



Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Jean Bégin, President

November 14, 2017

Editor: Ginette Thomas

Program November 14 Slate of Club officers 2018-19 and Committee reports

MEETING BEGINS

Luana Achihaei and **Jen Ahde** greeted us warmly, **Mary Wattie** collected our lunch payments, **Sucha Mann** was at the reception desk and **Fred Christie** sold Past President's Draw tickets

President Jean Bégin called the meeting to order and **Rod Holmes** led us in the national anthem. **Brian Hartley** offered a thoughtful Invocation.

Sucha Mann introduced our guests whom we greeted with song in our usual manner: Kalula Kalamby, Past President of Rotary Hull 2015-16; Benjaluck Noi, Sila-asana Rotary Club D 3360 Thailand; Neil Larsen, guest of **Ken Murray**; Pam Maxwell, guest of **Gaye Moffett** and helping her administer flu shots to members.

Fred Christie conducted the PP Draw and **Claudette Léger-Paillé** won the gift card.

CLUB BOARD CHANGES:

Chris Wanna presented the proposed slate of officers for the 2018 RCWO Board of Directors:

President: **Ali Pahlavani**. Past President:

Jean Bégin. President Elect: **Jen Ahde**.

Vice President: **Pardeep Ahluwalia**.

Secretary: **Marcia Armstrong**.

Treasurer: **Hadi Mortada**. Community

Service: **Ginette Thomas**.

Club Service/ Fellowship: **Cam Ross**.

International/Youth and At Large: empty.

Sergeant at Arms: **Robert Shaw-Wood**

Club members have until November 28 to nominate, with a seconder, any additional Club Member. The final vote will take place on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

President Jean expressed her heartfelt thanks to **Susan Diening** for her contributions as a member of the Board over the past few years, and reminded members that the Board is looking for a new Director-at-Large for the coming year. **Pardeep Ahluwalia** expressed an interest in becoming President in three years' time.

PRESIDENT JEAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Birthdays this week: **Suan Cross** and **Dirk Keenan** on November 18.

-To encourage more members to participate in the writing Spinoff, the Board has decided that, instead of trying to capture entire Speakers' messages, Spinoff editors may, if they wish, just state the topic and give a few highlights.

For Happy Dollars editors may opt to simply list the names of members

contributing and omit their anecdotes

- **Bruce Brooks** has resigned from the Club to spend more time travelling.

- **Carol Waters** is on a leave of absence until early spring 2018.

- Our dates to participate in the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle drive at Carlingwood Mall are December 4, 6 and 8. A sign-up folder is circulating. Please return to **Ginette Thomas**.

- A sign-up folder is also being circulated for the Foundation Fellowship Dinners (new members) scheduled for January and February 2018.

-A special collection bin for socks, mitts, hats and scarves for the Mission will be set up for the November 21 and 28 meetings. Each member is asked to bring at least 1 item.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Members are encouraged to contact the Committee chairs should they wish a copy of the detailed reports that were presented.

Community Service – Dave Morton

He highlighted many successful community activities:

- Dictionary 4 Life got 36 members involved with our partners this year in 22 schools;

- support again for the Youville Centre in collaboration with the Kanata Club;

- continued support for Cornerstone;

- **Carol Waters'** efforts for the Drop-in Centre on Main Street;

- the Campership program continues to engage young people;

- we are now involved in the new Trips for Kids Ottawa site in Carleton Place;

- support continues for the Christie Lake Camp;

- **Fred Christie** is spearheading the City View United Church Christmas Hamper program for Caldwell avenue residents.

Dave provided a summary of requests for assistance that the Committee had approved. He finished by urging members to tell the Committee about needs that they see as it is looking for smaller programs where our contribution can make a difference.

Finance – Hadi Mortada

Overall, the profits/loss situation for the club looks good. Our equity is not in the

red and fundraising by projects is going well. He noted that the interest for the Cash Calendars comes out of the GIC, and that there are fewer bank charges this year than last. We still need to increase our revenues, and seeking website sponsorship will be a priority. Rotary International dues not only increased this year, but as also paid in US dollars, exchange rate fluctuations can add to expenses. The good news is that we are doing better in accommodating the costs of guest lunches in the budget. He thanked **Mary** and **Joe Wattie** for their support and guidance throughout the year.

International Service – **Bob Harrison** (on behalf of **Navin Parekh** away in Uganda)

Using a world map to show project locations **Bob** reported on the scope of RCWO's reach around the globe and highlighted 3 programs: Bea Osome has now constructed water wells in 14 communities in Kenya, and in one community, a small surplus of ISC funds left over from a well construction project was used to buy school uniforms for the children; **Navin Parekh's** CanUgan program to supply tricycles, white canes and other assistive devices has so far provided 900 people the mobility and confidence to be independent and participate in everyday activities; **Suan Cross's** Project Chance in Nairobi purchased a huge water tank to make potable water available in a drought-stricken community, thereby helping them address the problems of malaria, cholera and diarrhea that are prevalent in drought conditions.

Mums for Thanksgiving – Don Butler

It was another good year with over 5,300 plants sold. The numbers are slightly down. Club members, particularly the Waters, sold more and partners less. Total

sales this year were \$80,700 as compared to \$81,650 for 2016. The net revenue was \$37,146 + HST rebate which has not been calculated yet (was about \$2,000 last year). The committee went back to purchasing the flowers from 'One Floral', the company that had been before 2016 when quality problems forced a change. There had been a marked improvement in the quality of the plants this year. He announced that the new Chair for next year's Mums for Thanksgiving campaign will be **Marcia Armstrong**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brett Booking – reminder for shoe sorting on November 15 at Dymon Storage in Kanata

Pardeep Ahluwalia reminds members to pick up calendars and sell, sell, sell!

Susan Dienes reminded everyone of the suggested goals for annual giving to the Rotary Foundation and thus Doing Good in the World. Some of us are handsomely exceeding these goals but most members are falling short. All of us could at least donate \$25 and if we all in fact did so it would make a major difference. Please get donations into **Hadi** as soon as possible

HAPPY DOLLARS:

The following very happy members and guests took the opportunity to share their blessings with us by making generous donations to the Happy Dollars fund and tell us why: **Pardeep Ahluwalia; Ken Murray; Marilyn Letts; Dave Morton; Fred Christie**; Benjaluck Noi and Neil Larsen.

MEETING ENDS

President Jean ended the meeting with the reminder that the next person you meet, may be a potential Rotarian. Consider bringing them to lunch to meet us.

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week of November 8 – 14, 2017:

3298 \$50 Jean Potvin, Kemptville, ON
1214 \$100 Yulia Solodovnikova,
Gatineau, QC
2118 \$25 Dinesh Thaleshvar, Orleans, ON
2765 \$50 Linda LeBreton, Navan, ON
3897 \$25 Kayden Kempster, Oxford Mills,
ON
2723 \$50 Dennis Caird Sr, Stittsville, ON
3445 \$25 Charlotte Morton, Surrey, BC

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Prof. Robert Shepherd: Resilience of Indigenous Youth in Northwestern Ontario

Intro: **Caroline DeWitt**

Thanks: **Inna Flyazhenkova**

Greeters: **Ed Balys, Mike Traub**

Grace: **Gaye Moffett**

Reception: **Denzil Feinberg**

PP Draw: **Andrew Young**

Ticket Sales/Attendance: **Mary Wattie**

Editor: **Rocco Disipio**

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Lucy Zhou: Renaissance of traditional Chinese culture

Intro: **Gaye Moffett**

Thanks: **Suan Cross**

Greeters: **Rami Alsaqqa, Joe Parkinson**

Grace: **Claudette Léger- Paillé**

Reception: **Hadi Mortada**

PP Draw: **Peter Fisher**

Ticket Sales/Attendance: **Mary Wattie**

Editor: **Joseph Redhead**