



Rotary



January 21, 2020

Editor: Bryan Tastad

**January 2020 Theme:
Vocational Service**

**Program Chair:
Bryan Tastad**

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Jan 21	Bob Devrome	Joe Dierker	Bryan Tastad	Stan Garchinski	Randy Pshebylo <i>Riversdale Business Improvement</i>	Bryan Tastad	TBA
Jan 28	Jim Gillis	Michael Gramiak	Bryan Tastad	SIMFC	<i>Visit to Nutrien Wonderhub (go to Performance Hall in lower level)</i>	TBA	TBA

Announcements

- Bryan Tastad announced that the January 28 meeting will be held at Nutrien Wonderhub (former Mendel Art Gallery building on Spadina Crescent). Free 2 hour parking is available in the parking lot adjacent to the Wonderhub. Please enter through the main doors and gather in the Performance Hall. The normal \$20 fee will apply. There will be a lunch, followed by a presentation by Wonderhub staff and a guided tour of the Wonderhub. This may be something that partners and other family may be interested in attending. Please email Bryan at bryan.tastad@gmail.com to let him know if you will be attending and whether you will be bringing guests.
- The induction of our new satellite club members will occur on Friday, January 31 at 3 p.m. at the GSA Commons (formerly College of Emmanuel and St. Chad) on campus. The satellite club regularly meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at this location from 12:15-1:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend.
- Message from Keith Downey: "Just noticed in the paper that Ted Hughes passed away. He was one of our early members and is famous for his fearless reports on social issues. Some members may remember him."
- Brenda Banbury is organizing a gathering of Rotarians to celebrate Chinese New Year at the Mandarin Restaurant on February 15 at 6 p.m. Cost will be \$30 for a 9 course meal.
- Pre-PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) training will be conducted by webinars during the period February 4-26. The annual PETS will be held March 13-15 in Russell, Man. This training is open to all.
- Plan to attend the District Conference in Kenora, Ont. May 21-24.
- President Candace Odishaw announced that the 90th anniversary gazebo planned for Rotary Park is going to cost about \$140,000, compared to the \$90,000 initial estimate. Our club has committed to contributing \$6,000 toward the project, but has indicated it is unwilling to go beyond that. Individual members, however, may be interested in making private donations.
- President Candace has complimentary meal cards available for those who want to bring a prospective member to a meeting. Every member is asked to bring one prospect to a meeting in the next month.

This Week's Program Highlights

Prelude - Larry Neely

Chair - Candace Odishaw

Desk - Joe Dierker/Bob Devrome

O Canada and Rotary Grace - Betty Ann Arscott

4 Way Test Song - Betty Ann Arscott and Stan Garchinski

Greeter - Joe Dierker welcomed:

- Guest speaker Randy Pshebylo and his partner Tammy Pshebylo, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon;
- Visiting Rotarian Brenda Banbury of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon North.

Program - Randy Pshebylo - Riversdale BID

Bryan Tastad introduced Randy Pshebylo, Executive Director of the Riversdale Business Improvement District. Randy covered some of Riversdale's history, beginning with its incorporation as a village in 1905 and merger as part of Saskatoon in 1906. Randy has been part of a Riversdale renaissance in recent years. He noted that the total assessment for the area grew from \$26 million in 2007 to \$160 million today while the vacancy rate dropped from 23% to 4%. The "crown jewel" of Riversdale is the Roxy Theatre, which celebrates its 90th anniversary this year. The Roxy is the only theatre of its kind in Western Canada and one of two in Canada. It was vacant for 10 years before Magic Lantern Theatres reopened it. In 2010, the theatre picked up the idea of showing silent movies, accompanied by an orchestra. Randy used much of his presentation to discuss the creation of a new entertainment district, including both an arena and a convention centre. He said the existing SaskTel Centre no longer meets the technical requirements for many travelling shows and Saskatoon is in danger of becoming a "fly over" city again. Where, previously, arenas were designed to get people in and out of the event as efficiently as possible, the current idea is to locate them in areas where people will come early and stay late to enjoy other amenities. He discussed the experience of several other cities and reviewed the best options available in Saskatoon's downtown/Riversdale area. Stan Garchinski expressed the club's thanks.

50:50 Draw - Lorne Braithwaite coordinated the 50:50 draw. Larry Neely won the pot of \$18.

Cheer Captain - Stan Garchinski conducted a quiz on "how well do you know Stan?" Happy/sad dollars included Larry Neely because it will be spring in two months; Bryan Tastad because his son's girlfriend is a member of the band The Garrys which composed and performed the music that accompanied the silent movie at the Roxy Theatre this fall; John Hanlin for his birthday; Lorne Braithwaite for being late to the Executive meeting; Candace Odishaw for her upcoming trip to Las Vegas; Jim Blackburn for his birthday in February; Tammy Pshebylo for the warm reception she received at the meeting; and Stan Garchinski for an upcoming trip to Mexico.

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Membership - Betty Ann Arscott

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New Generations - Michael Gramiak

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