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A \$30 Million Wake-up Call in Red Deer!

Jim Pollard's regular morning quickly turned into something extraordinary. While getting ready for work, Jim decided to check his work group's LOTTO 6/49 tickets. The morning newspaper hadn't arrived yet, so he decided to go to the Western Canada Lottery Corporation's website for the Wednesday, November 16th draw results.

"The first ticket didn't have anything, and then I looked at the bottom line of another ticket," he said. "The numbers all matched perfectly!" The LOTTO 6/49 Quick Pick ticket matched all six numbers to win the \$30 Million Jackpot!

Jim double-checked the numbers and the draw date and then called his wife over. By that time, it was only 6:15 in the morning. He thought that maybe he could go to work for the day and inform the other six group members when he saw them. "But I couldn't hold it any longer," Jim admits. "I woke them all up!"

By 7:30 a.m. the entire group was assembled at work and verified the ticket as a winner. "We're a bunch of jokesters," one member said. "There was an 80 percent chance it was a joke," chimed in another.

The group of instructors called their boss to tell her the good news. However, one of the members, Len Aucoin, had some plans for the day that even winning millions of dollars couldn't postpone.

"I went to class and made them write a test," Len said, to a chorus of laughs from the group. "Then I told them that they would all pass," he added, to further chuckles.

The group rented a limo to drive them from Red Deer to the St. Albert Prize Office later that day to present the winning ticket and begin the prize claim process. The winning ticket was sold at Deer Park Co-op located at 69 Dunlop Street in Red Deer.

At the time of their prize claim, the group members were uncertain what they'd do with their newfound riches and whether or not they planned to continue teaching. Some of the newly-minted Millionaires have taught at the same college for 23 years. "I'll keep my commitment to my students," Len said.

"I want to make sure I'm set," said Jim.

The group members are: James (Jim) Pollard – Trustee, Dean Wigmore, Robert Baumbach, Brian Berge, Brian Stephenson, Ralph Hunter and Len Aucoin.

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