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

[Evening meeting] **David Leroux-Petersen**, Charles River Laboratories Canada, will tell us about his organization's **Outreach Programs and Initiatives**.

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries...*

**Happy Anniversary, Stan & Anita, Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>!**

**Happy Birthday, David..... Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>!**

**Happy Birthday, Bob Habib .....Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>!**

## *Future Programs...*

November is Rotary Foundation Month

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

Nov 20: T.B.D.

Nov 27: T.B.D.

## *Special Events...*

### *Last week's meeting...*

We were 17 members present to discuss reports from the members of our Board of Directors.

We were pleased to welcome **Wayne, Lawrence, Maureen, Esin, Kelly-Anne, Stan, PDG Bill, Joe Maxwell, Anne Myles Brown, Knud, Brenda, Emily, Cameron, Deniz, David** and **Joe Zemanovich**. We were also pleased to welcome one guest, **Yvonne Loddo**, invited by **Kelly**.

**Lawrence** presided.

The first report to be discussed was the Financial Statement from **Semi. Knud** asked why we purchased a page in the Montreal-Lakeshore University Women's Club to advertise their scholarship fund. **Brenda** replied that it was good PR exposure for Rotary and our club, and the cost was only \$350 so, in her opinion, it was money well spent.

**Wayne** agreed, pointing out that he had recently attended a fundraising breakfast by NOVA, where he was approached by a member of MLUWC and thanked me as a Rotarian for our support of their fundraising scholarship brochure.

**Brenda** added that, when members pay their club dues, we will have more money in the coffers to support **community service** activities.

**Knud** suggested that we ask the MLUWC to respond in kind by advertising in our 2019 auction brochure.

The next report to be discussed was the **Youth** committee.

Although **Rosie** was not present, a question was asked about Amcal awards. Why is there an Amcal grant of \$500, plus 4 Amcal awards, at \$500 each, in our Youth budget? It was suggested that the total number of Amcal awards we present will depend on our final budget for Youth, but allotting \$2,500 of our Youth budget to Amcal students seems a little excessive. **Cameron** said he had suggested to Rosie that she

convene a meeting of the Youth Committee, so we can thrash out the best way to spend our budgeted fund for Youth.

**Joe Zemanovich** suggested we should spend more time working with West Island College, where we have had an Interact club for many years now. **Deniz** replied, on Rosie's behalf, that we have tried to get a working relationship with WIC, to no avail up to now. "They are simply not interested in having Rotary involved in their student clubs, even if the Interact club was started by the Rotary club." **Bill** suggested that he might be able to help there, as he has a granddaughter who is a student at WIC and he has met with some of the teachers. He will see if he can arrange a meeting with the teacher or counsellor who is in charge of students' community service activities.

**Lawrence** asked if anyone had any questions for **Esin** (International). **Joe Zemanovich** asked if scholarship grants are still available for students who wish to study at one of five universities around the world. Lawrence replied that they're called Rotary Peace Fellowships and they are still available, as are Global Grant scholarships for the academic year 2019-20.

**Lawrence** asked if there were any questions for **Maureen**, Membership Chair.

**Maureen** said she had a sad announcement to make: "**Jennifer Neville** has tendered her resignation. She will say her goodbyes at the Oyster Party Friday. But she told me she will carry on working for the club. So we haven't actually accepted her resignation. We'll try to come to some resolution on Friday. I will keep members informed. There are others for whom I do not have full information about their membership status. Nikita Moriarity, for example.

**Stan** said there are members who did not get badges yet. "I arrange for badges and I haven't had a request for a while. For example, I have not had badges made for those former Hudson club members who have transferred to our club. **David** admitted that he did not have a badge yet. Stan replied that he will arrange for badges for David and the Lefrançois, Louis-Philippe, Patrick and Raymonde. It was pointed out to Maureen that the cost of badges is not a committee expense but is a club operational expense.

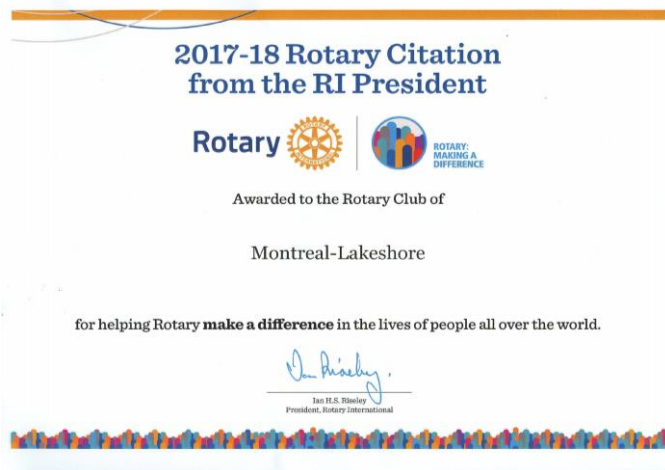
**Wayne** summarized the task assignments for Friday's Oyster Party, commenting that "everything is in good order and ready for what we hope will be a well-attended event. It will all depend now on ticket sales, so if everyone sold the tickets they received, we should have a good crowd. Last year we had 221 participants who paid. Including others, like the band, we had about 240 people total passing through the doors. We have had excellent advertising of the event in West Island news media." **Knud** asked if we have email addresses for all attendees. Wayne replied that "we have a place on the tickets to add that information, but not everyone does, but we also have our event on social media, like Facebook, thanks to **Kelly-Anne**, so I believe we are well-covered in that respect. It has been 38 years that our Oyster Party has been going on, in various locations."

"Over the years we have raised many thousands of dollars; this event has been an excellent fundraiser for our club."

Wayne was asked what sort of payment would be accepted at the door. "Cash, cheque or plastic (Visa or Mastercard only)" he replied. "We are grateful also to the City of Baie d'Urfé for the use of the property and to the Rescue Squad members who now do all the hard work, like setting up the tables, taking them down and cleaning up after the party's over. I remember years past when we were often there until 2 in the morning doing all that.

"And I don't want to forget to thank some of our own members who do something special. Like **Andy**, who has been making his Oyster Chowder, and **Anne**, who has volunteered to serve it.

**Cameron** told us he went to the District Conference the past weekend, October 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> where he was pleased to accept from 2017-18 DG Sue Bellor, the **2017-18 Rotary Citation from the RI President**, pictured below:



"Of the 70-odd clubs in our district, only 13 won this award."

Cameron also said that **Joe Tabet** was there and showing a lot of pictures in the Friendship Room. Joe replied that he had about 60 visitors, Rotarians from Ontario and New York State as well as Quebec, so he was very pleased with the interest shown in HPIC.

Cameron said he would come back at a later date with information from the District Conference. "There were over 100 delegates who generated close to 200 different ideas, which will all be sent to me. Ideas about how to get members, how to retain members, the kinds of programs should we have within Rotary and many others. Lawrence and I will choose 3 or 4 of them that we think our club will want to do something with. This was all done with hi-tech: we were 20 tables linked together with a tablet on each table monitored from a main table in the front. Everything was also put up on two large screens, so we could watch what was going on. Translations that were not yet available at the conference will be completed and sent to the French-speaking clubs.

**Bill** had a story for us.

"A young ventriloquist puts on a show in a small town. With his dummy on his knee, he starts going through his usual dumb blonde jokes.

"Suddenly, a blonde woman from the audience stands on her chair and starts shouting, 'I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes. What makes you think you can stereotype blonde women that way? What does the color of a woman's hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It's men like

you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community, and from reaching our full potential as people. It's people like you that make others think that all blondes are dumb. You and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes but women in general, pathetically, all in the name of humor!"

"The young ventriloquist, visibly embarrassed, begins to apologize, and the blonde interrupts yelling, 'You stay out of this, Sir. I'm talking to that little jerk on your lap.'"

**Cameron** told us, "There's \$512 in the kitty if someone finds the Ace of Spades today. If not, the pot will continue to accumulate and might make somebody very happy when they are buying Christmas presents."

**David** won the right to find the Ace of Spades but he turned over the Two of Diamonds instead.

Lawrence had one final announcement. Our club used to have a golf tournament every year, that raised around \$12,000 which was split between West Island Palliative Care, West Island Women's Shelter and Cheshire Holmes. But due to circumstances the golf tournament stopped.

Wayne tells me that the Lion's club holds a golf tournament every June in aid of Cheshire Holmes. He asked if we would be interested in partnering with the Lions at this event.

I believe it would be beneficial to our club for two reasons:

- 1--The people who enjoyed playing could again be involved.
- 2--This would be our club's donation to Cheshire Holmes,

meaning Brenda would no longer have to include them in her community budget.

**Wayne** added that this event should raise up to \$6,000 for Cheshire Foundation. Those present approved the idea.

**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 Chapleau will be doing the previous week, to benefit The Lachine Hospital Foundation:

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

