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This Week's Program...

[Evening meeting] Our annual **Alan Liddiard Public Speaking** contest.

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

Happy birthday, Brenda..... Saturday, April 6th!

Happy birthday, Gerry Zemanovich . Saturday, April 6th!

Happy birthday, Pam Neville Saturday, April 6th!

Happy birthday, Margaret Martin Monday, April 8th!

Future Programs...

Apr 9: We will be attending a special volunteers' lunch at Ste Anne's Veterans Hospital, 305 Boulevard des Anciens-Combattants, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, QC H9X 1Y9, hosted by **Tania Shand**. As there is no cost for the lunch, it was suggested members make a voluntary donation towards the cost of at least 1 more life-like cat for patients suffering from Alzheimer's.

Apr 16: Our speaker will be Ian Moodie of WE CARE Home Health Services. His topic will be "Crisis in Senior Care."

Apr 23: **No Meeting** (Tuesday following Easter).

Special Events...

May 31: Our annual **AUCTION**, organized by **Art** and **Knud**.

Last Week's Meeting...

Our speaker was **Captain Tony Brown** of the Baie d'Urfé Rescue Squad, who told us about his organization.

Present were **Wayne, Lawrence, Maureen, Andy, Esin, Stan, PDG Bill, Joe Maxwell, Sola, Knud, Brenda, Cameron, Anthony, David** and **Joe Zemanovich**. We were also pleased to welcome **Kathleen Baker**, guest of Andy.

Cameron chaired the meeting and asked if anyone had a message to share.

Maureen spoke about items needed for our upcoming auction. "We need items we can put into our International Food Basket. If you have been abroad recently, or if you have other sources of international food items, please donate them. Many grocers have specialty food aisles or areas where you can find just the kind of things we need.

"We will also need spotters for auction night. I've asked Rosie if she can get some help from Rotaractors. And I have sent an email out and received four replies. I'll send out another but if anyone can help, if even for half-an-hour on auction night, it will be very much appreciated.

"I also need vouchers to hang on the Lucky Tree. These are small in value, usually ten or fifteen dollars, from places like McDonalds, The Dollar Store and the like. If you or someone

donate a lottery ticket or two (Lotto Max tickets are only \$5 each), it will truly be a Lucky Tree!"

Cameron next called on **Wayne**, who reminded us that a few weeks back we talked about our club joining forces with the West Island Lions Club for a golf tournament. It will be held in Vaudreuil; the cost will be \$125 per person. The only problem I see is the timing, Saturday, June 8th. It might be considered to be too close to the auction which, as you know, is Friday, May 31st. But if there are a few things left over from the auction, perhaps we can use them as door prizes at the golf tournament. Meanwhile, we need to sell some ads and hole sponsorships. I'm only looking for 30 to 40 golfers from the Rotary club and 30 to 40 from the Lions club. The Board agreed that the proceeds from the golf tournament will go to Cheshire Foundation. That will leave Brenda's Community Service committee more money to distribute among her other commitments. Last year, with just the Lions club, with 60 people we raised \$6,000.

"It's not an expensive golf tournament. The \$125 will get you your round of golf, your cart and the meal following the golf. I'll be back with more information in the coming weeks."

Cameron asked **Anthony** how tickets sales for the auction were going. Anthony asked the audience, "Who's bought tickets?" No hands went up. "That's how it's going," he observed. "We need two things for a successful auction—desirable items to be auctioned and enough people attending who love to bid at an auction. It would be great if every member could give more thought to who among their family and friends they could cajole into coming."

Knud added, "Within two weeks we will have the electronic copy of our auction catalogue, thanks to **Kelly-Anne**, so you can email it to all your friends and relations to invite them to come. There are forty items to be auctioned off, and they're super! We are going to make money if you all work on getting enough of the right kind of people to attend."

Lawrence reminded us that Tuesday, April 2nd, will be our **Alan Liddiard Public Speaking Contest**. "So far, we have 33 people who have confirmed their attendance, so it should be a great evening.

"The week after we'll be going to **Ste-Anne's Hospital**. I have confirmed that we will be at least 20 people. Voluntary donations should be made next Tuesday, the 2nd, so we can present our cheque to Ste-Anne's. If you are going to donate via cheque, make it payable to Rotaide Foundation because our cheque to their foundation will be a Rotaide cheque. If you want a donation charged to your Rotary club invoice, please let **Maureen** know, and she will tell **David**."

Bill pointed out that, for all donations made by cheque payable to the Montreal-Lakeshore club, he will need a club cheque payable to Rotaide. "I can attest to the value of Ste-Anne's as a convalescent hospital. It's an amazing place! Moreover, they told me if I wanted to stay beyond the 30 days, the

cost would be fifteen dollars a day. That's \$450 a month for room and board! Three big meals a day, just amazing!"

Brenda was up next. "Cameron and I had our radio gig last Tuesday, on Jewel, 106.7 FM, with **Rhonda Massad**. Cameron was on at 4:15 and I was on at 4:45, for 3 minutes each. It's surprising how much you can pack into 3 minutes, but you have to say enough to hold people's interest. We're invited to go back any time and we will. So, when we have an event, such as our auction, we can speak to Rhonda. We have made a very good connection with her and she will be a great PR person for our club.

"**Rosie** and I are doing a walk-a-thon on behalf of Welcome Hall Mission on April 27th, a Saturday. You might get a request to sponsor us.

"We're going to volunteer at The Teapot Seniors Centre in Lachine, who will be having Easter High Tea, on April 25th.

"I bought chocolates for the Deniz-Benjamin Viger residents and we'll be delivering them in the next couple of weeks. We may even stay for their bingo game.

"Lastly, I'm planning to go to Cornwall on April 7th for the Grants Management Seminar and District Training Assembly."

Maureen said she and **Helen** were also going.

Brenda reminded us that we would be helping out at the **Old Brewery Mission** on June 20th.

Wayne introduced our guest speaker. "**Tony Brown** is a member of our **Baie d'Urfé Rescue Squad**. He is an accountant by trade, and a volunteer extraordinaire. He not only volunteers with our Rescue Squad, he also volunteers with the Baie d'Urfé Citizens Association. He's becoming the new editor of the monthly magazine, News and Views. If you need something done and you are looking for someone to do it, you call on Tony. He is also a fully qualified First Responder, and he wants to become an instructor."

Tony began by reminding us that, "The last time I was here was almost exactly two years ago. [It was April 4th, 2017. Ed.]

"A couple of things have changed since then. I now have a senior pin and an extra stripe. I had a promotion so I'm a Captain now.

"I'd like to take a slightly different approach to what we do in the Rescue Squad. I will give you an update on our numbers and dashboard and so forth. But I'd also like to talk a little bit about volunteering generally because I think that relates very much to what you do as Rotarians. Both the Rescue Squad and Rotary are service organizations. We are all volunteers.

"I would like to show you why people join our Rescue Squad and why they stay. We have 25 members now but over a decade we do get some turnover. We have been around since 2006 and during that time I think I have read every application for membership and they all say, almost without exception, I would like to join the Rescue Squad because I want to give back to the community. But, you know, there are many ways to give back to the community. So why do people come to us? What is it about Rescue Squad that interests people the most? That's what I want to talk about to you today.

"I'll give you an update on who we are and what we do. First of all, we are located in the beautiful town of Baie d'Urfé, right beside the fire station. We have a very nice headquarters, near the intersection of Morgan Road and highway 20. The area of our town that we serve the most is in the residential section. But we not only in Baie d'Urfé. Over the last few years, and this is something that Wayne has really enhanced in our organization, is our exposure across the West Island. We have really grown. We've been involved in the Roxboro ribfest,

Pointe-Claire, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Kirkland, Beaconsfield. Really the whole area of the West Island and sometimes even Montreal. Wayne and my colleagues got involved with the Saint-Patrick's day parade.

"Wayne is our director. George Motz and I are co-Captains. George is Captain, Operations; I am Captain, Administration. Deirdre Ware is our Treasurer and our Quartermaster is Julius Csabai and Kenneth Forse is Associate Quartermaster.

"One of the most interesting features about our Rescue Squad is that we cover almost all age groups, from 18 years of age and up. This picture was taken at Winterfest in February.



"The youngest member of our squad is **Victoria**. She's the girl in the middle.

"Back in November, at the Veterans' Hospital, we helped the vets celebrate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One."

Tony went on to tell us about many other things that the Rescue Squad gets into, such as:

- Flood relief – Baie d'Urfé, Pointe-Claire, Roxboro, Pierre-fonds, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue.
- First response for public safety at local and regional events, such as school sports events (track-and-field, etc.)
- Baie-d'Urfé Days – traffic management.
- The Alexander Von Humboldt School brings in 2,300 people.
- Emergency Relief with the Red Cross. Red Cross Volunteers at local flood relief situations such as Roxboro.
- The Sûreté-du-Québec has closed its Search-and-Rescue operations, putting more pressure on local volunteers, such as us, to get involved.
- Coast Guard. "We have our own boat and we cover a very large area, from Baie-d'Urfé to Beaconsfield to Beauharnois, down to the Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue locks.
- Neighbourhood Watch and Citizens-on-Patrol.

Tony was thanked by **Stan**.

