



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

February 20, 2018

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Theme: World Understanding

Program Chair:
Lorne Braithwaite

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Sgt-at-Arms	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Feb 27	Peggy Clark	Kent Creelman	Bryan Tastad	Joe Dierker	Wayne Pearson <i>Prairie Sun Orchard</i>	TBA	TBA

Announcements

- Peggy Clark reported that 32 votes were cast on the merger proposal with 23, or 71.88% in favor of proceeding and 9 or 12.12% opposed.
- The Rotary Club of Gimli invites us to its 50th anniversary celebration on April 7, 2018.
- The Badge Shield Star Dinner will be held April 12 at Prairieland. Proceeds support RAP. Bob Devrome reported that the dinner's guest speaker Kevin Lamoureux will put on a seminar related to Truth and Reconciliation on the morning of April 12.
- The district conference will be held in Regina May 24-27. Those who register by March 15 will get an early bird discount.
- Candace Odishaw prepared the duty roster for January to the end of June which is attached to this newsletter. Please arrange a substitute if you are unable to make your shift.
- Program coordinators for the balance of the year are:
March - Jim Gillis
April - Bryan Harvey
May - Asit Sarkar
June - Candace Odishaw

This Week's Program Highlights

Prelude - Larry Neely

Chair - Walt Pawlovich

Desk - Norm Woodcock

Rotary \$ and Co-op Cards - Bill Sinnett

O Canada and Rotary Grace - Betty Ann Arcscott

Make-ups - (Note: You will only be credited with a make-up if you record it on the make-up sheet.)

Visitors - Greeter Lorne Braithwaite welcomed:

- Guest speaker Cam Merkle and his partner Lori Merkle.
- Lorne's mother Doreen Braithwaite.

Program - Cam Merkle - Razortip Industries



Lorne Braithwaite introduced Cam Merkle who spoke about his journey to become a champion bird carver, photographer, inventor and owner of Razertip Industries which supplies carvers all over the world with fine quality wood burning and carving tools. Cam grew up in Saskatoon and always marched to the beat of his own drum. He developed an early interest in wildlife and started carving when he was about 6. A bird carving seminar in Winnipeg in 1983 was a life changing experience for Cam. He eventually quit his job at a photo studio and made his living as a bird carver and a teacher of bird carving. Lorne Braithwaite's gift store in Regina was one of the galleries which carried his products. Cam became aware that the available wood burning tools used in defining the feathers on carved birds were not very reliable, so he designed and built his own. Others liked his tools so much he founded Razertip Industries which now has a 14,000 square foot shop and studio in Martensville and employs 18 people! For more information on Razertip Industries visit the website <https://www.razertip.com/> .

50/50 Draw - Candace Odishaw coordinated the 50/50 draw. Peggy Clark won the pot of \$21.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Sergeant-at-Arms Larry Neely kept order with difficult questions that resulted in a large number of fines. Happy/sad dollars included Joe Dierker for help received from Lorne Braithwaite at Richardson Lighting, Lorne Braithwaite for Cam's presentation, and Jack Scott for his golf trip to Florida.

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