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Duty Roster

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Duty Roster for Monday, July 13, 2009

Greeter - Will Arscott

Cashier - Craig Bender

Visitors and Guests - Scott Byers

Grace- Frank Garritty

Food cards - Dave Sundby

Please be at your posts no later than 11:45 a.m. **If you cannot fulfill your volunteer duties, please arrange for a fellow Rotarian to replace you.**

Meeting July 6, 2009

by Joy Adams Bauer

President-Elect Bernie opened the meeting and Wayne McGillivray led us in singing O'Canada. **Mark Gryba** offered the grace. Bernie welcomed back Mary Beckett and Kevin Wilson.

Visitors & Guests - **Joanne Fisher** introduced

- **John Brennan** - a Rotarian visiting from Edmonton
- **Julia Milton** - our outbound Rotary youth exchange student who is leaving Saskatoon at the end of July for a one-year exchange to Sweden.

Julia took the podium to speak briefly about herself. She is a very impressive young woman who found out about the youth exchange program through her high school and is extremely excited about participating in a life altering program. Sweden was her first choice and she will spend her year in a small fishing village. Julia speaks French, competes on the provincial biathlon team, has been involved in Air Cadets for many years, and has been flying gliders since last summer. She will attend a week-long language school in Stockholm and plans to be functionally trilingual upon her return to Canada. She sounds like a terrific ambassador for Canada and Saskatoon!

Sergeant and Happy Dollars

Wayne McGillivray began his Sergeant's report by commending Peter Whitenect and all members involved with the Restorative Action Program (RAP). "It's the best community program I've ever seen in my many years of involvement with Rotary." Everyone in attendance happily paid a dollar to celebrate the work of RAP.

- **Mark Gryba** gave a happy dollar for his talented sons and football.
- **Joy Adams Bauer** was very happy to see Mary Beckett and Kevin Wilson and spoke of Peter's selfless work for Rotary and the youth of this city. Peter is supposed to be retired!! He's working just as hard now as he ever was.
- **Harold Baker** is happy that he recently celebrated his 82nd birthday.
- **Peter Sheil** is very thankful for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and the fact that previous exchange students Laurence and Konstatine will soon be in Saskatoon for a visit.
- **Mary Beckett** is thrilled to be back! We are thrilled to have her back!
- **Wes Jamison** recently returned from an Alaskan cruise and also noted that his nephew (who is a dancer originally from North Battleford) was to have toured with Michael Jackson. He's happy about the cruise, but sad for his nephew and MJ.
- **President Bernie** is very happy to be President of the Club.

Irv Bender won the draw for a free lunch.

Program July 6, 2009

by Joy Adams Bauer

Update on Rotary Restorative Action Program (RAP)

Peter Whitenect gave a very comprehensive update on our club's premiere local community service project - the Restorative Action Program. RAP has just completed 6 years! We've been operating at Mount Royal Collegiate for 6 years, Bedford Road Collegiate for 3 years, and E.D. Feehan and Bethlehem Catholic High Schools for one year. In September, RAP will expand to Walter Murray Collegiate. The program has a budget of \$353,000 and five full-time paid staff.

The program worked hard this past year on developing a new governance process. The plan has always been to make the program sustainable and community-based. RAP has been working with Saskatoon's Regional Intersectoral Committee on Human Services for the past couple of years on governance. Currently, there are three levels of governance represented by the following three committees:

- **Partnership committee** - funders of RAP sit on this committee. They are responsible for overall governance and

"the big picture." They include the Public and Separate school divisions, Affinity Credit Union, City of Saskatoon, United Way of Saskatoon, Saskatoon Regional Intersectoral Committee on Human Services, and the Rotary Club of Saskatoon. **Mary Beckett** and **Murray Scharf** represent our club. The Ministry of Justice recently appointed local Crown Prosecutor Grant Little to the committee.

- **Operations committee** - responsible for the day to day operations of RAP, securing funding, and putting the budget together. The principals of the schools sit on this committee along with two community members appointed by the partnership committee. **Peter Whitenect** and **Mike LeClaire** represent our club.
- **School management committees** - each school has a management committee comprised of the RAP worker and 3 Rotarians from our club.
- **Rotary RAP committee** - this is a committee of our club. It has essentially replaced what used to be our local community service committee. **Don Somers** is the chairperson and 22 other members of our club sit on this committee! This group star gazes, talks about the big issues, and the "what ifs". Meetings are insightful and invigorating.

In February 2009, a **research project** on RAP was completed. Because the program was developed by members of our club, the Rotary RAP committee wanted to find out if it was the best it could be. "Could we build a better mousetrap?" The research project confirmed that RAP is a unique and solid program. It's unique because it is built from the community UP, rather than from the government DOWN.

A recent **stakeholder session** came up with the following recommendations for the program:

- Keep it as a school-based program.
- Delivery of the program should be on demand. We will not pick a school - we will wait for a school to come to us.
- We need to identify the "core components" of the program - components that will be present in all schools offering the program. Leadership training for students should be one of those core components.
- We need a full-time paid staff person for RAP to give the program leadership into the future.
- We need to continue to address governance issues.

Winston Blake, who was our RAP worker at Bedford Road Collegiate (covering a maternity leave), has been hired from April 1st to August 31st to work with Peter and Mike LeClaire on the future development of the program. We want to move to a more preventative, proactive model. Winston's words make sense - "the more contacts you have with people, the less chance there is of

conflict."

Peter concluded by reminding members that when he feels like he is working in the dark, when he gets frustrated because of funding requirements, he just has to remember that helping young people makes it all worthwhile. RAP plays a key role in the schools in which it operates and there are many success stories.

Announcements

by Joy Adams Bauer

Monday, July 13th at 5:00 p.m. - Board of Directors meeting at the Saskatoon Club. All members are welcome to attend. Come and see your new Board in action.

Wednesday, July 15th at 7:30 a.m. - World Community Service committee meeting at the Saskatoon Club.

Thursday, August 6th at noon - Probus Club mixed golf tournament at the Warman golf course. All Rotarians are welcome! Texas scramble, power cart (\$15 a seat, walking is allowed). \$30 for 18 holes, \$18.50 for ribeye steak or chicken. For more information call Don Borne at 242-2549 or 229-8057 or by email at dlborne@hotmail.com

Wednesday, August 12th at noon - Rotary Club of Nutana golf tournament at Greenbrye Country Club. Shotgun start, \$65 (includes dinner but not a power cart). \$28 for the dinner only. Please let **Wayne McGillivray** know if you'd like to golf.

Monday, August 31st - the program committee is planning a new member welcome BBQ. Families are invited. Mark your calendar now and stay tuned for more details.

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 - Badge Shield Star Dinner at Praireland Park.

President Bernie announced that one more Shelterbox has been bought by the club. A few dollars were left over once all of our boxes were bought, and an anonymous member donated the remaining funds to purchase one more box. Thank you!

Kevin Wilson announced an upcoming Rotary Friendship Exchange to the Phillipines. Applications are invited on a "first who applied basis" for a Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) team to visit District 3800 in the Phillipines. This District includes the capital city of Manila. Our District 5550 team will make a 14-day visit to this District beginning

about January 11, 2010.

All applications must include a cheque for \$200.00 (singles \$100), which will be non-refundable except for health or medical reasons. Cheques should be made payable to the Rotary Club of Saskatoon. They will be held until a team has been selected. Subsequently, these funds will be used by the team for expenses pertaining to both parts of the Friendship Exchange.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS HAS BEEN SET FOR JULY 31, 2009.

Further details along with the official Application Form are attached to this notice and also placed on the District web site at www.rotary5550.org

Report to District Clubs & Request for Funds - International Peace Garden 9/11 Memorial Project

The following report comes to us from Rick Felstead, Past District Governor.

"At our 2008 District Conference in Saskatoon, a presentation was made outlining our proposed project at the International Peace Garden. The project is the building of a permanent site for the 9/11 Memorial. The current memorial site has been in a temporary setting since 2002 with the arrival of 10 sections of girders that were part of the World Trade Centre. This is an international project in partnership with our adjoining district, District 5580, and last year both districts agreed to raise the required \$150,000 to complete the project.

At this year's conference in Winnipeg, I was able to report that we had received \$100,000 with the recent approval of a grant from the Canada-Manitoba Building Canada Fund. This means that the project will proceed with the remaining \$50,000 of required funds to be raised by our two districts. The goal is to complete the fundraising this year, 2009.

And as expected, I am now asking clubs and individuals to contribute so we can realize our goal. The International Peace Garden is a registered non-profit organization in both countries so tax receipts for donations are available, if required. Cheques should be made out to the "International Peace Garden" and forwarded to me for processing at the address shown below. Please note on the cheque "9/11 Memorial Project". Receipts will come directly from the Peace Garden. Please

insure that a complete name and address is included for the issuing of receipts.

The timing for this project remains the same with construction starting this fall and completion next year with an official opening on Sept 11, 2010. The opening also coincides with the 100th anniversary of the year Rotary became international.

If more information is required or there are any questions please contact me directly.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your support.

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