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This Week's Program...

[Evening meeting] **Tess Widdifield**, Project Coordinator, Partnership with Rotary International, **ShelterBox Canada**, will thank us for our generosity to her organization and present us with The ShelterBox Bronze Hero Award.



Birthdays and Anniversaries...

Happy Birthday, Semiha Today, October 2nd!

Happy Anniversary, Omer & Berna Sudekan...

... Wednesday, October 10th!

Happy Anniversary, Peter & Pam Neville...

... Thursday, October 11th!

Future Programs...

October is Vocational Service Month

Oct 9: **NO MEETING** (Tuesday after Thanksgiving).

Oct 16: T.B.D.

Oct 23:

Special Events...

Oct 24: Board of Directors meeting (?) in the Boardroom of **Semiha Karacova's** building, 6500 TransCanada Hwy West.

Oct 26-28: **District Conference**, Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 285 King Street East, Kingston ON. Register at <http://rotary7040.com/page/2018-district-conference>.



What are the hallmarks of a healthy Rotary Club, and how do we foster the ideal conditions for a vital and engaged membership?

We invite you to participate in our professionally facilitated dialogue across all generations of Rotary (from Interact to Honorary Rotarians), as we focus on the opportunities and potential that lie ahead for our organization.

We will discuss the ongoing value, relevance, and accessibility of Rotary.

- Why might a Rotary Club consider changing its ways?

- How can we promote collaboration and mentorship between generations?
- How might we attract and engage new members of all ages?

Nov 2: [Friday] Our annual **Oyster Party**, 300 Surrey Drive, Baie d'Urfé (Rescue Squad's Training Centre).

Last week's meeting...

[Your bulletin editor offers his heartfelt thanks to **Stan** for taking notes and photographs during last Tuesday's meeting. **June** and I had a meeting with our new oncologist at LGH that had to take place at mid-day on September 25th. Ed.]



The meeting was cochaired by **Lawrence** and **Cameron**.

We had an excellent attendance of 22 members. Even **Bob Habib** and **George Saad** were present, which pleased everyone.

We were pleased to welcome **Lawrence, Maureen, Rosie, Sacit, Esin, Stan, Bob, Semiha, Glofe, Anne, Sade, Sola, Knud, George, Brenda, Emily, Cameron, Joe Tabet, Deniz, David, Joe Zemanovich** and **Joe**

Maxwell.

We were also pleased to welcome **Winnifred**, guest of her husband Cameron.

Brenda told us that "NOVA West Island will host a fundraising breakfast at the Homestyle Bakery Café and Black Lion Pub, 445 Beaconsfield Blvd in Beaconsfield on Tuesday, October 16th, between 7:30 and 10:30 AM. The cost is \$25.00. **Anne** has tickets for anyone who wants to participate."



Cameron told us he and **Lawrence** have been chatting by phone and have a temporary solution to the problem our club has found itself in. "**Lawrence** and I have come up with a proposal, that he and I would act as your presidents for the Rotary year in progress, if that is agreeable to you. If not, we will look for another solution. I would invite comments from members present as to whether that is acceptable or not." The loud applause that followed was a

clear indication of approval.

"Okay, thank you very much. The next thing we need to do, we have to have a Board. Prior to September 11th, our Board had representatives for Youth, Community and International, in addition to club officers Treasurer, Secretary and Past President (who also chaired The Rotary Foundation committee). Are those people willing to serve in the positions they held on the Board for the balance of this Rotary year?"

Brenda, Esin, Rosie, Deniz and **Semiha** all agreed to return to the former Board positions and **David Warne** offered to sit on the **Board** as Member-at-Large. Cameron told us that **Maureen** had also offered to take on the position of Membership Chair, but only for a short period of time, in the interest of continuity, until a more permanent Membership Chair can be found. Again, applause from the floor indicated wide approval of the foregoing.

Cameron continued, "I see in The Lakeshorian that the next Board meeting had been scheduled for October 24th." **Semiha** confirmed that her Boardroom was still available for that meeting, so Cameron said that the Board meeting would be held, with himself and **Lawrence** sitting as co-chairs. He invited comments from the floor. It was pointed out that some

of the club officers and committee chairs had not held these positions before and could probably benefit from coaching from former holders of those positions. **Joe Zemanovich** offered to help the Youth Committee Chair (**Rosie**). Most of the balance of the meeting devolved into a rehash of what went wrong, with Cameron managing the members who wished to speak with confidence and aplomb.

There was a specific criticism of President Murray's decision to agree to make a donation of \$150.00 to a charity of the speaker's choice, in the case of **Kim Fuller**. It was agreed that we will never again allow a speaker who insists on being paid to speak to our club. The members were adamant about not setting a precedent of that nature. If a speaker will not speak without charge then we will not use that speaker.

There was also a discussion of the need to establish a new committee with suggesting alternative ways to raise funds as its mandate. **Knud** suggested **Rosie** as chair of that committee. It was pointed out that Rosie is already chair of our Youth Committee. Presumably, there will be a separate discussion between Knud and Rosie.