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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Chris Wanna, President

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Editor: Cam Ross

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Club Assembly: RI Council on Legislation; RCWO Foundation; and ISC

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Today would feature the final Club Assembly of the current Rotary year. **Ali Pahlavani** and **Edith Duarte** greeted members and guests as they entered, **Jack Troughton** recorded the guests, **Joe Parkinson** sold PP Draw and **Jim Maxwell** and **Suren Gupta** took money in exchange for lunch.

President Chris started the meeting with a quote from Kahlil Gibran:

God made Truth with many doors to welcome every believer who knocks on them.

The club then sang O Canada, heard grace from **Roy Miller**, and then greeted our guests with our usual song. Our guests today were:

- * Marilyn Dixon, guest of **Fred Christie**
- * Tony Watkins, RC Barbados and PDG of District 7030 in the Caribbean, summers in Canada.
- * Denise Wanna, wife of **President Chris** (she and **Chris** left shortly afterwards for a family matter)
- * Kevin Shanahan, guest of president **Chris Wanna**
- * Faye Campbell, our Area Governor

While the club ate rice-stuffed chicken, **Alan Bowles's** ticket won the Past Presidents' Draw – a prize of potted flowers. **Bill Morris** helped our two happiest members tell us why:

* **Linda Flynn** was happy to have met a friend of **Cameron Ross** while in Brockville. She relayed a **donation** to the Club on his behalf. Tony Watkins began the Club Assembly by recounting the information he gathered as a participant in the three yearly RI Council on Legislation in Chicago. About 530 Rotary delegates considered 181 pieces of legislation. Enactments included an increase of per capita dues by \$4 per year for each of the next five years; flexibility in how often and when clubs meet, and are freedom in setting applicable requirements. It is expected that clubs will meet in-person at least twice a month. RI has removed the distinction between regular clubs and e-clubs- all references to e-clubs has now been removed. References to admission fees have also been removed, with only membership dues being collected going forward.

We were told that celebration of 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation will start at the Seoul Convention this year and culminate at the Atlanta Convention next year.

Ken Sparks announced that this year's fundraising golf tournament will be September 15th. This will be the 16th running of the tournament, and most likely the best of the lot. The cost will be \$135 per golfer, with all proceeds going to local kids' campership programs. To date, this tournament has raised over \$160,000. Please consider golfing, sponsoring, or providing prizes for this RCWO flagship event.

A get well card was passed around for **Suan Cross** recovering from a serious illness.

A correction was also received for an omission from last week's Spinoff report on the final night of the Rotary Bridge Marathon. Patricia Talbot had won the high single game of the year

The Ottawa Rotary Home Golf-A-thon takes place the first Monday in June. All proceeds will go to respite care. This support helps makes possible the operation of the Home adult wing which for the first time since its renovation was completely occupied. Please support our RCWO members participating.

Alan Bowles read a letter he received from Maria Virjee who has been supporting the Calendar program since it first began, and is happy to now have won one of the draws.

Chris Wanna reminded everyone of the Rotary BBQ June 25 at the Ed Balys estate. Also the District Changeover June 22 and the Club changeover June 28 – tickets will be available at the next meeting. Our guest, Fay Campbell told us she had just returned from visiting India, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan and she will be back early in the new Rotary year to tell more stories from her travels. **Brett Brooking** gave a quick update on the Cash Calendar program. As expected, sales were down year-over-year in 2015 by about 10-15%. 1000 calendars were sold, and community partnerships

and advertisements continue to be a major area of focus. The committee hopes to begin selling earlier in 2016 than in 2015.

Merv Letts then took the stage on behalf of the committee struck to consider establishment of a RWCO Foundation. Supporting documentation was provided at each table for member reference. CRA has now approved charitable status for the Foundation and terms of reference have been established. The Foundation be able to receive bequests and accumulate capital assets, instead of needing to spend all funds as they are received to avoid questions as to its charitable status which CRA might ask if the Club acted that way. The structure should also reduce the liability of the club. The Foundation will have a board separate from the club. The club board has approved the recommendations of the steering committee that the Foundation be set up, and **Merv** moved, seconded by **Ken Murray**, that members approve the establishment of the Foundation as recommended. Members voted to approve the motion.

Bob Harrison and **Navin Parekh** finished the meeting with an update on the International Service Committee. **Suren Gupta's** brother is still leading the literacy program our Club has supported at the Patiala Jail in India. Participants in the program have proven less likely to re-offend. The water project in the Philippines we are supporting along with RCs in Florida and the Philippines and a Canadian charity recently hit a hiccup when a well collapsed. The Philippine government will cover the repair costs, but it will take additional time. The

intraocular project (cataract surgery) in India was implemented in June and quickly had over 500 patients. An additional ShelterBox was purchased and deployed. On introducing **Navin** to talk about CanUgan, **Bob** told us that **Navin** will be the new chair of the ISC. **Navin** showed us some pictures of the mobility aids CanUgan provides and gave us an overview of the impact of the program. **Bob Harrison** confirmed that Red Cross administration expense associated with Fort McMurray relief is around 5-7% of their budget not the much higher share in some reports. He asked if members wanted to donate through the Club or as individuals. Members voted to contribute directly. After conclusion of the meeting by **Chris Wanna**, the Calendar, Archive and Dictionary 4 Life Committees met as did one of the six Era groups of the Anniversary Committee.

Pix <http://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2016-05-17-club-assembly>

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for May 10 – 16, 2016.

All winners, so far identified, are in Ontario.

4184 \$100 Stephen Gilman, Ottawa
4534 \$25 Ralph Oschmann, Vernon
1518 \$25 To Provide Contact Information
2761 \$20 **Inna Flyazhenkova**, Ottawa
1929 \$50 Martin Patterson, Ottawa
1164 \$25 Anne Parks, Scarborough
3784 \$25 C. P. P. C. I., Kanata

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Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Danielle Walsh - Family Business

Intro: **Gaye Moffett** Thanks: **Edith Duarte**

Lunch Payment: **Tom Stollman & Navin Parekh** Greeters: **Bill Rolph & Campbell Whillans**
Grace: **Doreen Ide** Reception: **Fred Sirotek** PP Draw: **Ken Murray** Editor: **Jack Troughton**

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Beatrice Osome: Update on well projects in west Kenya

Intro: **Jen Ahde** Thanks: **Ginette Thomas**

Lunch Payment: **Len Baird & Claudette Léger-Paillé** Greeters: **Joe Parkinson & Denzil Feinberg**
Grace: **Dirk Keenan** Reception: **Mike Traub** PP Draw: **Hadi Mortada** Editor: **Graeme Fraser**