



# Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Jean Bégin, President

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October 4, 2016    **Program...**

Iain Christie, son of **Past President Fred**, tells us about the development of aerospace in Canada, and the future development. Introduction: **Fred Christie**. Thanks: **Victor Mazzola**

Birthdays...

**Happy Birthday, Pardeep Ahluwalia**

**The Meeting...**

We were greeted by **Toni Grandi** and **Bob Harrison**. **Jim Maxwell** was on the Reception desk and **Brian Hartley** and **Marilyn Letts** collected the lunch payments.

At 12:34 **President Jean** called the meeting to order and asked **Rod Holmes** to lead us in O Canada and **Claudette Léger-Paillé** to do the invocation.

**Jim Maxwell** introduced our guests:

Glenda Murray, wife of **Rotarian Ken Murray**

Dian Morris, wife of **Rotarian Bill Morris**

Patricia Henry, wife of **Rotarian Keith Henry**

Benson Osome, husband of **Rotarian Bea Osome**

**Rod Holmes** led us in the Welcome Song

Our speaker, Iain Christie, won **Suren Gupta's** Past President's draw of a bottle of wine

**Bob Harrison** presented an impressive record of work in Kenya by **Bea Osome** and her husband, Benson. Since 2008, they have provided leadership and have created a safe water supply for 31,000 students and villagers in rural Kenya. Even when **Bea** had health problems and could not participate,

Benson carried on their work. In recognition of this superb record **Bob Harrison** announced that Benson was now a Paul Harris Fellow.

**First Announcements...**

**President Jean** called **Pardeep Ahluwalia** to the podium to exchange his "pink badge" for a permanent badge- an event applauded by all.

**President Jean** read a brief thank you from **Russ and Eleanor Hicks**: "Dear **Jean**, I want to thank you and the committee for the wonderful tribute they organized for **Russ**, we are still coming down to earth."

**Don Butler** reported the completion of another successful Mums project. There will be a committee meeting next week to wrap up the details. **Jennifer Ahde** survived a dog bite - ah, the adventures of delivering Mums. **President Jean** presented the President's Rose to **Carol Waters** for her wonderful work in the Mums effort.

**The Program...**

**Fred Christie**, himself formerly active in the aerospace field, introduced his son Iain, now Executive Vice President of the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada. Holding a Master degree in space technology from Dalhousie University and a career divided between NASA and the Canadian Space Agency Iain is well qualified to talk about the development and future of space in Canada.

Christie started by saying space activity to Canada would be like the navy to the growth of the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC Athenian empire. He quoted John Kennedy on doing such things, "...because they are hard...serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills"

He listed an impressive record of Canadian participation in space:

We were the third nation in space.

One of five countries whose astronauts have shaken hands in space.

One of five nations to have a commander in space

8000 Canadians depend on the business generated by space.

Canadian space related companies spend on R & D at a rate higher than any other Canadian industry.

Over the last decade, government spending on space has declined. The new government has indicated openness to changing this and Christie sketched space industry use of Twitter and other media to draw government attention to the need for increases in and expansion of space activities. Our speaker was hopeful of new money in the next budget.

He was thanked by **Victor Mazzola**.

### **General Announcements...**

**Larry Chop** reminded us with a picture of our presenting over \$11,000 for refugee resettlement and showed us pictures of the arrival in September of three Iraqi refugees our donation made possible.

**Len Baird** was happy to announce that Marathon Bridge was expecting another active year.

**Ron Scott** told us that our total contributions to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund for 2015-16

were down but out our support to eradicate Polio was very strong at over \$20,900. He was also able to tell us that our all-time contributions to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund totalled over US\$455,400.

**Brett Brooking** reminds us that the next shoe sorting would be on October 12. Plan to be there; it's a great experience.

### **Next Week's Program October 11..**

In two parts : 1) **Merv Letts**: Polio and the Foundation

2) **Adeline Mushi**: Goats for Grannies Intro and Thank you by **Jean**  
Greeters: **Tom Stollman** and **Alan Bowles**

Reception: **Denzil Feinberg**  
Lunch Payment: **Suren Gupta** and **Merv Letts**.

Grace: **Victor Mazzola**  
Past President's Draw: **Chris Wanna** Editor:  
**Rod Holmes**

**President Jean** closed the meeting with a reminder that the next person we meet could be a possible Rotarian. "Invite them to a meeting."

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week, Sept 27 – Oct. 3, 2016:

4864 \$50 Amanda Ault, Spencerville  
1807 \$25 Cory Ladouceur, Osgoode  
3349 \$25 Dan Nolan, Kanata  
4899 \$20 Andrew MacKenzie, Ottawa  
4368 \$20 Jennifer Jackson, Nepean  
2450 \$50 Cathy McLean, Winchester  
2065 \$25 Shayne McCaffrey, Ottawa

**Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

**NO MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 25, 2016**

Jim and Cameron McGregor: *McGregor's Produce- growing the season's flavours*

Intro: **Suren Gupta**

Thanks: **Frank Cranton**

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

Lunch Payment: **Bob Harrison & Bob St Eloi** Grace: **Pardeep Ahluwalia**

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