

ROTATELLER

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Meeting May 31, 2010

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President Bernie welcomed all and opened the meeting with O Canada led by **Wayne McGillivray**. The acoustics are marvellous in the Terrace Room. It made you proud to be a Canadian!

Mike LeClaire introduced the following visitors and guests:

- Visiting Rotarian **Olu Obikoya**, from the Toronto Sunrise Club
- Visiting Rotarian **Garth Courtney** from the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin
- James, Darcelle and Mallory Pearson, guests of **Graham Pearson**
- Ron Boechler, guest of **Wayne McGillivray**

Wayne started us off on our Hello song, by saying, "are we ready?" and we were indeed ready!

Thank you to all those who volunteered today.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Steve Wilson. Steve began by noting that he ran the half-marathon on Sunday. Very impressive! He fined anyone who had a family member participate in the Saskatchewan Marathon \$2. The fine was reduced to \$1 if you cheered your loved one on.

Fines were also levied for those Rotarians who have not yet paid their 2010/2011 dues. The new Rotary year begins on July 1st so please get your money to treasurer **Joanne Fisher**. Anyone who has already complained about today's rainy weather was also instructed to "pay up."

Many happy dollars were offered:

- **Graham Pearson** is happy his children and wife were able to attend today's meeting. He is also happy that they recently had five Rotarians from the UK staying with them.
- **Mark Gryba** is happy his son has completed his first two weeks of his mission in Peru; that his oldest son has just graduated with great distinction with a Bachelor of Religious Studies from the U of S; and that his youngest son was successful in joining the under 18 professional football team.
- **Peter Sheil** is happy (and likely a tad exhausted) that all 16 youth exchange students in our district spent a night at he and Bev's home. He also thanked **Dave Sunby** and **Steven Wilson** for driving the students.
- **Peter Zakreski** is just back from a trip with Elaine to Malawi. Highlights of the trip

included seeing the ambulance they bought being put to good use; meeting with 30 village chiefs; and celebrating Catholic Mass complete with a terrific choir and some chickens to add a bit of local colour! Peter also presented to President Bernie a banner from the Rotary Club of Lumbe, Malawi.

- **Wayne McGillivray** offered 20 happy bucks for the wonderful time he had volunteering at the Saskatchewan Marathon and cheering on his daughter and step-daughter. He also announced that as of 5:00 p.m. he is officially retired after a 44 year career with the RM of Corman Park. He will now be a full time Rotarian! (Editor's note -- Wayne, you are going to be a terrific president of our club).
- **Dave Sunby** is happy he will serve as President of the Saskatoon Service Club Council this coming year.
- **Vic Savoie** is happy that his back operation to deal with siatica was successful.

Floyd McNab (I think) won the free lunch.

Editor's note: The peanut gallery was in fine form at the editor's table, so on occasion she had a hard time hearing what was going on at the front of the room! Bert Ayers called me "school teacher Joy" -- I LOVE it!

Next Meeting - June 7, 2010

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Join us on Monday, June 7th at the Saskatoon Club. Murray Scharf and Gary Kerr will speak about their Rotary Friendship Exchange trip to "the best wee country in the world." (AKA Scotland).

This presentation is not to be missed! You'll laugh ... you'll cry you'll learn so much.

Duty Roster May 31, 2010

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Duty Roster for Monday, May 31, 2010 at the Delta Bessborough.

Greeter - Otto Ulrich

Visitors & Guests - Bob Kasian

Cashier - Vic Savoie

Grace - Avis Hardy

Sergeant-at-Arms - Steve Wilson

Food Cards - Dave Sundby

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

Program May 31, 2010

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Member **Graham Pearson** presented on "Bankruptcy 101".

His opening slide was entitled:

Bankruptcy 101 - The Rotary Club of Saskatoon

One "wag" at your Editor's table noted the incongruous nature of the title!

Graham began by noting that Canada's bankruptcy laws are governed by the federal government. We have a much better system than south of the border.

In order to declare bankruptcy you must have \$1,000 in assets. All debts are erased with the exception of child and spousal support, court fines, fraud charges, and student loans.

Graham also peppered his remarks with tidbits from "Graham's secret life". Did you know he:

- has sent two crooked bank managers to jail
- has hired strippers
- has poured a \$600,000 gold brick
- grew up in California and raced motorcycles
- is Past President of the Vancouver Rotary Club

Graham ended his presentation by giving President Bernie a \$700 cheque which makes him a Paul Harris Fellow. Thank you Graham for your generosity and belief in Rotary!

Our second presentation was by member **Kevin Wilson** on the Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation shares a birthday with our club, as it was also founded in 1917. Arch Klumph began the Foundation with the grand sum of \$26.50. The Foundation's role was/is to "do good in the world." By 1928 Foundation funds had grown to \$5,000. In 1930 it made its first grant to the International Society for Crippled Children, which is now known as Easter Seals. After Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation. By the beginning of the 21st century, annual contributions reached almost \$100 million **per year!!!** Current assets now exceed \$1 billion.

The Foundation supports programs including Ambassadorial Scholarships; Group Study Exchange; Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants; Rotary volunteers; PolioPlus; Grants for university teachers; and peace and conflict studies.

Every dollar donated to the Foundation is not used for 3 years, but invested, to cover costs. The recognized expert in the district on the Foundation is **Wayne Claypool** of the Meewasin Club. He'd be happy to speak with any member who is interested in more information.

Announcements

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President Bernie announced that there is talk of bringing back the Golden Wheel Awards (which have been on hiatus for a couple of years).

Anyone interested in working on a five-club committee please let Bernie know.

The Golden Wheel Awards are presented to deserving community members in a variety of areas (science, music, education, etc.)

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