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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Jean Bégin, President

November 1, 2016

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November 1, 2016 Today's Program

32nd Scotland-Canada Rotary Curling Tour. The Scottish Team
MC Eric Armstrong

The Meeting

Parking was tight. With the 22 Scots curlers our club had an exceptional number of guests and the main hall was completely full for a ReThink Dementia conference. So in the neighbouring basement hall members and guests were met by **Ali Sochasky** and **Linas Pilypaitis** and bought lunch tickets from **Larry Chop** and **Carol Bell Thompson**.

After O Canada, **Eric Armstrong** gave the crowd both The Curlers' Grace and a warm introduction to our visitors. We welcomed our guests in the usual way and then took a stab at singing *The Flower of Scotland*. Thankfully the Scots carried the room through it, and then we seemed to get our vocals right for *Auld Lang Syne*. **Anup Subedi** ran the Past Presidents' Draw and one of our guests held the winning ticket for a \$25 Indigo gift card. Scots team Captain Willie Nichol presented us the pennant from his home club in Scotland.

Happy Birthday to: Joe Wattie, Anup Subedi and Don Butler.

The Scottish Team

The Scots curlers were at their fourth stop during a month-long tour – with a Rotary curling match each day. Today was going to be at the Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club. The accents and kilts gave the air that they had brought a lot of Scotland with them. Unfortunately, no Scotch though. The unique fellowship event has been taking place for decades, and we would later hear that three generations of **Armstrongs** (including **Blair** and **Eric**) have been over to Scotland for similar tours. All of the curlers then took turns introducing themselves, stating where they were from in Scotland and their classification. It seemed like there was representation from all across the country and a wide range of professions.

Agriculture, medical services, banking & accounting, and dentistry were all represented by a few guests. There were also quite a few Past Presidents, District Governors, and current executives in the group. They gave a heartfelt thank you and stood to applaud the hospitality of our club.

Announcements

- **Gaye Moffett** will be administering vaccination shots in exchange for charitable donations again. There are waiver forms available that need to be signed prior to the November 15th date.
- Parkdale Food Centre sends a very special thank you for all of the toiletries that our club has been sending. They still require more.
- **Brett Brooking** told us there be another Shoe Bank sorting event on the weekend at the Parkdale Food Centre. These events have been well received, and I'm sure one will happen again soon. No experience necessary!

Happy Dollars

Our schedule went lighter than usual to give our members time to interact with all of the guests around the room. This gave time for all of the happy people in the room to make their announcements:

- **Bob Harrison** was happy that things went well at the District Conference last weekend. ShelterBox had been a highlight attraction. The ShelterBox program was started by an English Rotary club in 2000 with a deployment of 76 boxes to disaster struck areas. Rotary clubs worldwide are now active in the program with over 34,000 boxes deployed.

- **Fred Christie** was happy to recount that a Cash Calendar he sold to a visiting curler in 2008 returned that guest \$1,000 on the second day. He reminded our guests that he has some available for sale now, as well.
- **Stu Picozzi** was happy, but the microphone did not cooperate during his announcement.
- **Ron Doll** was happy to be going to Florida, and that his wife agreed to postpone their trip so that he could curl with the Scots today.
- Dave Pelletier was visiting and thanked us for our hospitality.
- **Linda Flynn** thanked the 37 Rotarians that helped deliver 600 Dictionary 4 Life dictionaries Those volunteers stood for an ovation.
- **Pardeep Ahluwalia** was happy to be back from a European trip. While there he was able to take his mom to a spa in Spain.
- **Anup Subedi** was celebrating his birthday and his 10 year anniversary with Rotary.
- **Blair Armstrong** shared the story of himself, his son and his father participating in the curling tour of Scotland, each 24 years apart.
- **Bea Osome** was happy her grand-daughter is celebrating her 2nd birthday.
- **Jack Troughton** had just celebrated the 65th anniversary of his graduation from McGill university.
- **Eugene Achihaei** was happy to have done some of the technical improvements for the new house **Ali Pahlavani** has just bought.

Meeting End

President Jean Bégin asked the Scottish visitors to assemble for a photograph and closed the meeting

with the usual reminders of this year's Rotary Theme and to invite likely acquaintances to check us out at a meeting
The Ways & Means committee and the '97 Era Committee met after the meeting adjournment.

Thanks for reading.

Cash Calendar Winners

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar Bonus Draw October 6 and the draws for the period, October 11 – 24, 2016. Winners are in Ontario unless otherwise noted

Bonus 4028 \$1000 Louise Jiang-Birch, Ottawa

Oct 11 4027 \$50 Zhengbo Jiang, Ottawa

Oct 12 3789 \$25 Canadian Mental Health Association, Ottawa

Oct 13 1851 \$20 Brenda Allen, Kanata

Oct 14 2018 \$50 being reviewed

Oct 15 1094 \$25 being reviewed

Oct 16 1633 \$50 Allan Lockwood, Kemptville

Oct 17 4223 \$20 Soyun Kim, Kanata

Oct 18 3020 \$100 Marvin & Punam Munro, Williamstown

Oct 19 1963 \$50 Margaret MacLellan, Kemptville

Oct 20 4292 \$25 Joyce & Armand Schryer, Ottawa

Oct 21 4421 \$50 Scott Shaw, Kinburn

Oct 22 2965 \$125 Mark Farrell, Ottawa

Oct 23 2607 \$25 Fred Crossan, Ottawa

Oct 24 1276 \$25 Terri McClymont, Prince George, BC

Tuesday November 8, 2016

Remembrance Day Program

Act of Remembrance: Doug Heyland, Veterans & Pardeep Ahluwalia

Lt Col (ret'd) Dan Mackay: *Lillian Freiman and poppies for Remembrance Day in Canada*

Intro: **Don Butler** Thanks: **Dave Morton**

Greeters: **Denzil Feinberg & Phil Bronsther** Reception: **Marcia Armstrong**

Lunch Payment: **Bob Harrison & Navin Parekh** Grace: **Marcia Armstrong**

Past President's Draw: **Ron Scott** Editor: **Graeme Fraser**

Tuesday November 15, 2016

The Rotary Foundation

Ron Scott

Greeters: **Jen Soucy & Doreen Ide** Reception: **Hadi Mortada**
Lunch Payment: **Henry Akanko & Ken Sparks** Grace: **Andrew Young**
Past President's Draw: **Alan Bowles** Editor: **Don Butler**