



# Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA  
Jean Bégin, President  
October 11, 2016 Editor: Rod Holmes

## October 11, 2016: Today- a 2 part program

**Merv Letts:** PolioPlus and The Foundation. **Adeline Mushi:** Goats for Grannies

### The Meeting

We were greeted by **Tom Stollman** and **Alan Bowles**. **Denzil Feinberg** was on Reception and lunch payments were collected by **Suren Gupta** and **Denzil** (doing double duty). After lunch **President Jean** called the meeting to order and asked **Rod Holmes** to lead us in *O Canada* after which **Jean** provided the grace.

**Denzil Feinberg** provided the first names of our several guests and asked each to complete the introduction.

Former member, Jake Maarse (now of South Nepean) and his guest, Tony Wintering  
Fay Campbell, the ADG

Nour Kanj, niece of **Hadi Mortada**

Julie Clinch, Julia Mtei, Aigul Yeskoibylova,

Emmanuel Tolymbek, guests of **Adeline Mushi**

Our Welcome Song rang out to greet them.

**Ed Balys** won a gift card in **Chris Wanna's** Past President's draw.

### Announcements

**Brett Brooking** announced another shoe sorting event on Wednesday, October 12, 5.30 pm at Dymon Storage, 110 Didsbury Rd., Kanata.

**Gaye Moffett** will again provide flu shots this year. By a show of hands, many were interested. The date: November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Dictionary4Life** presentations to 20 schools will take place next week. **Linda Flynn** advised that next week's Rotary meeting would be cancelled in order to give many members the opportunity to take part in the school presentations. Thanks to **Chris Wanna** for printing a tabletop banner.

**District 7040 Conference:** October 28 – 29 at the Ottawa Conference & Event Centre, 200 Coventry Road. Register @ [www.DisCon7040.com](http://www.DisCon7040.com)

**Toiletries for Parkdale Food Centre** are still being collected each week. Also, the Centre will host a Shoe Giveaway at 30 Rosemount Ave., on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**The Rotary Home** will host a *Whisky & Wine* event on Thursday, October 20, 6.30 – 9.30 pm at KPMG, 150 Elgin St, 18<sup>th</sup> Fl. Tickets available from [www.rotaryhome.on.ca](http://www.rotaryhome.on.ca)

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday, **Alan Bowles** on the 11th, **Bea Osome** on the 12th, **Keith Henry** on the 13th

### The Program Part 1 – Polio eradication

#### Intro and Thanks by President Jean

Leading off, **Merv Letts** provided a detailed update on how we are doing with polio eradication in 2016. He first told us that World Polio Day would be on October 24 with the event being live streamed from Atlanta's Center for Disease Control. Log in to the website [www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org) after 6 p.m. for this spectacular event. **Merv** asked us to remember that Canada was ravaged by polio in the 40's and 50's in many major centres across the country, especially out west. It was the "middle class plague" and the most feared disease of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, which peaked in 1953. One in a thousand got paralytic poliomyelitis. Did you know that the iron lung, widely used in the treatment of the disease, is still in use today? Many famous people contracted polio – Jodi Mitchell, Neil Young, President Roosevelt, and the Rt. Hon. Paul Martin, to name just a few.

Now, to the present. There are five countries in which polio has occurred in 2016: Afghanistan, 4 cases; Laos, 3; Pakistan, 8; Madagascar, 3; and Nigeria, 3. Less than a year after Nigeria was declared polio free, there has been a minor setback in the state of Borno. We need to celebrate the brave men and women who, often under guard, take the vaccine to the remaining troubled areas. Kudos to ADG Fay Campbell for all that she is doing to end polio, especially in Pakistan where she trains local women to give the vaccine. **Merv** revealed that recent communications with the Canadian government have confirmed that support, up to \$12 Million, has been assured. Remember, that our donations are quadrupled through

government support and the Gates Foundation. Continue to support the RCWO programs like *Music for Humanity*, Jake Maarse's skate-a-thons, the proceeds from the sale of **Merv's** book, *The Sinai Surgeon*, and individual donations. In 2015-16, RCWO raised \$20,000. We need to give a 'shout out' from the rooftops, as we are one of the top fundraisers in North America!

## **The Program Part 2- Goats for Grannies**

### **Intro and Thanks by President Jean**

We next heard from **Adeline Mushi** about her project, "*Goats for Grannies*", started three years ago to help African grandmothers raising grandchildren orphaned mostly by AIDS. Goats for Grannies is a charitable organization that purchases Australian hybrid goats in Tanzania that produce twins each time they give birth. The milk from the goats helps feed the grandmas' grandchildren and also produces butter to sell at local markets.

**Adeline**, with the help of her several guests today, presented a brief skit to illustrate the dire need as well as the benefits to the local community of better food and schooling.

An evening of entertainment in support of "*Goats for Grannies*" is to be held on October 22, 4 – 8 pm at St. Martin's Anglican Church, 2120 Prince Charles Road. There will be food, music, children's choir, and fashion show.

**President Jean** thanked both our speakers and closed the meeting, noting that the Mums, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and the Calendar committees would meet, and reminded us that the next person we meet could be a possible Rotarian.

## **Cash Calendar Winners**

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week of October 4 – 10, 2016:

1572	\$20	Ghislaine Bilodeau, Kemptville
3749	\$50	Beryl Millington, Gatineau, QC
4109	\$100	Siva, Nepean
4070	\$25	Karen Tranmer, Stittsville
1829	\$50	Monica Cherpak, Pernambuco, Brazil
2605	\$50	Gordon Belyea, Ottawa
4726	\$25	Morley & Mary Sunderland, Munster Hamlet

The winner of the \$1000 prize for October 6<sup>th</sup> will be reported in the Spinoff for the Club meeting held October 25<sup>th</sup>.

<b>October 18</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>
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### **Tuesday, October 25, 2016**

Jim & Cameron McGregor - *McGregor Produce & Family Farm*

Intro: **Suren Gupta** Thanks: **Frank Cranton**

Greeters: **Eugen Achihaei & Henry Akanko** Reception: **Fred Sirotek**

Lunch payment: **Bob Harrison & Bob St. Eloi** Grace: **Robert Shaw Wood**

Past President's Draw: **Clive Talbot** Editor: **Joseph Redhead**

### **Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

The Scots Curlers

Intro **Eric Armstrong**

Greeters: **Ali Sochasky & Denzil Feinberg** Reception: **Jack Troughton**

Lunch Payment: **Larry Chop & Carol Bell Thompson** Grace: **Cam Whillans**

Past President's Draw: **Anup Subedi** Editor: **Graeme Fraser**