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## This Week's Program...

**Wendy Gariepy**, who heads up West Island Mission, will tell us how her organization provides **food assistance and other related aid to West Islanders** in need.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries this week...

*Happy Anniversary, Jennifer & Brad...*

*....Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>!*

*Happy 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday, Joe Maxwell.....Monday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>!*

## Future Programs...

- Sep 5: **NO MEETING** (during a statutory holiday week.)
- Sep 12: **Joe Zemanovich** will talk about *Operation Smile*, the program to finance surgical correction of cleft lip and cleft palette.
- Sep 19: **Glorefe Kozma**, who transferred from her first Rotary club, the Puerto Princesa club in the Philippines, will tell us about "*A Young Woman's Journey with Rotary.*"

## Special Events...

- Sep 16: (Saturday) At the Cantrills, 1412 Chemin St-Féréol, Les-Cèdres, QC J7T 1N8, from 1 to 5 PM, A Chip Butty Party, including dessert and tea or coffee. The cost is only a small donation to help buy new bed linen for the Cheshire Homes.
- Sep 29-30 (Friday, Saturday) **District Conference, "Celebrating Our Service"** Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort, 873 NY-37, Hogansburg, NY 13655
- 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...

Sixteen active members and one honorary member were present for the official visit of our District Governor, **Sue Bellor**. They were **Wayne**, President **Helen**, **Lawrence**, **Maureen**, **Sacit**, **Rosie**, **Bill**, **Murray**, **Semi**, **Glorefe**, **Anne**, **Knud**, **Emily**, **Cameron**, **Deniz** and **Joe Zemanovich**, as well as Honorary Member **Joe Maxwell**.

We were also happy to welcome District Governor Nominee **Gerry Lambert** from Canton NY, as well as **Jay Motz**, guest of Wayne.

President **Helen** told us she thought it would be a good idea if we could get new golf shirts with the new Rotary logo and our club name on them. **Wayne** introduced her to **Jay Motz** who is Account Manager at TLC Global Impression, where she found what she was looking for. "The men's shirts are two-tone blue; ladies' are black with grey trim, and they are tapered to conform to a lady's slimmer waist."

**Wayne** will be coordinating the ordering process, so call or email your orders in to Wayne, including the quantity and size you want...S, M, L or XL:

514-886-0205 or wbelvedere@hotmail.com

**Murray** proceeded to entertain us with his weekly **Moment of Mirth**, courtesy of his 7- and 9-year old grandkids. He began by quoting author **Robert Fulghum**, who said, 'I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death.'

Murray had only one riddle for us last Tuesday: "Forward I am heavy, but backward I am not. What am I?"

Sadly, no one knew the answer. When Murray told us, "It's the word ton," we all groaned.

**Helen** reminded us that we now have an *Operation Smile* jar, in which we may put all our loose pocket change every week. Whenever the total in the jar amounts to \$240, we will arrange for a child with a cleft lip or palette somewhere in the world to have an operation to correct his or her cleft condition. **Glorefe** has offered to pass the jar around the room each week to make it more accessible to everyone in the audience.

Helen also commended **Joe Maxwell** for his assiduity in selling tickets for the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation's **Duck Race**, which will take place right here at the Holiday Inn Pointe-Claire on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 3 PM. Joe has already sold 280 tickets, which must be some kind of a record for an individual seller!

**Lawrence** told us he had run into our long-time server, now retired, Jeanne St-John, at a local Tim Hortons. "She asked to be remembered to everybody in the club. So I bought her breakfast and I even served it to her, so she got a bit of her own back. She looked very well."

**PDG Bill** had the pleasure of introducing District Governor **Sue Bellor**. "DG Sue is a retired teacher but still teaches a course for student teachers of Spanish and French, as Adjunct Professor at St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY.

"A member of the International Women's Leadership Association, Sue still serves International Baccalaureate North America as education consultant and continues work for New York State and the US Department of Education.

"Active in several community organizations, her passion to serve and be kind to others drew Sue to Rotary. She is past president of the Massena Rotary Club, director of her club's Rotary Foundation committee, a Benefactor, Bequest Society member, Paul Harris Society member and a major donor. Sue serves as co-chair of the district's Million Dollar Dinner.

"She and her husband are proud of their two daughters, Jennifer and Kate; both have earned 3 graduate degrees, work hard and run daily as well as marathons and half-marathons."

**DG Sue** began by telling us how much she enjoys reading *The Lakeshorian* every week—high praise, indeed, from someone who has so many things to do and places to go virtually every one of the 365 days of her year as our governor.

She told us she had a discussion with our club's officers and directors prior to the meeting. "We covered a lot of information that I wanted to find out about your club— your membership, service, your many projects, The Rotary Foundation, about areas you may have needs for, and which I will communicate back to other people in the district.

"RI President Ian Riseley, from Australia, spoke to all of us in January in San Diego, as part of our three-and-a-half years of educational training to become District Governors. We were 525 District Governors Elect there at that time, from over 200 countries. A wonderful experience, very well planned and well organized. I got to exchange thoughts and ideas with other DGEs from all over the world. It was lovely, just lovely!

"President Riseley's goals and my goals are very much alike, reaching out, trying to strengthen and support membership, to increase humanitarian service everywhere that we can and, of course, making sure we get Rotary out there, with our own advocacy, public image, social media, keeping the work of Rotary in the news, letting people and communities know what you are doing and that your Rotary club that is there for them.

"The Akwesasne Casino is the location of this year's District Conference. If you have never attended a District Conference I hope you will consider going to this one this year. You just cross the border at Cornwall, turn left and go five miles and you're at the Casino.

"There are two hotels. The Casino itself has its own hotel, as well as the Comfort Inn, which is across the road. The Comfort Inn is \$109 and you get breakfast. The Casino Resort is about \$50 more and breakfast is extra. I've left some brochures about the conference and both hotels.

"On Sunday I went through the program for the conference. We are in very good shape, with great speakers that we are sure every one of you will enjoy. Especially if you have never attended a District Conference before.

"Your club has so many service projects! As I visit the different clubs I try to write down all the wonderful projects you have because at the conference we're celebrating our service—what we do in our district, and I want to get clubs to share with--and learn from—each other.

"You also have major events during the year, major fundraisers—all very powerful—so come and get that out there, and advocate for yourselves.

"I like the idea that you have seasoned members mentoring newer members for positions with the club. That is vital to keep your organization going very well."

Sue asked for a show of hands, "if you are a Past President. Okay, now I'm talking directly to you. As a Past President you can apply to become District Governor. Think about it. Don't let that leadership experience go to waste. If you know that someone in this room could be a good DG, urge them to go for it.

"You'll find the application form for our DG in 2020-21 on the District website. Read my message and click where indicated to download the form. Fill it out and get it back to me by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Interviews will take place on October 28<sup>th</sup>. That last governor from this club was Bill Hodges, 2001-2002. Don't you think it's about time a good club like this one gave us another one?"

DG Sue also presented President Helen with her PETS Training Certificate, "and I ask you all to support her." Sue also gave Helen a card with the RI theme on the front and this message on the back: "Please accept this as a token of friendship. Thanks for your leadership, Helen, and commitment to communication, consistency, continuity, collaboration, fun and fellowship, as we work together Making a Difference."

And, in celebrating of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women in Rotary, Helen received a Women-in-Rotary pin from DG Sue.

Sue also had a presentation for **PDG Bill** for his continuing commitment to Rotary and his club: A gold 'ROTARY Service' pin accompanied by a quote from Mahatma Gandhi, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

She also had special pins for our newest member, **Glorefe**, **Joe Maxwell** ("He always makes me laugh.") and **Murray** "who is doing such great things for and with the youth of your community."



DG Sue wrapped up her talk by inviting questions.

That prompted **Maureen** to comment that, at a recent community service event at the Welcome Hall Mission, a lady, noticing Maureen's Rotary pin, congratulated her for what Rotarians do for youth, saying, "When I was young I was the first Rotary Youth Exchange student in my area of Nigeria."

Asked about the New York clubs in our district, Sue was happy to report that there are 23 Rotary clubs in that part of the district and she told us a bit about some of them.

**Emily**, observing that Literacy is one of the six areas of focus, asked if other clubs in the district have literacy projects for youth and/or adults, either locally or internationally.

DG Sue replied that several other clubs do have such projects, adding they deal with literacy education in their own way. [The District Literacy Committee on the District website lists **Linda Flynn** West Ottawa Club as its Chair (613-723-1772 or [lindaflynn@bell.net](mailto:lindaflynn@bell.net)) Ed.]

President Helen personally thanked DG Sue for her leadership, and especially for the encouragement she gave us in regard to Youth Exchange during the morning meeting with our Board.

DG Sue took that opportunity to express the wish that Helen would consider working at the district level after her year as club president.

