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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA;
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

November 13, 2018

Editor Ginette Thomas

Program: Sharing proceeds of Mums fundraiser, about the Ottawa Food Bank and others

ARRIVAL

Arriving members were welcomed by greeters **Doreen Ide** and **Blair Armstrong**; **Carol Bell Thompson** took our lunch money; the **Jeremy Klein** was on Reception; and **Bill Morris** sold Past Presidents Draw tickets. At noon, **President Pardeep Ahluwalia** invited us to serve ourselves at the buffet. At 12:30, he called the 7th meeting of the Rotary year to order. Although this meeting had been scheduled as a Club Assembly, we would have a committee presentation, partners to thank, and donations to present. **Rod Holmes** accompanied us as we sang *O Canada*. **Marcia Armstrong** followed by acknowledging that we were meeting on land unceded by the Algonquin peoples and shared a thoughtful reflection drawing on Algonquin tradition calling for gratitude for the bounty we enjoy from this land.

GUESTS & PP DRAW

Jeremy Klein introduced our guests: Gerhard Peters, RC-Arnprior; John Wilson, RC-Renfrew; Frans Vandendries, RC-Ottawa Stittsville; Peter Van Rijn, RC-South Nepean; Jeff Arkell, Salvation Army, guest of **President Pardeep**; Baxter Willis, guest of **Merv Letts**; Karen Joynt, guest of **Marcia Armstrong**; Miriam Fraser, RC-Nepean Kanata, sister of **Graeme Fraser**; Helena Mazzola, Hungry to Help, wife of **Victor Mazzola**; Gwen McBride, daughter of **Brian Hartley**; Pascale Girard Frappier, Hungry to Help and guest speaker Michael Maidment, Ottawa Food Bank. **Rod Holmes** led us on the keyboard as we serenaded the guests with our usual welcome song.

Bill Morris invited the guest speaker to pull the winning ticket for the Past President Draw. Jeff Arkell of the Salvation Army was the lucky winner of a rechargeable flashlight.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Brian Foster** invited us to join him and his wife at The Barley Mow on Merivale Road on Sunday afternoon November 18 for Scottish music with a wonderful Cape Breton influence.
- **Joan Heyland** reminded us to sign up for the Foundation Fellowship Dinners as a host, or a guest, or both!
- **Claudette Léger-Paillé** showed us a new pamphlet listing options for the Rotary Foundation. A unique Christmas gift idea perhaps?!
- Miriam Fraser, RC-Nepean Kanata, reminded us that her club bazaar to benefit the Caldwell Family Centre is taking place at the Dulude Arena on Saturday November 17.
- **Doug Heyland** shared advice on selling Cash Calendars: standing, not sitting, at the sales table; explaining how the costs of production and prizes are covered by sponsors so total funds from sales go directly to local charities; and pointing out that buyers have the chance to win money every day of the year.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There were 2 folders circulating for our attention: one to sign up to staff the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign on December 3, 5 and 7 at Carlingwood Mall; and a sign-up sheet for the Jazz evening on November 30.
- Gerhard Peters of the RC-Arnprior was selling his yummy Christmas cakes at the back of the room
- The 2019 Cash Calendars are available from **Caroline De Witt** and **Brett Brooking** who are ready to give you as many as you need
- Reminders: the December 11 meeting will be held downstairs in the church as will all meetings from January to March 2019 to enable renovation work in St Elias Hall.
- Birthdays: **Fred Sirotek**, November 13; **John Martin** (Honoured Life Member), November 17; **Suan Cross** and **Dirk Keenan**, November 18

PROGRAMME: CELEBRATING CLUB INITIATIVES

1) Mums for Thanksgiving

Marcia Armstrong gave a PowerPoint presentation on the results: gross revenue was \$86,180 providing just under \$44,000 to be shared by the 13 partners based on their shares of sales and deliveries of the 5581 plants. In addition to that share RCWO received a project management fee for a total project return of about \$37,000. (If you would like a copy of the PowerPoint please ask)

Marcia thanked the many who participated in this year's campaign and handed out cheques for their shares of the revenue to: RC- Ottawa Stittsville; RC- Nepean Kanata; RC – South Nepean; RC- Hunger for Health; Parkdale Food Centre; Caldwell Family Centre; and finally, the Amazing Race.

2) Post-Tornado Relief

Dave Morton reminded us of our Club mandate to seek ways to help the community, including assistance to impacted by the September 22 tornados that hit the Ottawa area. The Community Services Committee has agreed to donate funds to the Salvation Army and the Ottawa Food Bank system in support of their tornado relief activities.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dave Morton introduced Michael Maidment, CEO of the Ottawa Food Bank, an organization that has an important impact on the community.

Michael Maidment indicated that 38,400 people in Ottawa use emergency food centers, and that 1/3 of these people are children. Food insecurity in Ottawa is real. There are 55,000 people in total who need food, and the Ottawa Food Bank is there to help people who lack a voice to advocate. "We care to make their lives a little better" ... But we need to go beyond just alleviating hunger and address the cause of hunger which is poverty. Although the Food Bank is not political – it serves everyone – Maidment urged us to "get political" to address poverty by advocating more affordable housing in Ottawa; and a basic guaranteed income for everyone.

Dave Morton thanked Michael Maidment for his inspiring talk.

Captain Jeff Arkell of the Salvation Army then expressed gratitude for the donations from RCWO and other clubs which helped the Salvation Army to be ready and on site immediately following the tornados with many services, including meals for the people affected, for the volunteers, and for the first responders. Volunteers drove around to deliver pizzas and warm drinks donated by Pizza Pizza to comfort people who were devastated by the damage.

CHEQUE PRESENTATIONS

Dave Morton presented Club cheques for \$750 to the Salvation Army and for \$3,500 to the Ottawa Food Bank and an additional cheque, for \$740, from Bushtukah staff with company match, also to the Food Bank.

John Wilson then presented a cheque for \$559 from RC Renfrew to the Ottawa Food Bank

HAPPY DOLLARS

Ken Murray collected starting with \$2 from himself having found Charity Navigator, an online source that evaluates USA-based charities (info on Canadian charities is available from the CRA and Charity Intelligence Canada and others)

Alan Bowles was impressed with the 10th anniversary of the RC-Orleans, a club that RCWO, specifically **Russ Hicks**, sponsored.

Helena Mazzola happy with the cheque which will help H2H provide lunches to more school children

Sabby Duthie happy to sit next to **Ken Murray**, and to get invited to Tim Hortons after tennis

Nigel Lever -heading off to the Caribbean!

Caroline De Witt really appreciated **Keith Fraser's** tour of his retirement residence and seeing his many cartoons.

ADJOURNMENT

President Pardeep adjourned the meeting at 1:40pm after the usual reminder to us to practise the Rotarian principles, and to invite to our meetings individuals whom we might like as members

PHOTOS

<https://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2018-11-13-club-assembly>

CASH CALENDAR

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the period, November 7 – 20, 2018:

0313 \$50 Renée Vanasse, Ottawa, ON
2198 \$100 Christopher Higgins, Ottawa, ON
1250 \$25 Karl Vriezen, Ottawa, ON
2726 \$50 Douglas Hughes, Kemptville, ON
0017 \$25 Ray Boyd, Metcalfe, ON
3823 \$50 Heather Byers, Ottawa, ON
1305 \$25 Kerry Tierney, Ottawa, ON
0324 \$20 Deborah Schryburt, Ottawa, ON
2122 \$50 Barb McLean, Cornwall, ON
3640 \$25 **Ken Murray**, Kanata, ON
2019 \$50 Florence Walsh, Goulds, NL
1737 \$25 Ron Littan, Kemptville, ON
2118 \$20 Sufwan Aliyat, Nepean, ON
3176 \$50 Susan Little, c/o Collins Barrow Ottawa

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Melissa Clark, Pres. and Arlene McKechnie, VP of TEMBO (Tanzania Education and Micro Business Opportunity)

Intro: **Larry Chop** Thanks: **Cletus Peters**

Greeters: **Chris Wanna / Suan Cross** Reception: **Linda Flynn**

Grace: **Dave Morton** PP Draw: **Len Baird** Editor: **Joseph Redhead**

Sales/Attendance: **Carol Bell Thompson**

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Brian Foster: Marijuana- the Scientific Facts

Intro: **Gaye Moffett** Thanks: **Don Butler**

Greeters: **Linda Flynn, Merv Letts** Reception: **Norm Thomas**

Grace: **Clive Talbot** PP Draw: **Alan Bowles** Editor: **TBA**

Sales/Attendance: **Carol Bell Thompson**