



# Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Jean Bégin, President

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## November 22, 2016 Program

Doug Norris, VP of Environics Analytics: Notable Census data and some implications

Intro: **Phil Bronsther**. Thanks **Marcia Armstrong**

### The Meeting

On this very frigid mid fall day we were warmly greeted by **Jennifer Ahde** and **Paul Leduc**. **Jack Troughton** registered our guests, **Victor Mazzola** and **Brian Hartley** sold lunch tickets and **Joe Parkinson** sold tickets to this week's Past Presidents Draw. The buffet lunch arrived a little late, owing to confusion about location- again in the church basement instead of conference hall.

Looking increasingly comfortable in the leadership chair **President Jean** called the meeting to order at 12:35. **Rod Holmes** led us in the singing of our national anthem and **Pardeep Ahluwalia** recited a thoughtful grace reminding us to be thankful for what we have and to look for opportunities to help those less fortunate.

**Jack Troughton** introduced our guests: Gerhard Peters from the Arnprior Rotary Club here to promote the Arnprior Rotary Club's Christmas Fruit Cake fundraiser, Caroline DeWitt a guest of **Joseph Redhead**, Cerrolwen Rankin and Stacey Laviolette guests of **Dirk Keenan**. We welcomed the guests in the usual West Ottawa manner.

**Joe Parkinson** conducted the Past Presidents Draw and **Clive Talbot** won a delightful offering of jams and jellies. Thank you **Joe** for this most generous gift.

### Updating member data

**Larry Chop** gave us a tutorial on correcting our profile data on the Club web site. Projecting from his computer **Larry** went to RCWO.ORG site and showed us how to *member login* and update our information. For most members our username is our *firstname.lastname.512* (for long time members it is *firstnamelastname512* with no dots). Our password 512 until we change it to our choice. **Hadi Mortada**, [hmortada@aol.com](mailto:hmortada@aol.com) or **Linda Flynn**, [lindaflynn@bell.net](mailto:lindaflynn@bell.net) will be more than pleased to help members who have difficulties with this.

### Membership Moment

**Ken Murray** started by asking "What is the value of a Rotary Membership to you"? He challenged us to find ways to make Rotary Membership Grow. With some 340 Rotary Classifications and new membership categories- Active, Corporate and Associate- we have many ways to attract new members. Invite family, friends, business associates, other contacts to our meetings to experience first-hand the working of Rotary and our Club in particular. check the Spinoff and invite guests who may be interested in upcoming program and can learn what we do locally, nationally and internationally. Thank you **Ken** for this comprehensive Membership Moment.

### Past Presidents Dinner and 2017/18 Board

Next up **Chris Wanna** reported that 30 of the past 33 Past Presidents attended the Dinner where they enjoyed good food and discussions. He next put forth the nominations for 2017/18 Directors. Additional nominations can submitted until November 29 and the Club will vote on the 2017/18 Board at the December 6, 2016 meeting. Nominations at present are: President: **Ken Sparks**; President Elect: **Ali Pahlavani**; Vice President: **Thomas Stollman**; Secretary: **Marcia Armstrong**; Treasurer: **Chris Wanna**; Director of Community Services: **Jennifer Ahde**; Director of Club Service/ Fellowship: **Cameron Ross**; Director of International/Youth: **Pardeep Ahluwalia** and Director at Large: **Susan Dening**. **Jeam Bégin** will of course be Past President. Sergeant-at-Arms: **Peter Gilman** wants to be relieved of the position as he has home responsibilities but will stay on until a replacement is found. Any takers?

### Highlights of the Census

**Phil Bronsther** now introduced our guest speaker Dr. Doug Norris, Senior Vice President and Chief Demographer at Environics Analytics. Dr. Norris assists companies, government agencies and not for

profit organizations in using Census and statistical information for planning and marketing purposes. He studied at McGill University and earned a Ph.D. in Biostatistics and Demography from John Hopkins University. After a 30 year career at Stats Canada Dr. Norris joined Environics in 2006.

Dr. Norris started his by reminding us that each week our demographics and population is changing. Canada is the fastest growing G8 country with an annual growth rate approaching 1.0% mainly by immigration. Urban centers are growing and smaller centers are in decline. The rate of growth west of Ontario is far greater than east of Ontario. Women in professions are rapidly expanding while high unemployment of young males is a cause for concern. Canada will continue to grow faster than other G-8 nations but at a slower rate dependent upon immigration policies. In 15 years 1 in 4 Canadians will be over the age of 65; visible minorities will get bigger and our population will be about 50 million in 2060. Economic growth will slow as the population ages and matures.

**Jim Maxwell** asked if Japan could teach us anything about dealing with an aging population but Dr. Norris said that he had not studied the Japanese situation.. **Jennifer Ahde** asked whether or not there is a correlation between regional population decline and changing industrial demands and the ability of young males to find meaningful work. Dr. Norris responded by pointing out that many jobs are lost in small towns and this has a direct impact on young male employment.

Answering **Brian Hartley** Dr Norris put the world's current population at about 7.2 Billion and growing to about 10 to 11 Billion people at the current rate

**Marcia Armstrong** thanked our guest speaker in the usual manner noting that it will be nice to have the long form census back so that Dr. Norris and others can do their very fine analysis of the data.

### Attendance awards

**Mary Wattie** presented perfect attendance awards for 2015/16 to: **Carol Bell Thompson**, 1 year; **Chris Wanna**, 3 years; **Peter Gilman**, 4 years; **Linda Flynn** and **Brett Brooking** 5 years; **Don**

### Meeting End

Dictionary for Life Program, and the Membership Committee would meet after adjournment

**Reminder:** the meeting November 29, 2016 will have a full program so please arrive so as to proceed to the buffet lunch promptly at noon. Mums Partners will be in attendance to be presented with their cheques and Dr. Emile Therien will speak to us about the importance of organ donations.

**Butler** and **Ken Murray** 7 years; **Hadi Mortada** 9 years; **Fred Christie** and **Len Baird** 10 years; **Susan Dienning** 17 years; **Keith Fraser** 23 years; **Jim Maxwell** 25 years; **Keith Henry** 31 years; **Warren Creighton** 45/46 years and finally **Jack Troughton** 46/47 years. Congratulations to all recipients.

### Announcements

**Rod Holmes** gave us an early reminder for the 2016 Club's Christmas Program December 13 featuring guest soloist Garth Hampson and an array of West Ottawa Rotarians leading us in the singing of Christmas carols. Members, get your voices ready and think of whom you bring to enjoy this special program.

**Joseph Redhead** was up looking for volunteers for the Friday November 25 *Awake* event at our Interact Club at Woodroffe High School. Members are invited to help to supervise this overnight fundraiser event. Those wishing to volunteer please contact **Joseph**

### Happy Dollars

**Bill Morris** collected from:

**Len Baird** who, with other West Ottawa Rotarians, attended the funeral of Helen Horning, wife of past member Ray Horning. **Keith Fraser's** eulogy was beautiful.

**Ed Balys** told us the Capital City Chorus Christmas concert will take place on December 9 and 10th at the Dominion Chalmers Church. Tickets- \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

**Alan Bowles** spent the weekend in New York City but was not happy about the bad weather which tacked on 3 hours to his return time.

**Fred Christie** had filled another jar of coins for the Foundation, a practice he had started years before on the advice of **Doug Heyland**. **Dirk Keenan** agreed to separate and count them. Also, **Fred's** United Church has increased its order to 130-140 Cash Calendars for this year. Thank you **Fred** for this generous donation and your excellent salesmanship with your Church.

### Birthdays

Best wishes to **Joan Heyland** and **Warren Creighton** November 27.

**President Jean** adjourned the meeting at 1:45 asking us to remind ourselves: “ask yourself, of the next person you meet, ‘Would I like to spend more time with them?’ Invite them to Rotary” Let us all enjoy a great week

### **Cash Calendar Winners**

Winners of the Cash Calendar draws will be published in a later Spinoff

#### **Tuesday November 29, 2016**

Emile Therien: *Organ donation is essential for organ transplantation*

Intro: **Merv Letts** Thanks: **Chris Martin**

Greeters: **TBA & Chris Martin** Reception: **Alan Bowles**

Lunch Payment: **Tom Stollman & Bob St Eloi** Grace: **Dave Morton**

Past President's Draw: **Bob Harrison** Editor: **Gaye Moffett**

#### **Tuesday December 6, 2016**

**Claudette Léger-Paillé** *Classification talk*

Intro: TBA Thanks: TBA

Greeters: **Joe Parkinson & Inna Flyazhenkova** Reception: **Doug Rowlands**

Lunch Payment: **Linda Flynn & Carol Bell-Thompson** Grace: **Ali Pahlavani**

Past President's Draw: **Hadi Mortada** Editor: **Jack Troughton**