Exec. Dir., Youth Now Canada- Brief update on Youth Now Farm  
Intro: **Jean Bégin.** Thanks: **Pardeep Ahluwalia**  
2) Committees meet  
Greeters: **Bill Morris, Bill Rolph** Invocation: **Brian Foster** Reception: **Sucha Mann**  
PP Draw: **Doug Heyland** Ticket Sales/Attendance: **Mary Wattie** Editor: **Cam Ross**

