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

**Lawrence** will lead a discussion about **Bullying and How We Stop It**.

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries...*

**Happy Birthday, Winnifred..... Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy Birthday, Helen.....Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

## **December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month**

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] We will have **elections of club officers and directors** for 2019-20.

Dec 18: Our **Christmas Dinner**. See details below.

## *Special Events...*

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

**Christmas Dinner**, Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 for 6:45 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...*

Only 10 members were present last Tuesday as **Cameron** led a discussion on children's coping skills.

We were pleased to welcome **Lawrence, Maureen, Rosie, PDG Bill, Joe Maxwell, Anne, Knud, Brenda, Emily, Cameron** and **David**. There were no guests or other visitors.

### **Among the announcements:**

- **Knud** distributed a new list of potential auction items for our auction next spring. He told us several items have been confirmed but added that more people have to get involved. He also suggested that we try to secure more exciting things to be auctioned off. He told us that **Winnifred** has offered to bake two pies that will be auctioned off at the end of the auction.
- **Cameron** reminded us that **Knud** still has Christmas hams for sale until the end of the month.
- **Lawrence** told us there had been a small change in the time of our Christmas dinner December 18<sup>th</sup>. We are now asked to be there at **6** for dinner as **6:45**. He also said they want us to choose our starters—either soup of the day or a green salad with classic dressing.
- **Brenda** gave us an update on our Community Service activity. "I was finally able to deliver our socks to the DBV residents last week. They were very appreciative. I have their Christmas list, which I'm working on. They took pics of

their 123 residents and are asking for picture frames, which I have confirmed from the Dollar Store, plus gift bags. They have also asked for soft soap for showering, so I have been canvassing area pharmacies for 123 bottles. Hopefully the purchases will be completed by next week. The toy delivery for the West Island Mission has been completed.

- She reminded us that Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, between 9 am and 3 pm we will help Ste. Anne's Hospital with their Christmas decorations.
- She also reminded us that we should bring non-perishable food and other items for our 12 Christmas baskets.
- She told **Maureen** that we have a \$1,000 Rotaide cheque, a donation for **Cheshire Homes**. Maureen is on the Board of Cheshire Foundation Quebec.
- She told us about a fundraiser being organized by the West Island Palliative Care Residence, Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, narrated by seven well-known local media personnel. It will take place on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, at St. Columba by-the-Lake Church in Pointe-Claire. The cost is only \$25 for adults, max \$70 per family.



- **Cameron** reminded us that we need to know the numbers for our special evening meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>. "We have planned to use the **Merlot Room** here at the hotel, which holds up to 50 people. **Brenda** suggested it would be good if **Rhonda Massad** could publish an announcement in the **West Island Blog**.

**Knud** told us a story about a small fellow who was standing at a bar with a glass of beer in front of him. "A big burly fellow walks into the bar and as he passes the small fellow, he hits him on the neck, knocking him to the floor, and says, 'That's karate from Korea.'

"A little later the big fellow has to go to the bathroom. As he passes the little fellow, he hits him on the other side of his neck, sending him flying, and says, 'That was a judo chop from Japan.'

"The small fellow has had enough of this so he leaves. An hour later her comes back, walks up to the big fellow, hits him on the neck, knocking him to the floor. He says to the bartender, 'When he wakes up, tell him that was a crowbar from Canadian Tire!'"

**Bill** also had a story for us. "A man awoke one evening to discover prowlers in his storage shed. He immediately called 911, gave his address, to report the prowlers and possible burglary.

The operator at the other end said: "Are they in your house?"

He said they were not, only in his storage shed in back of the house.

The operator said there were no cars available at that time.

He thanked the operator, hung up the phone and counted to 30 and called again.

"I just called you about prowlers in my storage shed. Well, you do not have to worry, as I just shot them all dead!"

Within seconds there were three police cars, an ambulance and fire engine at the scene.

After capturing the prowlers red-handed, the policeman asked the caller, "I thought you said you had shot them all!"

The man answered, "I thought you said there were no police available!"

**Maureen** won the right to "chase the Ace," but didn't succeed, so Cameron told us the kitty is now over \$600.



**Cameron** proceeded with the topic of the day, children and their coping skills. "First I want to look at what you did when you were a child or a teenager, and then we can compare that to the children of today.

"What skills do you think you lacked before you went out into the great wide world?"

"I was very shy as a boy," **Lawrence** said.



**Emily** said it was the same for her.

**Bill** said he was considered a nerd. "I had some social skills but I didn't have any athletic abilities whatsoever, couldn't compete in any sports. Sometimes we had a pick-up game on

the street or in the school yard and I was always the last to be picked."

"I was always like that, too," said **David**. "I could do long-distance running, but only when I got to about age 17."

"When did you get to cash your first paycheque?" **Cameron** asked.

"We used to get a pay packet," **Maureen** told us. "Your salary wasn't paid into the bank. You were given actual cash."

**Cameron** asked **Bill** if he was paid by cash or cheque. "I'm pretty sure it was a cheque," he replied.

"I still have my first paycheque," **Cameron** said.

**Lawrence** said he was in his late teens before his salary was paid directly into his bank account.

"I never had a paycheque until I came to Canada," **David** told us.

Asked how salary was paid in Turkey, **Rosie** said it was paid into the bank.

"I saw a piece on television about children getting credit cards," **Cameron** said. "At what age do you think children should get their first credit card? And at what age did you get a credit card?"

**Joe Maxwell** said there was poverty where he lived as a teenager. "To supplement my pocket money, I collected empty beer bottles on Sunday morning that the boozers had left outside the pub. Or selling rags. And even then, half of

whatever pocket money I collected had to go to my mother, because my father wasn't working way back in the dark days of the thirties. When I was old enough to work, I took two jobs. I worked in a butcher shop 72 hours a week for ten shillings and doing a milk run before work for four shillings a week. It took me two years to save up for a bicycle that cost two pounds."



**Maureen** said, "As a girl I wasn't allowed my own bank account. My father had control over it. I used to buy savings stamps at the post office and you stuck them in a booklet.

**Emily** asked, "What about our children and grandchildren? How have the times changed?"

Members replied that "some kids as young as six or seven have an iPhone. For Christmas, many youngsters get gifts that total up to 3 or 4 hundred dollars.

**Emily** was asked how things have changed in the Caribbean and she replied, "In St. Vincent, where I first taught school, little has changed from then to today. When I was growing up, we had no radio station of our own. We got the news from Trinidad."

Much of the meeting was filled with members' recollections and stories. What interesting people we are!

**Brenda** reminds us that **Aislin** will be our speaker on December 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 **tonight**, Tuesday, November 27, 2018  
L'Entrepôt, 2901 St-Joseph Blvd., Lachine  
\$95 per person

