



Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Chris Wanna, President

September 1, 2015

Editor: Rod Holmes

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Ken Anderson: *Home Exchanges - From Sublime to Mind Numbing Adventure*

Intro: **Phil Bronsther** Thanks: **Stuart Picozzi**

Lunch tickets: **Virginia Spencer/Larry Chop** Greeters: **Chris Martin/Keith Fraser**

Grace: **Julie Pallas** Reception: **Bob Harrison** PP Draw: **Hadi Mortada** Editor: **Jack Troughton**

With the advance to a new month, and the promise of school starting, it seemed that more Rotarians had returned from their cottages and vacations on this first of September. For the first time, all the printed copies of Spinoff were taken! **Art Saper** and **Carol Waters** sold us lunch tickets; **Ali Pahlavani** and **Luana Achihaei** welcomed us while **Mary Wattie** registered our several guests.

Soon after beginning our buffet luncheon, **President Chris Wanna** called the meeting to order with his thought for the day: *Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love* –Mother Teresa.

Following the National Anthem, **Doug Heyland**, recognizing the many faiths within our membership, offered thanks to our farmers and to those who prepared our meal. **Mary Wattie** then introduced our guests:

Speaker Natalie Benson; Dian Morris, wife of **Bill**; Ginette & Bob Thomas; Julie Hayter, guest of **Adeline Mushy**; Tom Stollman; Ken Anderson, guest of **Phil Bronsther**; Monique & Dr. Ian Warrack, RC South Ottawa. We all rose to sing our Welcome Song.

One special guest, however, deserved a special introduction. **Jean Bégin** re-introduced Bonnie Pelletier, one of our favourite servers from the Travelodge. **Ken Murray** then explained that since Bonnie was unable to be present when we thanked the other servers from the Travelodge, she was invited today so we could provide a small token of our thanks for many years of service to the club. There was a sustained ovation in appreciation.

During lunch a video was screened concerning The Rotary Foundation and also District Governor Claude Laliberté's monthly report in which he said, if invited, he would be pleased to attend fund raising activities.

Ken Murray then moved on to ask our speaker to draw the winning ticket for a cash prize in the Past Presidents draw. **Jean Bégin** had the winning number.

With **Bill Morris** back from summer at his Calabogie "Back of the Moon", he took over the microphone for Happy Dollars, beginning with his own:

* \$5 signaling his right arm in a sling, he talked about a carpal tunnel operation on two fingers and a thumb;
* Guest, Monique Warrack, chair of South Ottawa's "Polo in the Park", added \$2 in thanks to **Marilyn & Merv Letts** for their support in the project in favour of the Wabano Centre. They manned a corn-on-the-cob booth with great success.

* **Peter Fisher** and Edie are still celebrating following their son's marriage on August 21st.

* **Jack Troughton** was happy to add \$5 in sympathy to **Ken Murray** following the Saskatchewan RoughRiders' loss to the RedBlacks.

* **Marilyn Letts** expressed her thanks to Monique Warrack for her outstanding leadership in South Ottawa's "Polo in the Park".

* Guest Julie Hayter was happy to be here to observe our warm hearts and dedication to service: "the by-product of happiness is doing the right thing".

We then had the pleasure of inducting a new member. **Merv Letts** proposed **Ginette Thomas** for membership and provided a brief synopsis from her CV. **Ginette** is a PhD candidate in Political Economy at the School of Social Work at Carleton University. Her research interest stems from her long time career in the federal public service working on national policies whose purpose was supposed to improve the health and well-being for Aboriginal peoples. More recently, she was part of the teams that established the Institute for Aboriginal Peoples' Health (IAPH), one of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), as well as the National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health (NCCAH) at the U of Northern BC at Prince George. **Ginette** has been loaned the classification, "University Instruction" and assigned to the Archives and Youth Services committees. **Marilyn Letts** will be her mentor.

Today's President's Rose was presented to **Linda Flynn** in appreciation of all her hard work for Rotary, especially with the Dictionary4Life project. A well-earned tribute!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PP Bob Harrison gave a comprehensive report on last Saturday's District International Service Committee meeting, more briefly summarized here:

Bonnie Black spoke about the elements of completing an application form for grants and sharing your ideas.

Water Missions International's (*see Sept Rotarian*) Jay Cook, the money guy behind the organization. Great speaker; his people were in the Philippines 72 hours after typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) hit. Our club is participating with WMI in a water project in that country.

The Ambassador for El Salvador spoke about gangs in his country and the efforts to create alternatives to gang membership; also the 'mujer' program where women can receive social help from other women.

Ariane Carrière spoke on behalf of the DG about registering for the Watertown Conference, paying in CDN \$\$ at the hotel and receiving a 10% discount. (*see District website*).

The Annual Fund of the Foundation for 2014/15 was US\$ 168,000, \$20,000 less than last year. They also talked in more detail about District Matching Grants, Global Grants, and District Simplified Grants

Paul Whitney and his wife are involved in the African Bronze Honey project providing jobs in Zimbabwe and funds for involved RCs. The tons of honey need a marketing system, which he is providing. The honey is available in our stores.

Mums: Doug Rowlands is still seeking workers for unloading on the Thursday and working at the front desk.

Stuart Picozzi also sang the praises of the "Polo in the Park" project and then announced the Rotary Home's "Whisky & Wine" event to be held on Thursday, September 24th from 6.30 to 9.30 pm in the KPMG offices, 150 Elgin St., 18th floor. This is to raise funds for adult respite at the Rotary Home. Cost is \$79, available at <http://www.rotaryhome.on.ca>

President Chris thanked **Joan Heyland** for accepting co-chair of the Membership Committee, and **Doug Heyland** for taking on leadership of the PR Committee. However, we still need a chair for ABCs of Fraud.

Don Butler reminded us of the folder still being circulated seeking drivers for Mums. A training session would take place both today and next week following the meeting. Deadline for manual orders is next week!

Secretary Mary Wattie reminded us that club dues are now overdue if not paid. Our share to R.I. has already been sent. She added that those who need a police check should no longer apply at the central police station but at 2670 Queensview Drive.

Fred Christie for ABCs of Fraud warned against responding to a scam e-mail claiming to be from CRA and asking for personal information

Tom Belton rose to give an impassioned speech about why he has reluctantly decided to transfer his membership to the Perth club. With an hour-and-a-half drive each way to and from Rotary he has finally come to realize that this cannot continue. He cherishes the many friendships within our club and it was a difficult decision to break the tie. He had many kind words....well, mostly kind!.....to say to **Hadi, Graeme, Ken and Keith Henry**. We thanked **Tom** with a sustained ovation. **Tom**, you will be welcome here anytime!

A flyer on each table promoted Centre 507's Fall Fling, 507 Bank Street, Friday, October 23, 6 - 9 pm

Ken Sparks introduced today's program. The upcoming 15th annual Charity Golf Tournament will have as one of its benefactors, through WO Community Service, support for Christie Lake Kids. With us to provide an update on the camp was Natalie Benson, director of fundraising and communications. In her presentation she moved directly to a five-minute video about the Christie Lake Kids giving us a taste of life at the camp during a six-week summer run and seven week-ends in other seasons plus March break. It is a whole family experience, established in 1922. They go out into the community and provide opportunities for those in need. There is a staff of 80 overseeing some 390 campers this year for 2 weeks each, taking part in programs of sports, music, art, water -- all free. The testimonials attest to the difference this makes to each camper who participates. Let's make sure the golf tournament is filled to capacity so we can continue to support Christie Lake Kids. Thanks, following a time for Q & A, was offered by **Cam Ross**.

In closing the meeting **President Chris** announced that the September 15th meeting would be held next door in the lower hall of the cathedral itself.

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the two-week period, August 18 - 31, 2015:

0707	\$20	Lola Jordan, Dartmouth, NS
2936	\$50	David Mirsky, Ottawa
0829	\$25	Joanne McElligott, Ottawa
2486	\$50	Helen Korzewicz, Perth
1316	\$125	Yvonne Rosen, Nepean
0712	\$50	Dave Warkentin, Orléans
0167	\$25	Deanna Monaghan, Ottawa
1608	\$50	Cecil & Ruth DuBois, Almonte
3062	\$20	Donald Langford, Kemptville
0696	\$50	Pean Cantwell, Kemptville
1592	\$20	Will Sawyer, Kanata
1497	\$25	France Lopes, Ottawa
0759	\$50	Gaetan Girard, Nepean
1830	\$25	Rod Bowles, Welling, Kent, UK

Winning numbers were drawn by **Fred Christie**, observed and recorded by **Alan Bowles**.

All winners are from Ontario except as noted.

The many photos on the meeting 2015-09-01 Christy Lake Camp with Natalie Benson are available for enjoying at <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/512/PhotoAlbums/2015-09-01-christy-lake-camp-with-natalie-benson>

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

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Thanks: **TBA**

Lunch tickets: **Cam Ross /Navin Parekh**

Greeters: **Ron Scott/Eric Armstrong**

Grace: **Campbell Whillans** Reception: **Cletus Peters** PP Draw: **John Kersley** Editor: **Rocco Disipio**