



A group of four, including local woman Lynn Caiger, won \$500,000 earlier this month.

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Local woman wins \$500,000 in group

A Georgetown woman in a group of four lottery players cashed in big earlier this month as her ticket was a \$500,000 winner in the Lotto Max Maxmillions game.

The group picked up its windfall at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto on Monday.

Once a week, each member of the group, which began playing the lottery as co-workers, takes a turn buying the tickets.

We won on a Free Play. The day following the draw I went to the mall to check our numbers. I had absolutely no clue what was about to happen, said Georgetown's Lynn Caiger.

I used the ticket checker first and saw the words, Big Winner \$500,000 flash on the screen. Immediately I thought, No way! I scanned the ticket again and then handed the ticket over to the retailer for validation. I was shaking. After the retailer validated the ticket, OLG called the store to speak with me.

Next, Caiger called each group member, one at a time. Jane (Gair of Waterdown) was at home and she didn't believe me at first. I was able to reach Derek (Knieling of Oakville) by text. And Jeff (Croft of Oakville) was at the rink with his son when he got the call. I was in a fog for a few days after the win, replaying that moment when I found out that we had a winner. The best part was calling my friends in the group with the good news.

Plans are already underway for the group's windfall. Right away, I am thinking about a big family trip, somewhere warm, shared Caiger.

Travel is also on Gair's mind.

Somewhere adventurous and different is my dream vacation maybe Africa or Australia.

And a different kind of travel destination is also at the top of the list for Croft.

We have a young family and I would love to whisk my wife away on a trip just for us two Napa Valley in California would be fantastic.

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