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This Week's Program...

Cameron will lead a discussion about children's coping skills in today's society.

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

Happy Anniversary, David and Judith...

... Tomorrow, November 21st!

Future Programs...

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Nov 27: T.B.D.

Dec 4: [**Evening meeting**]. **Brenda** has invited renowned Montreal cartoonist **Aislin** to be our special guest speaker for the evening. She has also invited other Montreal area Rotary clubs to join us.

Dec 11: [Last meeting of 2018] Assuming Board approval, we will have **elections of club officers and directors** for 2019-20.

Special Events...

Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, November 21st, at the hotel. Club sandwiches at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7 pm.

Christmas Dinner, Tuesday December 18th, 6:30 for 7 pm, at the **Forest and Stream Club**, 1800 Lakeshore Dr, Dorval, QC H9S 2E6. Dress code: Gentlemen: jacket required; tie optional. Ladies: appropriate dress. Cost: \$50 per person tax included.

Last week's meeting...

Once again, only 13 members were present last Tuesday to hear **David Warne** read fascinating stories from his grandfather's diary written during **World War One**.

We were pleased to welcome **Wayne, Lawrence, Maureen, Rosie, Sacit, Esin, Stan, PDG Bill, Joe Maxwell, Knud, Brenda, Cameron** and **David**. We were also pleased to welcome two guests: **Anita**, guest of Stan, and **June**, guest of **Bill**.

Among the announcements:

- **Brenda** brought us up to date on Community Service volunteer opportunities. The only Saturday date for delivery of our 12 Christmas baskets is December 22nd. She will check if we can deliver during the week as soon as her contact person returns from vacation, and will let us know.
- She told us the **West Island Mission** now has a grocery store, modeled after the one at the Welcome Hall Mission. They are close by (139 Labrosse, Pointe-Claire) and we can drop off non-perishable food items on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 4 pm. After our meetings we have time to make a delivery to them.
- Thursday, November 29th, between 9 am and 3 pm we will help Ste. Anne's Hospital with their Christmas decorations.

"So far we have 8 or 9 members and friends signed up to help with that. If you wish to add your name to the list, please let me know."

Asked if she still needed socks she said yes, for the DBV residents and for the kids at La Corde, but said there is a new contact person at DBV and they haven't returned her calls yet.

Lawrence said 28 people have already confirmed that they wish to attend our annual Christmas party at the Forest and Stream club. Everyone present agreed that was a good choice of venue. [See details under Special Events. Ed.]

Cameron informed us he had received a Gmail message from **Cyril Bernier**, VP 2018-19 of Club Rotaract de l'Île de Montréal, announcing that they are planning their **2019 Annual Fundraiser Gala** in May of next year. In response to a question he said the cause to be supported by this fundraiser is The Rotary Foundation.

Cameron asked for a status report on the auction. **Knud** replied that everything is coming along nicely. He expressed his conviction that "this will be a wonderful auction."

Knud told us that we will once again have gourmet hams this year. He said he would take orders until November 30th and would deliver them to buyers following our meeting on Tuesday, December 11th. "You can pay by cash or cheque. Large orders can even be charged to your account. Because of price increases from the supplier, the Hawkesbury club has increased our selling price to \$28 each.

While he was on his feet, Knud had an anecdote to relate. "This man walks into a Manhattan branch of a major bank. He told the branch manager that he was planning to go to Europe for a couple weeks and asked to borrow \$5,000. The manager asked what collateral he would be prepared to offer. The man offered his Rolls Royce that was sitting outside the front door. He gave the manager the keys. The deal was made and the man left, while a bank employee parked the car in the bank's underground parking garage. Two weeks later the man returns and pays off the loan with interest of \$35.41 and is about to leave when the bank manager called him into the office. 'While you were away, we checked on you and learned that you are a wealthy man who didn't need to borrow \$5,000 so why did you?' The man replied, 'Where in Manhattan could I park my car for two weeks at a cost of \$35.41?' "

Maureen told us she had some pins...year pins and Rotary member pins. "If you have lost or misplaced yours and want to buy one, we're selling them for \$2 each. The year pins are free."

Wayne said he had a preliminary report on the net profit from our Oyster Party. We have a few details to finalize but our net profit will be over \$5,000 for sure. We'll have a final report to submit at the Board meeting on November 21st."

Sunday, November 11th, marked the 100th anniversary of the armistice that brought 'The War to End all Wars' to a close, so **Cameron** invited **David Warne** to proceed with his presentation.

David's grandfather, the author of this amazing personal record of a POW in World War One, was born Harold Warne in 1897. He left school at age 13 to work in a cotton mill and joined the army in May of 1915 at age 18.

Harold Warne was a very good writer, in both meanings of the word. The writing was tiny as he undoubtedly had no idea how many words would have to be written and yet every word is extremely legible. And Harold Warne was a really talented story teller.

The diary has some very general information about his unit, the difficulty they had getting food.

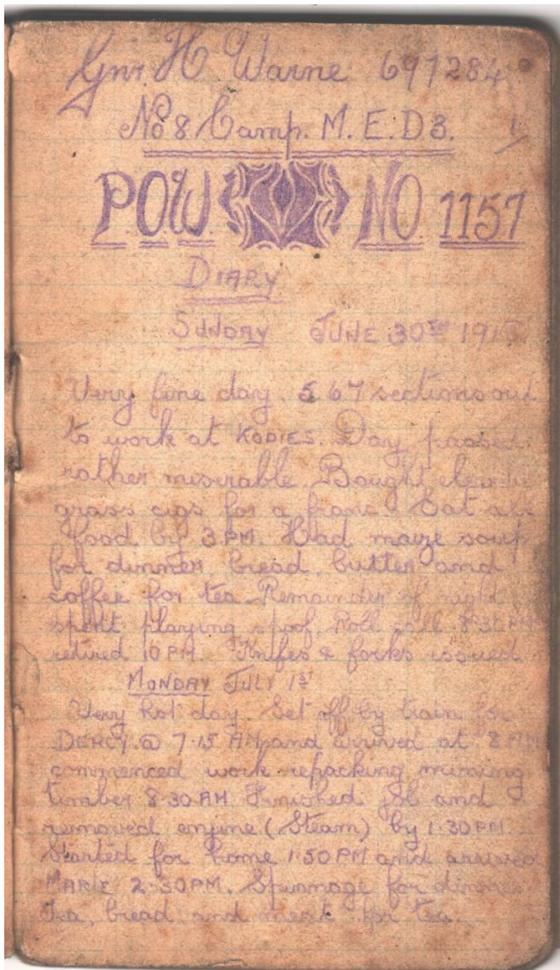
He told how they were trapped and outnumbered by the Germans, and told to surrendered by their colonel. Stripped of arms and equipment, they were forced out of the dug-outs and had to march many kilometers. Harold pulled off his boots and, to his great dismay, was unable to put them back on again.

David included in his presentation two detailed Battlefield maps, from 1916 and May 1918.



As they were marched through Tourcoing they narrowly escaped heavy bombing by British planes. Bombs that landed on a road about 100 yards away scattered dead horses, men and wagons.

The image below depicts the title page of Harold Warne's diary as a POW, from when they were captured in April 1918 to the final days of the war in October and early November, 1918.



David was thanked by Stan, who told him that Canada, a very small country in the early 20th century, lost a third of its young men who went off to Europe to do our part to help bring The Great War to a successful finale.



Brenda reminds us that Aislin will be our speaker on December 4th. In lieu of a fee he has asked us to publicize a fundraiser that he and Serge Chapeau will be doing the previous week, to benefit The Lachine Hospital Foundation:

An evening with renowned Montreal cartoonists Serge Chapeau and Aislin to benefit the Lachine Hospital of the MUHC.

8 pm Tuesday, November 27, 2018
L'Entrepôt, 2901 St-Joseph Blvd., Lachine
\$95 per person

