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Meeting July 27, 2009

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President Bernie opened proceedings and called on **Wayne McGillivray** to lead the singing of O Canada and the Rotary Grace. **Kirk Fong** accompanied on the piano.

Dave Sundby introduced our visitors and guests:

- **Konstantine Rudt** who was an exchange student from Germany a few years ago. It was great to see Konstantine back in Saskatoon!
- **Tom Sargeant** - Coach of the Saskatoon Hilltops and Principal of Bedford Road Collegiate - our guest speaker.

Gary Rusu did his thing with the spoons and a very rousing version of the Hello song was sung with gusto by the majority of Rotarians in attendance.

Sergeant at Arms

Unfortunately our sergeant **Don Somers** had to leave before the meeting ended so members were "spared" any fines.

Murray Scharf won the free lunch again!! Congratulations Murray - is this a case of "the fix is in?"

Next Meeting - Aug 10, 2009

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Join us on August 10th when our District Governor Nancy Morris pays us a visit.

No meeting on August 3rd due to the long weekend.

Duty Roster

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Duty Roster for Monday, August 10, 2009

Greeter - Craig Bender

Cashier - Greg Trotter
Visitors and Guests - Ian Smith
Grace- Clare Heagy
Food cards - Clive Cory
Sergeant - Kevin Wilson

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.**

Program July 27, 2009

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Gary Kerr introduced our guest speaker Tom Sargeant.

Tom began his remarks by moving the microphone to one side. Heck, he's a football coach, former teacher and current high school principal - he doesn't need a microphone!

Tom gave a speech laden with humour, genuinely wonderful comments about young people and kudos to our club for the Restorative Action Program at Bedford Road Collegiate.

Earlier in his career Tom taught at Bedford Road and he is very pleased to be back in the school going into his second year as principal. Bedford Road Collegiate is a very special place with a long and storied history and legions of very proud graduates dating back to 1923. "RAP is really making a difference at Bedford," said Tom. The fact he does not see a line up of problem students outside his office is a testament to the program.

He made an interesting observation in comparing the students at Centennial Collegiate (where he served as vice-principal for two years), to the students at Bedford Road. Students at Centennial almost have a sense of entitlement and are much more demanding than those at Bedford. Bedford students "learn to play in the same sandbox, set boundaries and communicate well."

Tom concluded his remarks by switching hats and speaking about his 26 years of coaching with the Saskatoon Hilltops. He joked that he met his wife through the football club and that's been a definite bonus because she thinks it's normal for football to play such a large role in their lives!

The Hilltops have been around since 1946 with their slogan - "to turn boys into men." Tom and the rest of the coaching staff work with 18 to 22 year olds and even compete with the U of S Huskies for players. Last year the Hilltops were the team to beat in Canada. "Hungry and humble" was their mantra. This season they've had to replace 11 starters so the line up isn't as talented as last year, but they have "a tremendous amount of character and everything they get they will deserve," says Coach Sergeant.

Announcements

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Otto Ulrich announced that **Harold Baker** has been in hospital in order to have a stent put into his heart. He will be back in hospital this week for a second stent. Harold and Phyllis - your Rotary friends are thinking of you and wishing you a speedy recovery.

Gord Menuz wants members to know that on May 13, 2009 our Board of Directors passed the following motion: "**the charge for the Beverage Only Luncheon Option is \$7.00 effectively immediately.**"

(Editor's note) This means if you do not wish to consume a lunch, your only other option is to pay \$7.00 to enjoy coffee or tea. **This \$7 charge DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY FOOD OF ANY KIND.** All you get is liquids. If you wish to indulge in a dessert - you can't! You can only have dessert if you pay the full meal charge. Your trusty editor will be going back to hassling with the hotel for a gluten-free meal and dessert option and paying the full meal charge. I will also be keeping an eye on the dessert table and reminding members about the Four Way Test.

Wayne McGillivray gave the final call for any members interested in golfing in the Saskatoon Rotary Club District golf tournament. August 12th, 12:00 noon start at Greenbryre Golf Club. The entry is \$65.00 which includes golf and supper (power carts are extra and arranged on your own). If you'd like to come for fellowship and the meal only, the cost is \$28.00. Please contact Wayne at his office **right away if you want to participate.**

President Bernie announced that District Governor Nancy Morris would be visiting our Club on August 10. Let's have a good turnout. DG Morris will have a stimulating message for us. It's also great to have an opportunity to meet the District Governor who pretty much gives up a year of her life to Rotary in this role.

At our meeting on **August 24th**, a number of new members will be inducted. Plan to attend! These are exciting times for the Rotary Club of Saskatoon.

Bernie also announced the need for members to join our "local community service committee." This is the committee that gets to recommend to the board which local worthy causes are supported by our club. The tasks are not onerous and members have the satisfaction of helping local causes either through funding or hands on service. One member has signed up so far - how about you?? **Please let Bernie know right away of your interest.** Thanks for volunteering and putting "service above self" and living the Rotary Four Way Test.

Gary Rusu announced further details of our new member and family celebration event on Monday, August 31st. It will take place in the evening at the Forestry Farm - cost around \$20 to \$25. Members are encouraged to bring children and grandchildren - the little ones can enjoy the zoo. **No noon meeting on the 31st.**

by Al Morton PHF

From the Archives – 67 years ago

In June of 1942, the club approved the membership of Frederick S. Mendel who, in 1939, had left Europe with his family, fleeing the Nazi menace, and leaving behind a large meat packing empire and a considerable fortune. In 1940 Mendel arrived in Saskatoon and opened a new meat processing business on 11th Street West, naming it Intercontinental Packers and, by the time of his induction into the Rotary Club of Saskatoon, was already established as both a successful local businessman and one of the City's larger employers.

The club's archives also note that, in December of 1942, Fred Mendel graciously hosted a special meeting of the Club's Board of Directors at his home, where 'an excellent dinner was served'.

District News

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Here's where you can find highlights of "all the news that's fit to be news" from Rotary District 5550.

Check out the District 5550 website at http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/DxHome/_home.aspx?did=5550 for more news and be the most informed Rotarian in the District!!

International Peace Garden 9/11 Memorial Project

Rotary Districts 5550 and 5580 are currently working to raise \$50,000 by the end of 2009 to complete the 9/11 Memorial Project at the International Peace Garden. This project began in May 2002 when the Province of Manitoba initiated the construction of a memorial at the International Peace Garden.

Soon after September 2001, Manitoba received 10 sections of girders that were part of the World Trade Centre and had them transported to the Garden. A temporary memorial site was constructed with a listing of the victims and their country of origin displayed in the Peace Chapel. This site remains temporary today.

In August 2006 the idea of Rotary becoming involved and assisting in the development of a permanent memorial site was suggested by the District Governor at the time, Rick Felstead. The location and internationality of the Peace Garden, what it stands for and how this relates to Rotary's ideals of World Peace and Understanding was seen as an excellent fit for Rotary involvement.

Our district (5550) then enlisted the support of our adjacent Rotary District in North Dakota, District 5580. Both districts

agreed to raise funds as a joint international project. A design for the permanent memorial was developed. The cost for completion of the project is estimated at approximately \$150,000. To date \$100,000 in government funding has been secured. The two Districts are now in the process of raising the remaining \$50,000 by the end of 2009.

The project construction will begin in September and be completed for an official opening at a memorial service on 11 September 2010. Next year is also a significant milestone in Rotary history -it's the 100th anniversary of the year Rotary became international with the formation of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg. For answers to any questions or for more information contact:

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Rotary International Conference

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Mark your calendars now for the international convention in Montreal - June 20th to June 23, 2010.

The following message comes from Monty Audenart, Past Rotary International Vice- President and member of the Montreal Convention Committee.

Dear Rotarians,

I am writing to all Rotary clubs in Canada asking for your support. Canada will host the Rotary world at our International Convention in Montreal from June 20-23, 2010. We will be celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Canada in 2010. With your help we will host the best convention ever held in Canada or anywhere in the Rotary world!

As you may know, there is an excellent YouTube video with RI

President John Kenny inviting all Rotarians to the convention and showing the highlights of Montreal. My first request is to encourage you to view this short video clip. You will find it at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJT-a8R3oUg>.

The District Governors with clubs in Canada have committed to having at least two Rotary couples from every club in their district attend the Montreal convention. We need you as part of the team to help your governor meet this goal. Thank you for all you are doing for Rotary,

**Monty Audenart, Past RI Vice President
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