



Spinoff

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA

Jean Bégin, President

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Peter Fisher: Four Way Test Award winners

With speakers from the Woodroffe HS World Issues program.

On this glorious late summer day, we were warmly greeted by **Jim Maxwell** and **Clive Talbot** and made our lunch payments to **Ken Sparks** and **Bill Morris**. There was an air of excitement in the room as the 11th meeting of this Rotary Year, once again being held in the lower level banquet room, had many young visitors. Today's was West Ottawa's annual program to salute the 4 Way Test Award Winners.

Today's lunch was an assortment of fresh vegetables, salads, sandwiches and soup topped off by the usual array of fresh fruits and sweets.

Promptly at 12:35 **President Jean**, looking more and more comfortable in the leadership chair, called the meeting to order. **Chris Martin** delivered a very thoughtful grace and **Rod Holmes** led us in the singing of our National Anthem.

In addition to our 4 Way Test Award Winners and their families and teachers who would be introduced later, **Mike Traub**, on Reception, introduced Emily Shaw, a teacher, guitar maker and, most importantly, current coordinator for our annual Music For Humanity concert. Emily was welcomed in the usual West Ottawa manner.

The Past Presidents Draw was conducted by **Ken Murray** and our guest Emily Shaw took home a cash prize. Congratulations, Emily. Please feel free to join us at other meetings.

Bob Harrison made one final appeal for support to the ShelterBox program now active in Italy after the earthquake. The Club had raised \$540.00 and **Bob** encouraged us to dig deep for the balance of the \$1200 cost for one more Shelter Box.

Joan Heyland, next up, was seeking help to deliver Dictionary 4 Life dictionaries to grade 3 students...

There are many advantages of volunteering which include taking a break from your daily routine and

comfort zone, doing hands-on work with Rotary in improving literacy, observing what is currently happening in local schools, having an opportunity to meet and interact with grade 3 students and seeing the smiles and looks of amazement as a child receives their very own dictionary. Should you have 1.5-2.5 hours available to help on either October 18, October 21 or October 26 please contact **Joan**.

Doug Heyland asked for help on Tuesday September 27 from 9 to noon to record the numbers of the Cash Calendars and promptly received the 10 volunteers needed. Members, thank you all for stepping up to help with this important fund raiser. Let us get busy selling the 4,000+ calendars in storage and raise as much as we can. Funds raised through this program remain in our community.

Bud McGinnis reported on the final wrap-up of the ABC's of Fraud Program at a BBQ hosted September 13 by **Fred Christie** at his home. **Bud** reported it was a great night, great venue, great host and a great meal provided by our own **Phil Bronsther**. At the BBQ **President Jean** presented **Bud** with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on this most worthy program and his 150 articles on fraud prevention for Forever Young. Thanks to all who helped in this program for protecting seniors.

Ken Sparks reported on the successful West Ottawa Rotary Club Golf Tournament- the 17th annual. **Ken** thanked his fellow committee members: **Cameron Ross, Paul Leduc, Jennifer Ahde, Bob St. Eloi, Joseph Redhead** and **Linas Pilypaitis**. This year the Club thanks for their generous support Major Sponsor Mulligans Golf Bar, Gold Sponsor arbique & ahde associate lawyers and Golf Cart Sponsor Dynamic Mutual. Participants enjoyed a very fine day and a

few members especially did well. **Jen Soucy** won for longest drive by a female golfer, congrats **Jen**.

Len Baird won the draw for a substantial cash prize. Finally, our Club benefited handsomely from **Linus Pilypaitis's** very skilled conducting of the live auction. Since **Rocco Disipio** has hung up his apron, **Pardeep Ahluwalia** and his wife, Simmy, offered an authentic Indian meal, served in their home, as a live auction item. The audience was informed that the more generous the bid, the more elaborate the meal. **Joseph Redhead** stepped up with a very generous bid which means that **Pardeep** and Simmy will be serving up a Punjabi feast. Thank you so much **Pardeep, Simmy** and **Joseph**, for your generosity.

Rocco Disipio thought the large contingent of youth in the crowd might be interested to know that his daughter, Jessica, was being hosted in Osaka, Japan by former Rotary Youth Exchange student Yoshi Furatani who had been our Club's student from August 1994 to July 1995. Yoshi is now married with 3 small children.

We wished Happy Birthday to **Linda Flynn** and **Eugen Achihaei**.

Peter Fisher explained how the Four Way Test Award winners are chosen from grade 8 graduating students by their public school principals as best exemplifying the 4 Way Test. Today we had the privilege of hosting:

Kenneth Pascua now at Notre Dame HS, introduced by **Fred Christie**.

Matthew Khoury of D. Roy Kennedy PS, introduced by **Joan Heyland**. Matthew's parents, grandparents and his 3 sisters were with him.

Jocelyn Xu of Greenbank Middle School introduced by **Linda Flynn**. Jocelyn brought along her Mom and Dad;

Olivier Garden from Carleton Heights PS introduced by **Joseph Redhead**. Olivier brought along his parents and a teacher;

Molly Gautreau from J.H. Putman PS introduced by **Bob Harrison**. Interestingly Molly now attends Glebe High School so she can study Latin. Molly's parents were with her.

Sabby Duthie told us about Kate Kelly, the recipient from Pinecrest Middle School.

Unfortunately, Kate, now at Woodroffe HS, was unable to attend as she had to write 2 exams.

Jen Soucy introduced Jayden and Courtney, teachers at Woodroffe High School, to speak to the 4 Way Test Award winners. First up Jayden, no stranger to our Club, spoke of the highly successful Interact Club at Woodroffe High. Jayden has a

thirst for international cooperation and 12 to 13 years ago he founded an International Club at Woodroffe. With **Jen Soucy, Jen Adhe** and other New Generation Committee members urging Jayden has transitioned this group to become an Interact Club. This club has a 24-hour Awake Fund Raiser held on the last Friday in November. Last year between 150 and 200 students at this event raised over \$6,500. The Interact Club has paired with a school in Kenya and in the past 5 years has contributed more than \$35,000 towards a school building and lab and to help with teacher salaries.

Today, Woodroffe High School is a truly international school with at least 56 nationalities represented in the student body. The Interact Club is active with Habitat for Humanity in El Salvador and Peru and last year provided West Ottawa with a cheque for \$1,000 to help towards our Refugee project with St Matthias Church. Thank you, Jayden, for an excellent presentation.

Next up, Courtney, walked us through being a new student in high school. Her advice to the 4 Way Test Award Winners is to get involved. Obviously school is important but there is much to learn outside the classroom. Consider sports, music, international affairs, clubs.... Just get involved and the high school experience will be far more rewarding. She told us about the newly offered International Certificate Program which involves learning an international language other than English and French, taking courses in subjects such as international law and politics and 100-200 hours of international work which can be done through organizations such as Red Cross or Habitat for Humanity. The University of Ottawa now recognizes this new program. Impressive! See <http://www.ocdsb.ca/programs/int/Pages/icp.aspx> for details.

Jen Soucy thanked our speakers for their excellent presentations.

Bill Morris collected Happy Dollars from:

Rod Holmes having celebrated at Lake Muskoka the 50th anniversary of a public school friend's wedding at which **Rod** was best man. Rod had enjoyed a 4 hour steamboat ride with a buffet lunch and great memories.

Jean Bégin pleased that former member Julie Pallas and her husband Peter had helped with the Mums routing. Julie sends her best wishes to the club.

Brian Hartley reported that \$1,600 was raised by Trinity United for refugee sponsorship. The money will be going to two families, one from Iraq and the other from Syria.

Bill Rolph happy that his now 18-year-old grandson has decided to become a Nurse Practitioner. **Bill** thinks his grandson possesses the people skills and decision making skills to thrive as an NP.

Fred Christie pleased that he passed his licence test and in time to make an 11:15 appointment.

Fred, a test at your age !?!?

Phyllis Parker, a teacher at Carleton Heights Public School, happy to be in attendance. She thanked the Club.

Jen Soucy happy that her son received his yellow/black belt.

With the end of Happy Dollars **President Jean** adjourned the meeting after noting there would be a Music For Humanity meeting following.

Let us all enjoy the week and see you all soon.

The winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week, September 13-19, 2016 will be published in the next Spinoff (i.e. for September 27)

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Jack Troughton *A Glimpse of the Rotary Life of Honoured Life member Russell Hicks*

Intro and thanks: **President Jean Bégin**

Lunch Payment: **Len Baird & Anup Subedi** Greeters: **Ron Scott & Bob St Eloi**

Grace: **Ron Doll** Reception: **Graeme Fraser** PP Draw: **Linda Flynn** Editor: **Ginette Thomas**

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Iain Christie: *Future of Aerospace in Canada*

Intro: Fred Christie Thanks: TBD

Lunch Payment: The **Letts Team** Greeters: **Roy Miller & Bill Rolph** Reception: **Jim Maxwell**

Grace: **Claudette Paillé-Léger** PP Draw: **Suren Gupta** Editor: **Jack Troughton**