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Players Win Big With Non-Jackpot Powerball Prizes

What Would You Do With an Extra \$50,000?

TRENTON (Jan. 6, 2017) – Powerball jackpots begin at \$40,000,000 and climb even higher with each drawing. Along the way, the game offers opportunities to win big cash prizes of \$50,000 up to \$1 million, or even \$2 million, if a ticket is purchased with the Power Play Multiplier option. The Multiplier option is an additional dollar per \$2 ticket.

Ling Yu Tong from East Windsor experienced the thrill of a \$50,000 win when his ticket matched four of the five white balls and the Powerball drawn for the Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016 drawing. Tong is a cashier at Hightstown Liquors & Wines, 107 Stockton St., Hightstown in Mercer County where he bought the ticket. He has worked at the store for eight years. Recently, a new owner purchased the store and added a New Jersey Lottery machine to his product offering.

Tong said that he didn't often play Lottery, but the evening before the draw he thought to himself, "Maybe I'll play today." He bought one ticket for the drawing. The following day, a customer told him that someone had purchased a winning ticket from his store. So, with each new customer he asked if they had the winning ticket. After finding no winners by Tuesday of the following week, he decided to check his ticket. He scanned the ticket and to his surprise he realized that he was holding the winning ticket.

Tong shared the news with joy with his wife. As father to two young children, he said that they would pay off some bills and save the rest for future needs. If that ticket had been purchased with the Power Play Multiplier option, it would have been worth \$100,000.

"Congratulations to Mr. Tong and to all of the Powerball players who purchased winning tickets and to the retailers that sold them," said Carole Hedinger, New Jersey Lottery executive director. "I'd like to remind players to purchase their Powerball tickets with a winning attitude and add Power Play to the ticket purchase. Power Play doubles the second prize from one million dollars to two million dollars and multiplies all of the seven lower prize sets available in the game by the number drawn that evening. The jackpot prize is not multiplied."

ABOUT THE LOTTERY

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