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This Week's Program...

A "working meeting," about various aspects of committee work and how we can make a list of what we want to do in the year ahead.

Knud will also talk about our Guatemala project.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week...

... none that we know of.

Future Programs...

Jul 24: **Tamara Stycek**, one of the two students we sponsored for the **Adventure in Citizenship**, April 28th to May 2nd, will talk about her experience.

Jul 31: **[No meeting]** Rotary Summer Holiday.

Aug 7: **[Evening meeting]** This meeting will take place at the home of **Wayne** and **Sandy**—90 Churchill Street, Baie d'Urfé—where Wayne will hold a **BBQ/corn boil**. Bring family and friends.

Special Events...

Aug 25: District International Service and Rotary Foundation meeting, Cornwall Lions Hall, 17413 McPhail Road, 9:30---12:30.

Aug 25: Grants Management Seminar, Cornwall Lions Hall, 17413 McPhail Road, 1:00—3:30.

Aug 27: We will help Héma Québec with the Graham Martin Memorial Blood Donor Clinic, Kirkland Sports Complex.

Last week's meeting...

Our new club president **Murray Horn** gave us a rundown on some of the changes we can expect in this new Rotary year.

We also presented a \$500 scholarship to **Chantay Rose**, who was selected by the **West Island Black Community Association**. WITCA was represented by Chairperson **Kemba Mitchell** and Treasurer **Joan Lee**.

We were happy to welcome Rotarians **David Warne** and **Art Surette**, who will transfer their membership to our club, following the demise of the Hudson-and-St. Lazare club.

We were also pleased to welcome **Anita**, guest of **Stan**, and **David Hawkins** who takes over the reins at the West Island LGBTQ, as **Nikita Moriarity** is moving to Toronto. We also happily welcomed **Ms. Moriarity**, **Andrew Horn** and **Paul Lafleur** as guests of the club.

Active members present were **Wayne**, Past President **Helen**, **Lawrence**, **Maureen**, **Rosie**, **Stan**, **Bill**, **Carol**, **Glorefe**, **Anne**, **Sade**, **Sola**, **Knud**, **Brenda**, **Cameron**, **Deniz**, **Joe Zemanovich** and Honorary Member **Joe Maxwell**.

Joe Maxwell toasted the success of the amazing rescue of the Thai Youth Soccer Team and their coach by brave underwater cave divers.

Murray welcomed **David Warne**, Founding Member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Hudson-and-Saint-Lazare.

David's classification is Engineering Consulting. He has his BSc in Physics and his MSc in Electrical Engineering, both earned at the University of Manchester.

Murray also welcomed his son, **Andrew**, and **Paul Lafleur**. "They're here to check us out," Murray explained, "and I hope they will like what they see and hear this evening.

Murray also referred to Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, adding that giving back to the community is what Rotary is all about. He also reminded us that this year's theme is **Be The Inspiration**, saying he is inspired by the future prospects of our Rotary club, adding that our Board of Directors are the inspiration for the officers and members of this club.

He also assured us that **Bill** will continue as our chronicler and, in addition, has agreed to give us, from time to time, a "Rotary Minute, from which we hope to learn about the history of Rotary and be inspired by what we hear.

Murray told us that there will be changes, starting with the abolition of the head table. The resulting collegiality is intended to encourage better interaction among us all. He pointed out that he will still make good use of the bell to bring the house to attention, so to speak.

He admitted that many of the changes are a result of many of the answers and comments made by members as they filled out the questionnaire **Carol** had distributed a few weeks ago. "You have inspired me by your forward thinking," he said.

We will keep "two sets of books, operations and charitable activities. It makes a lot of sense and we are already setting up to see how we're going to do that.

"We'll have only two speakers a month; the other meetings will be working meetings, to discuss Rotary issues, talk about things that are of interest in our committee work, be it Youth, International or Community."

Murray also suggested we think about having a joint meeting with another club.

He said he plans to send out a copy of RI President **Barry Rassin's** vision statement expressing his serious concern about the health of Rotary. "He wants to bring back the concept of Rotary as a large family.

"I would also like to reschedule classification talks, not just new members but, perhaps, other members as well."

He told us it had also been suggested that we consider doing 'flag talks,' where we find a way to select a flag arbitrarily from those that we set out on our tables and ask a member to tell us about the country whose flag it is the following week.

He also said he was considering rotating the chair for some of our meetings, having each committee chair take a turn at chairing a meeting.

"We have a limited budget this year so we're going to have to try and make do with what we've got. There are still a lot of things we want to do in every area—community, youth, inter-

national, club service and projects we want to do. We will have to look at things very carefully."

Murray told us that it has been suggested we do less for some of the larger West Island organizations that have their own huge money-making machines behind them, and put our support behind smaller groups that are struggling.

He said he would like to see more people serving on each of our committees, adding that we will talk more about that later.

"I have a few handouts. I want to thank **Knud, Helen and Carol** for their help with those." He distributed a summary of the notes from the June 19th Auction Review Meeting, as well as the breakdown of the auction financials, resulting in a profit of just over \$16,300. Another document made available to members was entitled 'Why Join Rotary?' and provided information for new and prospective members. He also distributed magnetic clothespins so members can stick these documents on their fridge.

He also distributed a calendar of programs for July and early August and a list of meeting dates through February 2019.

Murray gave a new club pennant to **Nikita** to put up in her new office in Toronto, to remind her to "extol the virtues of Rotary as a service club to the community."



We experienced a new approach to the introduction of our guests. No longer just a name and, sometimes, a word or two about them by the Sergeant-at-Arms, a member will be asked to introduce a guest and the guest will be invited to tell us about herself or himself.



Past President **Helen** introduced **David Hawkins**, the new director of the LGBTQ Centre in Beaconsfield, who is taking over from Nikita and asked him to tell us about himself.

"I'm a student at McGill, "he told us, "hopefully to be finished in December. I'm looking forward to taking a more hands-on approach at the Centre. I'm excited and also a bit nervous; it's my first adult position."

Carol introduced her son, **Andrew**, saying she hopes he will be the first of many next-generation Rotarians. She also told us that he loves to bring neighbours from his block to our community events, by way of adding Andrew's neighbourhood friend **Paul Lafleur**, to her introduction. She asked Andrew and Paul to tell us a bit about themselves.

Andrew said, "You all know my parents very well and how involved they are in the community. I, too, want to try to give back somehow. That's why I want to learn more about the Rotary organization from you."



Paul told us it was his first visit to a Rotary club meeting. "I'm not exactly sure

what Rotary does but I'll find out, and if I can be of service I'll try to accommodate any request."

Murray asked **David Warne** to tell us about himself and his former club.

David reminded us that the Rotary-Club-of-Hudson-and-St-Lazare was originally a satellite club of Montreal-Lakeshore. "We chartered four years ago but we have had a hard time to keep the club going after some of the members left. As our numbers declined so did the ways in which we could generate support. When our attendance was only a small number of our members it became even harder; we couldn't expect a speaker to take the time to talk to only three or four people. In the end we came to the conclusion that the best thing to do would be to rejoin the Lakeshore club. I have come to quite a few of your meetings in the past year or two and I find this a great club to visit."



Murray told David that our club secretary **Deniz** is working with Rotary International, so we can provide you with the appropriate details, how to go about transferring yourself and others back to our club.

Murray said he had asked the three chairs to speak briefly about each of their committees, talk about some of the highlights of the past year. "That will give Paul, Andrew and David (Hawkins) an idea of what our club does."



Brenda told our guests that she is the chair of the **Community Service** committee. "Before I tell you what we have done last year, I must talk about an urgent immediate need. The Welcome Hall Mission needs volunteers starting this week, right up to August 6th, for their food bank. They also have their back-to-school event August 14th and 15th. 3,200 children will be receiving back packs and school supplies. If we want to help with that we have to let them know by July 20th."

She told us that the Community Service committee is all about getting ourselves out there, volunteering. "We work with about twenty different organizations, contributing over 300 hours by Rotarians and their friends. For example, we went to the Welcome Hall Mission five times in the past year. We also supported the West Island Mission; we served supper at the Old Brewery Mission twice. The Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation received our support on two fronts—Christmas gift wrapping at Fairview and selling tickets for their annual Duck Race, highlighted by our star salesman **Joe Maxwell**, who sold \$6,000 worth of duck race tickets.

"We provided Christmas baskets for the Dorval Community Centre. We volunteered at the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf for the first time this past year. And we're proud to support On Rock food bank and La Corde Youth Centre, both in the Cloverdale area of Pierrefonds. La Corde helps children of about 60 different nationalities and 50 different languages. In both cases we provide both monetary support and hands-on volunteering.



"We also provided articles, including diabetic socks to St-Anne Hospital and socks and toiletries to the Denis-Benjamin-Viger Centre in Île-Bizard. We also support NOVA, the Women's Shelter and the Palliative Care Residence on the West Island.

"We have also provided beautifully illustrated Dictionaries-4-Life to Grade 3 children in two different elementary schools. It's often the first book in a child's home and we encourage the parents to read with their kids.

"We have members of our club who are on the board of Cheshire Homes, which provides low-cost housing for physically disabled adults, and we provide financial support for them.

"In addition, **Art's** daughter Cori-Ann runs a camp for impoverished children through the Foundation of Catholic Community Services, for which we gave financial support. We also supported a project of **Cameron's** daughter **Wendy** for an organ donor booklet.

Brenda also told us we support the Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club's scholarship program for female students needing financial aid to attend university. Our support takes the form of a paid advertisement in the MLUWC program.

Deniz spoke about last year's projects supported by our **International Service** committee. "Last year was a very good year for international service. We had projects in Ghana, Uganda and Guatemala. Our international projects mostly focus on water, sanitation and education. If you don't have ready access to clean water, children are needed to help go and get water and bring it to their village, so they cannot go to school. And, of course, you need sanitation facilities in every village and every school."



As the chair of the Youth Committee last year, **Murray** told us about that committee's activity last year. "One of the highlights of the year was the Alan Liddiard Speaking Contest. The speeches were excellent; the turnout was phenomenal. Our four speakers were all so good it made choosing the winner a very difficult task.

"The Adventures program was also excellent. We sponsored Beaconsfield High School student **Andrew Bock** to participate in Adventure in the Environment, and he gave us a very good PowerPoint presentation on his experience. We also sent two very capable candidates to Ottawa to participate in the Adventure in Citizenship program there, to meet with members of the Canadian government and learn what it means to be a citizen of Canada.



"Encounters With Canada is another opportunity to learn about Canada. It is very different from Adventures in Citizenship, in that EWC teaches participant from across the country to discover Canada's diverse cultures, heritage, institutions and leaders, as well as to explore potential career options, which the candidates choose from a wide list of 15 options. We hope it will be an ongoing opportunity for youth in our community."

Bill had a joke about two Boy Scouts out on a short hike who find a big hole in a field next to a small wood. "Wow...that looks deep, one says to the other"

"Sure does... toss a few pebbles in there and see how deep it is."

They pick up a few pebbles and throw them in and wait... no noise.

"Jeez. That is REALLY deep... here, throw a couple of these big rocks down there. That should make a noise."

They pick up a couple of football-sized rocks and toss them into the hole and wait... and wait. Nothing.

They look at each other in amazement. One gets a determined look on his face and says, "Hey...over here in the weeds, there's a railroad tie. Help me carry it over. When we toss that sucker in, it's gotta make some noise."

The two drag the heavy tie over to the hole and heave it in. Not a sound comes from the hole.

Suddenly, out of the nearby woods, a goat appears, running like the wind. It rushes toward the two Scouts, then right past them, running as fast as its legs will carry it. Suddenly it leaps in the air and into the hole.

The two boys are astonished with what they've just seen...

Then, out of the woods comes a farmer who spots the Boy Scouts and ambles over.

"Hey... you two guys seen my goat out here?"

"You bet we did! Craziest thing we ever saw! It came running like crazy and just jumped into this hole!"

"Nah", says the farmer, "That couldn't have been my goat. My goat was chained to a railroad tie."

Murray said, "On July 17th **Knud** will speak to the Power-Point presentation on the Guatemala project." He brought this card with some of the Guatemala pictures and invited members to "look it over when you get a chance."



Murray then invited **Kemba, Joan** and **Chantay** to come to the front of the room. He then proceeded to introduce Kemba.

"**Kemba Mitchell** is the Chairperson of WIBCA, the West Island Black Community Association, an organization totally run by volunteers. WIBCA is her avocation. Her full-time job is Project Manager at TRU Simulation + Training Canada Inc., a manufacturer of flight simulators and training solutions for civil and military markets."

He asked Kemba to introduce her WIBCA colleague, Joan.

Kemba told us that **Emily Scott** had contacted WIBCA and told them all about Rotary Montreal-Lakeshore and invited Kemba to do a presentation, which she did on December 5th. [Unfortunately, your bulletin editor spent most of December in the hospital, so he missed Kemba's presentation, and is thus unable to fill in any information about it at this time. Ed.]

Kemba said she was "very impressed with how you conduct your weekly meetings. We have taken some of your practices and incorporated them into our organization.

"I'll now introduce **Joan Lee**. Joan is our Treasurer and also our Scholarship Coordinator and she is here tonight in that capacity. So here's Joanie."

Joan thanked Kemba and said. "I, too, would like to thank Murray, Carol and Emily for welcoming us into the Rotary club family. Let me now introduce **Chantay Rose**, our scholarship recipient."

Chantay told us she is a graduate of the Social Science program at Vanier College and a future John Abbott College student of the Information and Library Technologies Program. "I want to share my appreciation of the Rotary club and to accept the Rotary Club Scholarship Award. What amazes me about the Rotary club is that you support the worldwide community, providing medical assistance, schools, educational aid, including scholarships, clean water and sanitation. You also believe that promoting world peace and understanding is very important. The Rotary club also donates money to help organizations that help others less fortunate in the community. I also believe in promoting these values in my community. To conclude I want to thank God, my family and friends and the Rotary club for helping me follow my dreams for the future. It's a great honour to be chosen to receive this Rotary scholarship award and I look forward to the opportunity to share my skills and ideas with the Rotary club in the future. Thank you."

Murray proceeded to present Chantay with our cheque for \$500.00



He then invited **Carol** to say a few words.

"My job," she said, "is to thank **Kemba, Joan and Chantay**.

"**Kemba**, when you came last year you talked about needing volunteers to help tutor kids on Saturday morning, so I agreed and went on to tutor kids on Saturday mornings and had a wonderful time. I also noted that the other tutors were young

people like you, who had won scholarships and were off at university and college and would come back and tutor the other children in the community, which I thought was just brilliant! I got to see the full circle of what you do. You have very little money and you raise it in the most amazing ways!



"I came home and said to my husband, 'Can you dress like an old-fashioned man? Because we are going to a Victorian Tea.' It was the most fun I've ever had. Everybody looked like Jackie Kennedy or they were in traditional dress from the Caribbean. It was just the most colourful event. There was entertainment and I hope next year everyone will go to the Tea because it was awesome. I never thought that going to work with WIBCA would take me to a Victorian Tea.

"It's important to point out that WIBCA is not just for black people. It extends its programs for the benefit of all, regardless of ethnic origin, color, gender, religion or race. We're members and anyone else who wants to be a member can join and support the community. They've had many workshops. They have people coming in to speak to children as role models.

"I have great respect for all that you do as volunteers. You are amazing, so thank you very much."

"Does anybody have any questions for Kemba or Joan or Chantay?" Murray asked.

"I have a comment," said one of the WIBCA ladies. "If Carol and her son and his friend want to come and build a fence at WIBCA, we'll be happy to have you."

Lawrence also had a short story for us last Tuesday. "This guy, after a hard day's work, gets on the train to take him home. He has his newspaper with him but he's very tired, so he puts the paper on the seat and sits on it. The guy sitting beside him sees what he has done, taps him on the shoulder and asks, 'Are you reading that?' The guy sitting on the paper thinks to himself, Wow, some people are pretty stupid. So he gets up, turns the page on the paper and sits back down. 'What are you doing now?' the other fellow asks. 'The crossword,' he replies."

Cameron was invited to proceed with our 50:50 draw. He told us there is a small change now. "I have added the two Jokers to the cards on the table. If you turn over a Joker, you get a second chance to find the Ace of Spades. He invited **Deniz** to pick the winning number out of the pot of tickets. The winning ticket was **Rosie's** but she turned over the Jack of Spades—the right suit and close but not the Ace. So the pot will continue to grow, for the benefit of the club and the eventual winner.

Maureen reminded everyone that our annual **Changeover Party** would take place at their home on the 14th.

That did indeed happen and it was a great party, with even our new **District Governor Martha Weaver** in attendance. We will issue a separate report, complete with pics, on that event.

I think this 4-page issue of *The Lakeshorian* is long enough, don't you?