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This Week's Program...

Club Assembly. Our Committee Chairs will be prepared to discuss their reports presented at the Board Meeting October 24th. Perhaps we will also get a sneak peek at the Oyster Party that will take place on Friday, just 3 days away.

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

Happy Birthday, Besim Ergun..... Sunday, November 4th!

Future Programs...

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Nov 6: **David Leroux-Petersen:** Charles River Laboratories Canada: **Community Outreach Programs and Initiatives.**

Nov 13: **"Lest We Forget." David Warne** will share some stories from his grandfather's diary of Word War I.

Nov 20: T.B.D.

Special Events...

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

Last week's meeting...

We were 17 members present to hear **Knud** tell us about our **Auction 2019**.

We were pleased to welcome **Lawrence, Maureen, Rosie, Sacit, Esin, Stan, PDG Bill, Şehnaz, Joe Maxwell, Sade, Sola, Knud, Brenda, Cameron, Deniz, David** and **Joe Zemanovich**. There were no guests or visiting Rotarians.

First on the docket was, as usual, **Brenda**, to give us an update on our club's Community Service activities. She confirmed that she was able to give **Vicki Horsfield** ten Dictionaries4Life before she left to return to Guatemala.

"Last Wednesday we were six who attended the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation's luncheon to express their appreciation for the help they receive from volunteers.

"They also have a newsletter and there is a picture of **Joe** and one of **Rosie** from last year's event.



"They are also making a video and last Thursday, we were set up right here in this room at the hotel. From the Foundation there were Carol and a video guy. From our club we were **Lawrence, Cameron, Joe** and myself. We had our Rotary banner. It will come out next February or March on the Foundation's website. Great PR for Rotary and our club.

"Friday, the 27th will be a busy day for our Community Service volunteers. We will be delivering dictionaries to Saint-Gabriel's school in the Point. And we will be 5 volunteers working in the grocery store at **Welcome Hall Mission**.

"The **West Island Mission** has an upcoming event, a toy drive. I have let them know that we will be purchasing toys for the five groups that they are asking for. There will also be opportunities to help set up for the event, a day when parents will come and choose an appropriate toy for their child. The dates will be November 30th and December 7th and 8th from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm. The help they need will also include clean-up and transport of the remaining toys back to their warehouse.

"We'll be 7 members assisting at Ste-Anne's hospital, to set up Christmas decorations, November 29th from 9 am to 3 pm.

"I spoke with the Dorval Community Centre to offer again to donate 12 Christmas baskets and this year I hope to include gift cards for Walmart and Maxi. Although it's nice to get the food baskets, it's also nice to be able to go shopping.

"We also have some work to do to invite other area Rotary clubs to enjoy our visit from **Aislin** on December 4th, an evening meeting. We will need a larger room, to accommodate what we hope will be many more Rotarians from other clubs."

Cameron spoke up to tell us that, on the District 7040 website, there is an event calendar available to all district clubs. "I took the opportunity to put our Oyster Party on that calendar and will be happy to do the same with our special program on December 4th featuring Montreal cartoonist Aislin."

Brenda also pointed out that while places like the Welcome Hall Mission are difficult to get to with the many detours as you try to negotiate your way into Montreal, "there are many local food banks that would be happy to have our help as well. There's **On Rock**, 9554 Gouin Blvd W., Pierrefonds, who need assistance Mondays and Tuesdays, from 9 to 12. The **West Island Mission**, 139 Labrosse, Pointe-Claire, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-4 pm.

Joe Zemanovich had a question about the activities of our **Youth Committee**. Lawrence suggested he watch for **Rosie's** report in his email, and feel free to ask Rosie questions when the Committee Chairs will accept feedback from the audience.

Stan gave us an update on our Oyster Party. "Sell or give out your tickets to family and friends. The more tickets we have out there the better our attendance will be. And remember, you will only be charged for tickets that are used at the door. It's a fun night, with a band, beer and wine included in the price of \$70 and, for those who are not big fans of oysters, we will have lots of other food available, including

pizza, cold cuts and Andy's famous oyster chowder. That's why we can claim that ours is the best oyster party on the West Island.

Maureen told us that she and Lawrence have decided to donate the dolls to NOVA West Island, to relieve **Brenda** of the stress of having less money to spend on Community than she would like to have. There are about \$2,000 worth of dolls.

"On Friday and Saturday Lawrence and I made two trips to NOVA to deliver 500 dolls. I've got an email here from Marie-France Juneau, thanking us and our Rotary club for this wonderful donation of dolls that they can sell in their thrift shop and from their headquarters on Beaconsfield Blvd. I went to NOVA on Saturday. Some of the dolls were \$1; others were \$30."

Brenda said it would be nice to have a picture of some of these dolls. [Happy to oblige, Brenda. I have several more. If you'd like to see them, let me know. *Bill*]



Maureen continued, "Having taken over the membership committee, I will again be calling all members who are seemingly unable to get to our Tuesday noon-hour meetings. Some have told me they are pleased that we also offer an evening meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, and that they always try to attend that one."

Lawrence said we received a thank-you note from Transforming Faces, informing us that our donation of \$439 has permitted two operations to correct cleft lip on children in Third World countries, thanks to a follow-up by **Knud**.

Cameron conducted the 50:50 draw but we did not have a winner, so this week the pot will be over \$500.

Knud reminded us that we have decided to hold an auction next May, to give our service committees the working capital they will need in Rotary year 2019-2020. "**Art Surette** is the Chair of the auction committee," he said, "but as his sidekick I would like to tell you a bit about it. You all received some small forms asking for suggestions for auction items, experiences, et cetera. Please also suggest names of companies that might be interested in giving us some advertising. I will collect them later."

He told the old folk tale called "Stone Soup" in which hungry travellers bring a large empty pot to a village, fill it with water from a nearby stream, drop a large stone in it and place it over a fire. One villager asks what they're doing. "We're making stone soup and it tastes wonderful," the travellers reply, adding that they would be happy to share with the villager, "but it needs a bit of garnish to improve the flavour." The villager looks forward to enjoying a share of the soup and does not mind parting with a few carrots, which are added to the soup. As other villagers come to look they, too, add ingredients. Finally, the stone is removed and the soup is enjoyed by travellers and villagers alike. The moral, of course, is that stone soup can bring people together to the benefit of all.

He reminded us that a recent guest speaker, **Kim Fuller**, told us an important fact. If everyone gets involved in a fundraiser it will be successful. "So that's what I'm asking now, that every member get involved in this auction. If we all pitch in, we will raise \$25,000.

"Auctioneer Scott has once again agreed to donate his services. Jesper, who has done the printing has also confirmed that he will do it again. And **Kelly** has also confirmed she will again do all the artwork—and send it to us electronically, as she will be leaving in December. All we need now are good prizes, advertisers and ticket sales."

He distributed a list of potential auction items—restaurants, overnight stays at hotels and B&Bs, sport prizes, overseas trips and other attractions, which will be emailed to all members.

He also offered examples of letters to potential donors, adding that in most cases an English letter will suffice. "But make it a personal letter, even by hand if you like. That always works best."

He reviewed the lists, which also contained a suggested Fair Market Value for each item.

"It's important we start now," he reminded us. "Get the name of the owner or manager. They are all available on the Internet."

Asked if we have a date, Knud said we have asked the hotel if Friday, May 31st, 2019 is available and we are awaiting their reply.

Brenda suggested we ask speakers to consider donating a prize or to come to the auction as a participant. "We should also solicit organizations we have given donations to."

Lawrence thanked Knud for his very thorough approach to what we need to do to achieve a successful fundraiser.

Brenda has reminded 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 Chupleau will be doing the previous week, to benefit The Lachine Hospital Foundation:

An evening with renowned Montreal cartoonists **Serge Chupleau** 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

