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This Week's Program...

NO MEETING THIS WEEK—Thanksgiving holiday.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week...

Happy Anniversary, Omer and Berna...

....today, October 10th!

Happy Anniversary, Peter and Pam Neville...

....tomorrow, October 11th!

Future Programs...

- Oct 17: **Stella Papadopoulos** will tell us how **Clean the World Canada**, a global non-profit company, partners with the hotel industry to collect, recycle and repurpose soaps and amenities.
- Oct 24: **President Helen** will lead us in a special **World Polio Day** program, to discuss a possible fundraiser for our club's contribution to the End Polio campaign.
- Oct 31: **David Leduc**, Old Brewery Mission's *Executive Director of Development*, will talk to us about OBM's major gifts fundraising program.

Special Events...

- Oct 20: (Friday) All Rotarians are invited to enjoy a special luncheon in Hartford, Connecticut, featuring **RI President Ian Riseley** and **Sylvia Whitlock**, Rotary's first woman club president (RC Duarte, CA), \$45 (USD) per person. See **Bill** for details.
- Nov 3: (Friday) Our annual **Oyster Party**, at the home of the Baie d'Urfé Rescue Squad, 300 Surrey Drive, Baie d'Urfé. **This is the best Oyster Party on the West Island!** It will also be our biggest fundraising event of the fall. We're counting on **YOU** to sell lots of tickets this year, as we aim to match last year's amazing success.

Last Week's Meeting...

Treasurer Semi presented the club's budget for 2017-18, and **PDG Bill** told us about our club's Rotaide Foundation. Unfortunately, only ten other members were present. They were **Wayne, President Helen, Lawrence, Maureen, Stan, Glorefe, Knud, Brenda, Cameron** and **Deniz**.

We were also pleased to welcome Honorary Member **Joe Maxwell, Esin Ergun**, guest of **Deniz** and **Glorefe's** daughter **Anastasia**.

Among the announcements...

- **Stan** told us he now has tickets for this year's **Oyster Party** and he invited members to see him after the meeting so he can give them however many they need. He also reminded us that we will only be charged for the tickets we sell. Unsold tickets can and should be returned so they will be available for others to sell or to be sold at the door.

- **Wayne** said he has ordered 8,500 oysters this year, so it's important to know before the party how many tickets are sold.
- **President Helen** said, "**Emily** sent her regrets that she was unable to attend tonight's meeting, as she wasn't feeling well. But she asked me to announce that she is still looking for books for the pupils of Calliagua Anglican School in St. Vincent. If you have books to donate, please bring them to our October 17th meeting."
- **Helen** also told us she had participated in the District Conference on the weekend. "It was pretty good, with lots of good workshops. Murray and I will talk about that eventually. He told me he is in 'chilly Edmonton.' When he returns in a couple of weeks he and I will talk about some things that came up at the conference. They announced that next year's conference will be in Kingston at the Four Points by Sheraton, October 26-28, 2018. If you register this month, and put down a \$50 deposit, you will get a special \$50 discount on the early bird registration rate."
- **Helen** reminded us that Rotary's International Convention will be in Toronto next year, June 23-27, 2018. "Murray and I have both registered. For everyone in our club who registers for the RI convention, I will give, at great personal expense, a little flashing pin that says 'Rotary Toronto 2018'. There's early bird registration for this event also, with a \$75 (US) discount for registering prior to December 16th."
- **Helen** also reminded us that, following **Knud's** summary of the alternatives to Operation Smile for global Cleft Lip and Palate surgery, we had decided to take a vote between the two other Canadian organizations, 'Operation Rainbow' and 'Transforming Faces'. "In response to that vote there was a slight preference for Transforming Faces, which has a foundation that matches all donations over \$200. So if everyone is in agreement that's the one we will go with. Thanks, Knud, for your very helpful research into this."
- **Helen** gave us an update on **Nathan Zsombor-Murray**, the young diver who spoke to us August 1st. "At the Pan Am Junior Games this past weekend, Nathan got a bronze medal from the tower. His Dad asked about Rotary recently so, who knows, we may get a new member."
- **Helen** announced that **Andy and Kathleen** have offered to host our Christmas party in their home, either December 8th or the 15th. As we all know, they host a great party, Does anyone have a preference, which Friday?" [Several voice votes for the 8th.] "So, the 8th it is. That's all the announcements I have for this week."

Cameron showed us a black tomato he had grown in his garden.

Helen did have one more announcement. "Yesterday was **Semi's** birthday." Bulletin Editor **Bill** apologized for not putting a birthday wish in *The Lakeshorian*. "I misplaced Semi's new member sheet and Cameron brought me a new one tonight."

Brenda reminded us she is collecting new, white ankle socks for the *Denis-Benjamin-Viger Seniors Residence* on Île-Bizard. "We also need socks for children of Grades 1 to 6 who are helped by the La Corde Centre in Pierrefonds.

"It's not too early to start the food drive for our Christmas baskets.

"We are also making a donation to the Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club Scholarship Fund, in return for a full-page ad in the program for their BRAVO BROADWAY musical evening, featuring the **Lyric Theatre Singers**, on Wednesday, October 25th at Lakeside Academy in Lachine. Tickets are available on-line."

Asked what the MLUWC does, Brenda explained that it's a non-profit organization, founded in 1957. "As part of the Canadian Federation of University Women, we are committed to improving the status of women and girls, promoting education and advancing human rights, justice and peace. We do this by working to influence public policy through advocacy and encouraging education of women by offering scholarships and bursaries."

"Why do we support them," **Knud** asked.

Brenda replied that our support started as a means of creating awareness of Rotary and our club by advertising in a well-attended annual amateur musical by the Lyric Theatre Singers. "We think the goals of the MLUWC are worth supporting and getting good PR as well."

Helen added that "at the Lyric Theatre Singers event two years ago, Rotary was publicly thanked for our support. It's a good way to get our name out in the community."

Bill said, "We should also mention that our contact at the MLUWC is Victoria Pennell, from Lakeside Academy in Lachine. She has been very helpful to us for student activities and other youth-related opportunities."

Helen had another bit of news. "At the District Conference **Murray** told me he would like to chair the auction committee again this year. As we know this is a very big job, so we will need a lot of help and support from a new auction committee, which we will start to organize shortly after his return in a couple of weeks. Last year was a phenomenal success. It would be great to have another phenomenal success in 2018."

Bill had a couple of good jokes for us, but we won't take the time or space to repeat them here.

As **Murray** had won the 50-50 draw the previous week, winning about \$640, **Cameron** told us we would be starting a new one. **Glorefe** won the opportunity to draw the Ace of Spades and asked **Anastasia** turn over a card. She found the 3 of Spades. Not the Ace but very close. Well done, Anastasia.

Club Treasurer Semi began the first part of our main program for last week's meeting, the presentation of the club's budget for 2017-2018. She had passed out hard copies earlier. [For privacy reasons we will not list budget figures here. *Ed.*]

"First of all I would like to thank **Bill** for his support, time and patience in teaching me the job of club treasurer.

"Now, does anyone have any questions before we get to a discussion of this budget?"

Maureen had one. "Why is the allotment for President's expenses so low? When I was president (2011-12) it was \$1,200, which was approved by the Board. As far as I know, it has never changed."

Bill pointed out that we had two satellite clubs to look after at that time and Maureen and Lawrence conscientiously attended every meeting of both of them.

"Also," **Bill** added, "when a new budget is drawn up we take the previous year's budget and actual expenses. The oldest budget I have is for 2014-15, in that year the budget was, indeed, \$1,200 but the actual for the year was just over \$300."

Semi said, The budget for recent years has been the same as this year, but if Helen has plans that will warrant a higher figure for president's expenses, of course the Board will consider a modification."

Cameron noted that the present budget includes a substantial surplus, so there should be no problem to accommodate a larger allowance for the president's expenses. "Last year we did not have much money to work with, so everyone had to tighten their belt. This year we have more than we need."

Maureen said she just wanted to be sure that no club president would be out-of-pocket.

Helen said that she has more detail now than she had at the beginning of July regarding her plans for the year and their cost, and she will ask that the budget be reviewed in light of that at the next Board meeting. "For example, I will be more involved this year in the affairs of the Hudson-St-Lazare club, as we try to boost that club's potential to grow rather than shrink. In addition, I plan to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute in Cornwall, on October 14th.

"We will also be revising our club's by-laws and the Board may decide to permit members who travel to District events and meetings to be reimbursed for their travel expenses."

International Service **Deniz** noted that her committee had been allotted only \$5,000 in this year's budget, but with the proviso that it could be increased if additional viable projects could be justified. She said she has been looking into a large Global Grant project in Ghana to drill 23 boreholes, three small-town water systems, 300 Microflush toilets with hand-washing sinks, and one toilet block for a school. She is asking for the equivalent of \$5,000 USD to be added to the International Service Budget.

Helen said it would be put on the agenda for the November 14th Board meeting. **Deniz** said she would like to get approval before the end of October if possible. She was asked to submit a budget for the project as a whole, including total cost and funding distribution between the various Rotary clubs and other NGOs. Helen said she would consider convening a special Board meeting when that has been received.

Bill took the podium to tell us about **Rotaide Foundation**.

"This is our club's registered Canadian charity, It was first created in 1994 as Rotaide Inc. / Rothelp., then recreated in 2003 as Fondation Rotaide Inc. / Rotaide Foundation Inc.

The present officers and directors are myself as president and treasurer, Brahm Gallay as secretary and Cameron Sherry as a director and signing officer.

Its mission is threefold:

1. To receive funding from Rotary Club of Montreal-Lakeshore and individuals (RCML members and non-members)
2. To issue receipts to qualified donors for income tax purposes
3. To make donations to other Registered Canadian Charities.

Recent examples: The Rotary Foundation (Canada), re Global Grant contributions; MGH Foundation, re organ donation fund, MLUWC Scholarship Fund, re its musical fundraising event BRAVO BROADWAY with Lyric Theatre Singers.

Asked about our club's bank balance, including Rotaide, **Bill** said he didn't have the precise total at hand but it could be estimated from the club charity budget presented by **Semi**.