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This Week's Program...

[Evening meeting. Please note new start time, 7 pm.]
Bill will present *A Musical History of Jazz*.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week...

Happy Birthday, Cameron Friday, June 9th!

Future Programs...

- June 13: **Murray** will lead a round-table discussion of our auction, with final financial results and consideration of any changes suggested by members or guests.
- June 20: **Shelly Hayden**, *Meals-on-Wheels* coordinator for Volunteer West Island, will tell us about the work of her volunteer-driven program.
- June 27: **JP** will review his year as our club president.

Special Events...

- June 29: (Thursday) Joint Meeting of our Outgoing and Incoming Boards of Directors
- July 8: (Saturday) Changeover Party, Baie-D'Urfé Curling Club, 3-8 pm, \$30/person. Cash bar available.

Last Week's Meeting...

It was our fourth and final **Club Assembly** of this Rotary year. Members present were **Wayne, Helen, Lawrence, Maureen, Stan, PDG Bill, Murray, Anne, Knud, Brenda, Emily, Cameron, Deniz** and Honorary Member **Joe Maxwell**.

We were also pleased to welcome Brenda's Dad, **Victor**, and our auctioneer-par-excellence, **Scott Kessler**.

President-elect **Helen** chaired our meeting and offered the Happy Birthday wishes of the club to **Andy's** spouse, **Kathleen Baker** and to **Jennifer's** hubby, **Brad Belvedere**, whose birthdays both fall on Friday, June 2nd.

Maureen asked **Victor Scalzo** to come forward, and said she was happy to announce that our Board of Directors had voted to honour him as a **Friend of Rotary**, "In appreciation of his support of our community service activities."

In our weekly 50/50 draw, **Joe Maxwell** won the opportunity to search for the Ace of Spades. He turned over the Queen of Spades instead, so the pot will continue to grow in the



coming weeks, making for an even bigger prize for some future winner.

In preparation for the Club Assembly, our officers and directors had sent advance copies of their reports to our members.

Treasurer **Bill** was first up and asked if anyone had any questions. **Wayne** wanted to know why we no longer give donations to the charities that we used to support every year, such as the West Island Women's Shelter, the West Island Palliative Care Residence and the Cheshire Home Foundation. "Don't we have money available in our Rotaide account?" he asked. Bill replied that there is money in our club accounts as well as Rotaide. "But that's not the issue," he added. Any money we spend on charity has to come out of the budget of one of three committees: community, international or youth. In the case of the charities you mentioned, Wayne, they are all community committee matters, so donations to them would have to come from that committee's budget. We have recently added \$1,500 to the community service budget to cover other items that were not in the budget. If the Board approves we can do so again to cover some of the charities you mentioned."

Lawrence pointed out that "there were certain charities, including those Wayne mentioned, that were taken care of every year from the profits of the golf tournament. Now that the golf tournament has been discontinued as a fundraiser, we have to fund donations to those charities from other sources, such as our auction."

It was decided that the matter would be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting, on June 29th.

Helen called upon **Brenda** to answer any questions members might have. Helen also applauded Brenda for her hands-on volunteering efforts. Everyone joined in that applause.

Brenda said she has a good rapport with Kathleen Greenfield of Volunteer West Island. "So it's not like I have to go looking for volunteer opportunities; they come to me. I am also happy to have many of our members and their friends eager to help with the hands-on volunteering. The Teapot Seniors Centre in Lachine is a good example of an opportunity to serve that we learned about only recently."

Helen asked Brenda if she keeps track of the total number of volunteer hours our club members and their friends do every year? Brenda said she doesn't keep an ongoing record but she "could probably come up with a pretty good estimate. Going forward, we can probably keep a log of those volunteer hours next year."

Emily suggested we make a list of all the community organizations we help in the course of the year.

On the subject of Club Service, **Stan** pointed out that he has been our Sergeant-at-Arms for many years now. He asked if anyone would be interested in taking over that job. "It involves setting up the room before each meeting, taking attendance, introducing guests and visitors, introducing the head table. You have to arrive early and be the last to leave "

Lawrence offered to help out but added that he would not be willing to take over. Stan pointed out that it would be a good job for a newer member because it would involve getting to know all the members, marking them present as they arrive.

Helen said she plans to suggest to the Board that we consider rotating positions in the club, so no one gets stale or feels locked in year after year.

Lawrence said he sent his Club Service report to members so if anyone has any questions or suggestions, just let him know.

Helen invited **Murray** to answer any members' questions on Youth Service. He began by thanking the other members of his committee, **Rosie, Deniz** and **Cameron**. "A special thank you to **Emily** and **Lawrence** for their invaluable help with the Alan Liddiard Public Speaking Contest. That was an excellent event, with a great turnout on the part of the club.

He also said he was pleased that we were able to successfully complete the process of choosing our first recipient of the Amcal-Rotary Leadership Award, Victoria Marcoux. He said this will hopefully become a regular event. It will probably happen several times a year, since the Amcal has many different programs for parents, kids and teens. Some of these programs overlap and many of them offer eight-week sessions. The end result could be several opportunities to reward Amcal graduates who have achieved exceptional success in whatever program they have been enrolled in. When asked to define the criteria for selecting a winner of the Amcal-Rotary Award, Murray said there were three:

1. Personal growth as perceived by the staff, in terms of interventions that Amcal was making for that person and the family;
2. What they did in the Amcal community, in terms of their leadership and how they provided help and support for other students who were in residence; and
3. What they were doing in terms of contribution and pay-back to the community.

Wayne pointed out that, back in the 70s, our club was involved in the creation of The A Ma Baie Community Action League drop-in centre for young people in difficulty.

Stan added that we were also responsible for establishing Cheshire Homes here, and **Bill** said the same is true of Junior Achievement, which our club also brought to Quebec. It's now called *Jeunes Entreprises* here.

Helen called on **Knud**, as author of the International Service report, to answer questions, if any.

Stan had one. "I saw we're getting involved with Jean-de-Dieu Tshileu from the Congo. Is that true? I think he is doing a wonderful job."

"We are not yet involved," Knud replied. "He had hopes that we and another four clubs he visited while he was in Canada might consider being part of a joint project which he has not yet defined but which he plans to submit in the near future. We will await further news from him on that."

Helen invited **Maureen** to answer questions on Membership. Maureen said she knows of two possible new members who might join our club in August. One is a Rotarian in Vancouver, who is moving here and the other is her partner. "I've been in touch with other potential members, some who have applied on line. There is also a doctor from Egypt; she lives not far from Bob Habib. She can only come to evening meetings; I call her every month but she seems to have lost interest. Our retention is excellent but we have a problem with attendance. I have

found that people who don't come, most have a valid reason. After June 30th I will be handing this committee over to Paula Zalba."

"That concludes our committee reports," Helen said. "Now I understand that Cameron has a few words he wants to say."

Cameron told us he had heard from his daughter Wendy, who spoke to us last week. "She has sent me a PDF version of her PowerPoint presentation. If anyone wants a copy, send me an email."

Bill said there is a PDF of Wendy's presentation on our web-site. [Go to rotarymontreallakeshore.org; click on PowerPoint Presentations. It's called Organ and Tissue Donation 101. Ed.]

"She has also sent me a copy of the Grief booklet she talked about and the OTD pamphlet," Cameron continued. "She has also informed me, 'The MUHC Patient Education Office, which does outstanding work regarding tools that are easily understood, using images and sixth grade language (industry standard), had their funding drastically cut. This has left the updating of my booklet on Grief in limbo. Despite the grant funding I was awarded, I am short \$3,000. Can Rotary help offset this shortfall, in part or all? Any contributions made by the club would be acknowledged in the final document.' So I pass this request on to the Community Service committee to see if it can be fitted into their budget for 2017-18. Are there any questions?"

Murray suggested Cameron tell his daughter that we will put it on the agenda for the joint Board meeting June 29th.

Helen asked Murray to tell us about the auction. He thanked everyone on his committee, "who have been working tirelessly, especially **Knud**, who has done yeoman service again on the auction. We have confirmed at this point 150 tickets sold, which should put our minds a little bit at ease. There might be a few more sold in the next three days, or at the door, but we're not going to gamble on that.

"We have 42 items for Scott to auction off, and he seems to be quite impressed with the list. We also have 12 solid items for the Lucky Draw and we thank Maureen for that. The doors are open at 12:30 for us to set everything up." After summarizing the various jobs that have to be done and noting that Cameron has that under control, Murray added, "I'm preaching to the choir, I know, so I'll leave it at that. Let's wish us all good luck for Friday night."

Helen closed the Club Assembly.

Was that one great auction or what?



Well, all that needs to be said is, "**It's over and we won!**"

Here's the good news: When we add up the paid advertisements, auction sales, the Lucky Draw and donations, we made almost \$33,000! That's the best we have ever done, by far, and our thanks to Auctioneer **Scott** and to **Murray** and his auction committee. But we should also pat each other on the back, or at least all the members of the choir, to use Murray's expression. We'll discuss what we did right and what we could do better on the 13th.