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### *This Week's Program...*

**Lorena Morante**, *Encounters With Canada* Coordinator, 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.

### *Birthdays & Anniversaries...*

- Happy Birthday, Brenda ..... Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>!*
- Happy Birthday, Pam Neville ..... Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>!*
- Happy Birthday, Gerry Zemanovich ..... Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>!*
- Happy Birthday, Margaret Martin ..... Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>!*
- Happy Birthday, Paula ..... Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>!*

### *Future Programs...*

- Apr 3: **NO MEETING (Tuesday after Easter)**
- Apr 10: **[Evening meeting]** Our annual **Alan Liddiard Public Speaking Competition**.
- Apr 17: **Murray** will give us an update on...and, perhaps, a sneak peek at...our **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Auction**, which will take place at the Holiday Inn Pointe-Claire on **Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**.
- Apr 24: **Carol** will conduct a Membership Workshop.

### *Special Events...*

- Apr 20: (Friday, 5 to 7 pm) **LAST** opportunity this Rotary year to qualify for 2018-19 grant funding. NAV Centre, 1950 Montreal Road, Cornwall, ON.
- Apr 21-22: **PETS (President-elect Training Seminar), Foundation Dinner & District Training Assembly**, NAV Centre, 1950 Montreal Road, Cornwall, ON. [Advance registration required.]
- Apr 28 – May 2: **Rotary Adventure in Citizenship** program, Ottawa.

### *Last Week's Meeting...*

**Andrew Bock**, the Beaconsfield High School student our Rotary club sponsored to participate in the Cornwall Sunrise club's *Adventure in the Environment* last September, described the experience.

Active Rotary club members present were President **Helen, Rosie, Esin, Stan, Bill, Carol, Murray, Glofe, Anne, Sade, Sola, Knud, Brenda, Emily, Cameron** and **Deniz**. Honorary Member **Joe Maxwell** was also present.

We were also pleased to welcome **Nancy Dubuc**, BHS's Community Service Animator.

President **Helen** told us that **Cameron** had brought to her attention a prominent mention of Rotary in the Kids section of the Montreal Gazette for Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The Rotary logo

was there with those of other service clubs, and the puzzle for kids to solve was The Rotary Slogan, Service Above Self.

**Murray** gave us our weekly update on the **Auction**. "We have tickets here today for everyone. The cost is \$35 each and Helen will be explaining how they will be handled in order to keep track of sales by ticket number.

"The other thing I want to bring to everybody's attention is that things are happening with the **Youth Committee**. We have a candidate in mind for our Encounters With Canada and our money has gone off to pay for a spot in that program. We also have three candidates who wish to apply for the Adventure in Citizenship program at the end of April. And I'm happy to say that **Cameron** has done yeoman service in getting our **Alan Liddiard Speaking Competition** up and running. The topics are all done and the agenda is set for our evening meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. It's always a fun event so bring family and friends."

**Cameron** added that Westwood High is in the process of holding an internal competition to choose a student to represent their school. "We will donate a prize for the winner of that preliminary contest."

President **Helen** said that she has prepared a set of ten Auction tickets for every member of the club and she will hand those out to members present. "Everyone will get ten to start; you can have more if you want. There is a Control Sheet with every package of ten tickets, so you can tell us who you sold each ticket to. It's important that members refrain from swapping tickets with other members. If you don't sell all your tickets, don't pass them along to someone else. Please bring all unsold tickets back to me. We had a few control issues last year and we are trying to avoid a repeat of that this year. Each ticket has a section to write the name, phone number and email address of the person who buys the ticket. But that section is NOT to be detached. The whole ticket comes to the event. We will keep that portion to identify the ticketholder for the purpose of door prizes, et cetera. When the ticket is used to enter the auction the ticketholder will receive a coupon with which to get their free drink."

**Stan** said it will be important that the auction room be set up with tables of ten, to correspond to the sets of ten tickets each member is being asked to sell. Murray confirmed that they were tables of ten last year. "We plan to repeat that this year."

**Joe** had several short jokes that were not very kind to women; they all got groans from the audience.

**Brenda** told us "We had three volunteers helping at the On Rock Community Services grocery store on Monday and it looks like we'll be volunteering there next week, too. We will be eight helping at the Welcome Hall Mission tomorrow (March 21<sup>st</sup>). Make sure to wear your Rotary shirts so that Rotary gets the recognition we deserve. On Thursday I will be delivering Easter chocolates to the Denis-Benjamin-Viger residents. I spoke to **Kathleen Greenfield** of Volunteer West Island. She is happy that **Bill** continues to send her our weekly bulletin. She told me she loves to see that we do so much volunteer work here on

the West Island. She reminded me that Pierrefonds-Roxboro Meals-on-Wheels Kitchen needs volunteers every Tuesday or Thursday between 10:30 AM and 1 PM. Call 514-457-5445 for more information or to volunteer."

Helen gave us a brief summary of things that were discussed at the Board meeting March 14<sup>th</sup>. She told us that our Membership Chair "Carol is going to be very busy looking at areas where our new members can serve."

Helen also relayed instructions from District Governor Elect Martha Weaver that clubs may relax attendance requirements. Helen said she put a motion before the Board, which was seconded and passed unanimously, that our club would no longer have an attendance requirement.

Carol added that participation in Community Service events, such as On Rock, also are an effective and acceptable alternative to a Rotary meeting for someone who is unable to attend.

Glorefe once again won the right to find the Ace of Spades, but again turned over a different card (this time the Jack of Clubs), so the 50:50 pot will continue to grow.

Bill also had a joke for us. "A woman's soul appeared at the Pearly Gates, where she was met by Saint Peter. "Where do I go from here?" she asked. Saint Peter replied, "To get into Heaven, you have to spell a word.

"What word?" she asked.

"Your choice," Saint Peter replied.

"Then I choose to spell love L-O-V-E" she said. Saint Peter welcomed her to Heaven and asked if she wouldn't mind taking his chair for a few minutes while he took a break. She did so and one of the first souls to arrive was her husband. "What are you doing here," his wife asked him.

"Well," he replied, "After your funeral I was so busy celebrating your, um, life that I fell and broke my neck and died. Did I really make it into Heaven?"

"Not yet," his wife replied. "First you must spell a word."

"What word," the husband asked.

"Czechoslovakia," his wife replied.

President Helen then asked Nancy Dubuc to introduce our speaker, which she did, acknowledging that Andrew Bock, a senior at Beaconsfield High School, had earned the right to accept the opportunity our club offered to participate in the Adventure in the Environment, a program offered by the Rotary Club of Cornwall Sunrise.

Andrew thanked our club for giving students an opportunity to study various wildlife species that inhabit the Saint Lawrence River, including one of its tributaries, near Cornwall, Ontario.



With the aid of an excellent PowerPoint he described his experience very thoroughly. Here are a few slides excerpted from his presentation:



Andrew's presentation evoked lots of questions and comments. Bill noted, "We old-timers in the audience have seen many students' reports on their Adventure in the Environment experience but yours is by far the best I have ever seen."

Esin thanked Andrew for his thorough and thought-provoking treatment of his Adventure. "Perhaps this experience will help you decide if you want to pursue a career in environmental science or some related profession."

