



January 10, 2017

Editor: Bryan Tastad

**January 2017 Theme:
Vocational Service**

**Program Chair:
Jim Blackburn**

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Sgt-at-Arms	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Jan 17	Bryan Harvey	Eileen Harvey	Bryan Tastad	Kim Horan	George Sofko <i>Changing Weather on Ground and in Space</i>	Jim Blackburn	Bill Sinnett
Jan 24	Dorothy Hudson	Boris Kishchuk	Bryan Tastad	Randy Kutcher	Harley Carlson/ Angie Bugg <i>Carbon Tax</i>	Jim Blackburn	Betty Ann Arscott
Jan 31	Bob MacGillivray	Larry Neely	Bryan Tastad	Candace Odishaw	Barry Brown <i>Beekeeping</i>	Bob Devrome	Joe Dierker

Announcements

- President Peggy asked for volunteers to serve on the club's board of directors.
- The club received a card of thanks from Saskatoon Search and Rescue.
- Jack Scott asked members to update their roster information. Please review the information attached to this newsletter and let Jack know of needed changes.
- Jack also thanked those who helped with the Enchanted Forest. Thanks to the work of Jack, Bill Christensen and the other helpers, the club earned \$5,714 through the project!
- The Rotary Club of Saskatoon is planning a 100th anniversary event for August 2017. They have invited all city clubs to participate in order to make it a celebration of 100 years of Rotary in Saskatoon. The RI President will come for a dinner on August 17 and the club hopes to fund construction of a gazebo in Rotary Park. If you would like to be on the planning committee, please let Peggy know.
- Bryan Tastad reported that a "100 Years of Rotary in Saskatoon" audio visual presentation is being planned for the August 17 dinner. Each club is asked to suggest three or four highlights that could be included in the presentation. Items suggested for our club included: walk-a-thon that raised \$50,000 for the YMCA building construction; working with the City of Saskatoon on trail development before the creation of Meewasin Valley Authority; development of the Beaver Creek conservation area; personal emergency response system; development of wells in Mozambique; shipment of container of medical equipment to Ukraine; construction of school in Haiti; Belize school; Rotary Park/Peace Plaza; Oskayak scholarships. If you have any other suggestions, please convey them to Bryan Tastad.
- Bill Sinnett has \$100 Co-op gift cards available.
- Contact Lorne Richardson at 373-4685 with any information you have about the health and welfare of club members or their families. Lorne will arrange for an appropriate card or visit.
- Program chairs for the balance of the year are:
January - Jim Blackburn
February - Eileen Harvey

March - Lorne Braithwaite
April - Bryan Harvey
May - Asit Sarkar
June - Candace Odishaw

This Week's Program Highlights

Prelude - Larry Neely

Chair - Peggy Clark

Desk - Stan Garchinski

Rotary Dollars and Co-op Cards - Bill Sinnett

O Canada and Rotary Grace - Larry Neely

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

Visitors - Greeter Bob Devrome welcomed:

- Guest speaker Murray Scharf;
- Honorary Member Keith Downey.

Program - Murray Scharf - Saskatoon Council on Aging



Jim Blackburn introduced Murray Scharf, retired U of S professor and long time board member of the Saskatoon Council on Aging (SCOA). SCOA recently completed its first 25 years of advocacy for seniors and is looking ahead to the next 25 years. The environment for seniors is changing rapidly mainly because we are living longer. Murray cited the book *The 100 Year Life* by Lynda Andrew and Andrew Scott in discussing some of the profound changes that are occurring. A few examples are:

- In the early part of the 20th century, few people made it to retirement. In mid-century you might expect five to eight years of retirement. Today, you could be looking at 30 years or more of retirement.
- This has a big impact on pension expectations. Inevitably, people will need to work longer to be able to sustain themselves when they finally do retire.
- Instead of working for the same employer for 40 years, today's workers typically go through a career transition every eight to 10 years. This makes it more difficult to build up a pension.
- Previous generations of seniors were supported by family, community, faith groups and, perhaps, a bit by government. Today, the support provided by family and community is declining and there is a greater expectation of government involvement.
- The overall population is aging. By the year 2050, 25% of the population will be over age 65. This means there will be fewer working taxpayers funding government programs.
- Today's seniors have more money than was the case in the past and so are big players in the economy. For example, they account for high percentages of car purchases and home

renovations.

- Most houses are not built with aging in place in mind.

Murray said such changes make it more important than ever for SCOA to be advocating for seniors. Murray invited Rotarians to donate to SCOA, which lost \$75,000 in funding in the last provincial budget. Walt Pawlovich expressed the club's thanks.

50/50 Draw - Lorne Braithwaite organized the 50/50 draw. Walt Pawlovich won the pot of \$20.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Sergeant-at-Arms Candace Odishaw fined Bob Devrome for forgetting he was the greeter; those who gave Murray Scharf a hard time (there were many); and those who did not help with the Enchanted Forest. Happy/sad dollars included Jack Scott and Joe Dierker for the Enchanted Forest; Walt Pawlovich for the 50/50 draw; and Larry Neely for his long lived relations.

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