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This Week's Program...

[Evening meeting] **Irwin Kumka**, from the Rotary Club of Winnipeg West, will tell us about the new **Rotary Adventures in Human Rights** program, a collaborative effort of District 5550 with Rotary World Peace Partners and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. This new Adventures program will be piloted this summer, with a group of 24 high school students from across this broad district (northwestern Ontario, Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan).

Birthdays & Anniversaries...

...none that we know of.

Future Programs...

Mar 13: **Tania Charron**, Development Officer of West Island Youth Action (AJOI), has been invited by **Murray** to tell us about her organization.

Mar 20: **Andrew Bock**, the BHS student our club sponsored for the Adventure in the Environment last September, will tell us about his experience.

Mar 27: **Lorena Morante**, Coordinator with *Encounters With Canada*, will bring us up to date on this multi-theme program, Canada's largest youth forum for students aged 14 to 17. We first sent a student to EWC in 2014-2015.

Special Events...

Mar 10: (Saturday) 9 am – 12 pm. **District International Service / Rotary Foundation Meeting**, and 1-3 pm. **Grants Management Seminar #5**, both at the Cornwall Lions Club Hall, St. Andrews, ON.

Mar 24: **RLI – Rotary Leadership Institute**, Ramada Inn, 805 Brookdale Ave., Cornwall, 7:45 am to 4:45 pm.

Apr 21-22: **PETS (President-elect Training Seminar), Foundation Dinner & District Training Assembly**, NAV Centre, 1950 Montreal Road, Cornwall, ON. [Advance registration required.]

Last Week's Meeting...

Last Tuesday was our club's 57th birthday. February 27 does not fall on a Tuesday very often (not every 7 years, as one might think). Our club's 40th and 46th birthday both fell on a Tuesday, but none since then until this year. Interesting, no? [Well, perhaps not. *Ed.*]

Active Rotary club members present were President **Helen, Lawrence, Maureen, Rosie, Esin, Stan, Bill, Carol, Murray, Glofe, Anne, Sade, Sola, Knud, Brenda** and **Emily**. We were also pleased to welcome Honorary Member **Joe Maxwell**.

We were also pleased to welcome visiting Rotarian **Irwin Kumka**, from the Rotary Club of Winnipeg West, as well as guests **Joe Talbot**, guest of **Knud**, and **Jo-Anne Shimodi**, guest of the club.

Among the announcements...

- President **Helen** read an email message from **PDG Edmond Lanthier**, congratulating our club on this special day and reminiscing about occasions in the past when he and **Suzie** were able to visit our club. His message read in part, "I have fond memories of being your invited guest with my wife for your 35th Anniversary when Bob Habib was your President and a warm welcome with President Graham Martin on our Official Club visit that year."
- Helen also announced that our district training team will offer a Rotary Leadership Institute on Saturday, March 24th at the Ramada Inn, Cornwall. Part I, Purpose and Structure of Rotary, is of special value for new Rotarians, she added. Part II, Rotary Opportunities, is also available for those who have already taken Part I.
- Helen told us the deadline for Rotary Global Grant Scholarship applications is midnight Sunday, April 15th. Our district will offer only one such scholarship this year, with a maximum value of \$30,000 USD, for the first year of study for a Master's degree in one of RI's six designated areas of study.
- Our DG is still looking for people to do translation from English to French and vice versa.
- RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) will be held June 8th to 10th at St. Lawrence College in Kingston. Our District Governor would like to see 2 attendees from each club. It's open to young adults ages 14-30. Deadline for applications is April 30th.
- She told us our club is doing pretty well in achieving the goals necessary to win a 2018-19 Rotary Citation. "More on that next week," she added.

Murray said preparations for our auction are moving apace, with excellent progress to date. "For our lucky draw, we need vouchers or gift certificates. Last year the lucky draw generated quite a bit of money. The second thing is that Paintball has donated ten tickets for winning bidders and their friends to participate. What we need to do now is to buy the paintballs." A spontaneous collection generated the \$100 needed.

Brenda gave us some last minutes details about our visit to the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf on February 28th.

She told us that **Kim Reid** of On Rock Community Services will be speaking to our club on **May 22nd**.

"Our annual summer visit to the Old Brewery Mission is now set for June 21st. We need to be 12 persons maximum."

Helen said our speaker, **PDG Bill** doesn't need any introduction to the members of this club, but he has offered to first tell us a joke, so let's enjoy that as a lead-in to Bill's presentation of the history of our club.

"A 60-year-old millionaire was marrying a stunning 23-year-old and after the wedding he hosted the reception in the vast gardens of his 50,000 square foot estate. The champagne was flowing and a team of waiters was flitting about, serving the finest hors-d'oeuvres in the land. Naturally, his friends were a little jealous. In a quiet moment one of them asked him, "How did you land such a beauty?"

"Simple," the millionaire replied. "I lied about my age."

"Wow!" his friend exclaimed. "How old did you tell her you were?"

"Eighty-seven," the millionaire replied.

PDG **Bill** then went on to give us a PowerPoint presentation on the history of our club.

He began with the decision by our sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Montreal, whose president, L. Mackay Smith, met with S.C. "Sainty" Holland, Governor of District 704 to chart a course that would give the good citizens of Montreal's West Island a Rotary club of their own. Pictured below are Charter President **Keith Dancy**, Sponsor Club President **Mackay Smith** and DG "Sainty" **Holland**.



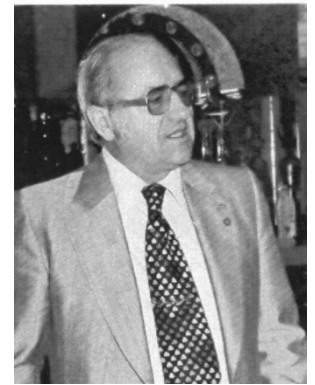
The RCML Charter, February 27, 1961, is pictured below:



We were dubbed "The Rose Club" in 1966-67, thanks to the work of hybrid rose specialist Jack McIntyre, who was our club president. The rose became a universal symbol of world understanding and peace.

In 1963, when our club was only two years old, we organized a "Buy a Brick" campaign with other service clubs that raised a whopping \$200,000 to build the John F. Kennedy School on Elm Street in Beaconsfield.

We gave two governors to District 704 before we were 20 years old: **Jack McIntyre** (1970-71) and **Alan Liddiard** (1977-78).



In 1986-87 a third member of our club became District Governor, **Louis Joron**, pictured above, with his wife, Odette, and President **Stan**, who was our club president for the first time in 1981-82.



In 2001-02 we gave District 7040 a fourth Governor: **Bill**, pictured here with his wife, **June**.

Bill went on to describe many important moments in our club's history, including celebrating RI's 100th birthday in 2005; one of our famed sugaring-off parties; the 2010 RI convention, held here in Montreal, and a typical Changeover Party, in 2010, with some great pics from that party. This is just one of them:



He wrapped up his presentation with a salute to our club presidents from 1961 through 2020.