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Next Meeting, May, 30, 2011

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Please Join us on Monday, May 30th at the Delta Bessborough Hotel when our guest speaker will be Patrick Boot speaking about Rotary in China.

There is no meeting on May 23rd due to the Victoria Day holiday.

Meetings May 9 and 16 ,2011

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President Wayne McGillivray chaired the meeting and led us in the singing of O'Canada. For the small number of Rotarians in attendance it was a very rousing and patriotic rendition. **Don Somers** (aka Pastor Don) gave his usual wonderful grace. **President Wayne** led those in attendance in a recitation of the Rotary Four Way Test.

Thank you to **Steven Wilson** who served as emcee for the raising of the Rotary International flag at City Hall. He did a fine job. Steven has also agreed to replace Peter Shiel as our club's representative on the Rotary Youth Exchange committee. Thank you Steven!

Visitors and Guests - May 9th

Jocelyn Davey-Hawreluik introduced our visitors and guests

- Leo Velasco - our Rotary exchange student from Brazil
- Johnathan Berz - our Rotary exchange student from Germany
- Lorne Moloken - guest of Jack Brodsky
- Geraldine Weibe - guest of Clare Heagy
- Ed Pek - Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana
- Claire Archibald - visiting Rotarian from Moncton, New Brunswick

Visitors and Guests - May 16th

Will Arscott introduced our visitors and guests

- Leo Velasco - our Rotary Exchange student from Brazil
- Johnathan Berz - our Rotary Exchange student from Germany

They were welcomed with a rousing rendition of the Halle Song, led by the enthusiastic **Bruce Schnell**

Sergeant at Arms

Bernie Sonntag called for Happy and Sad dollars and was suitably rewarded:

- **Arie Van Duyvendyk** is happy that his daughter **Adriana Van Duyvendyk** is now a member of our club. He's been a member for 44 years and is happy he now has a successor!
- **Gary Rusu** is happily off to the Rotary International conference in New Orleans.
- **Wayne McGillivray** donated some happy dollars to celebrate his grand-daughter's graduation and his upcoming trip to Quebec for a week of golf and a family wedding.
- **Kevin Wilson** donated \$5 happy for two very successful Rotary Friendship Exchanges. We will have a group from Sweden coming to Canada on the next exchange.
- **Joanne Fisher** let us know that **Elwood Flynn** recently donated to Rotary in memory of late members **Bill Bullee** and **Harold Baker**.
- **Bruce Schnell** happily donated to celebrate **President Wayne's** excellent chairing of the meeting and for allowing him to lead off on the Hello Song. (Editor's note; Bruce likes to keep the meeting moving along). Bruce also noted that he recently finished a tour of World War I sites and was very moved by his visit to the Vimy Memorial. He felt compelled to spontaneously sing O'Canada. Isn't that wonderfully patriotic?
- **Clare Heagy** is happy that **Adriana Van Duyvendyk** is now a member of our club. Welcome!
- **Peter Whitenect** shared that Jean is having a knee replacement in a couple of weeks and his is the primary caregiver! Is this happy or sad news for Jean?

Stan Hodgins won the free lunch!

Duty Roster May 2011

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Duty Roster for May 30, 2011

Greeter: Jack Brodsky
Visitors & Guests: Wes Jamieson
Cashier: Frank Garritty
Grace: Bill Edwards
Sergeant-at-Arms: Bernie Sonntag

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 - May 9 and 16, 2011

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First Nations in the 21st Century with a Focus on Education (May 9)

Peter Zakreski introduced Mervin Brass, Director of Communications for the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN). Mr. Brass is a member of the Key First Nation. About 200 people live on the reserve and another 1,000 members of the band live off reserve. Mervin's father served as Chief and his mother was an education officer. Mervin first attended Norquay School with about a dozen other First Nations students. By Grade 7 they were down to 4 students, by Grade 10 there were 2, and by Grade 12 Mervin was the only First Nations student to graduate. Along the way some of the students went to residential school to foster

care, quit school, or ended up in trouble with the law. One student tragically died by suicide.

How did Mervin get through? Both of his parents were abused in residential school and Mervin attended the hearings and heard their testimony about physical and sexual abuse. His parents vowed that their children would not attend residential school and pushed them hard to go through regular school and finish their education.

What to do after high school? Mervin played guitar and had a dream of becoming a rock star so he went to music school. Eventually a hard life of substance abuse caught up with him and in 1989 he decided to get clean and sober. He discovered journalism and got his Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Regina. There were no other First Nations students in his class and he realized he had found his passion. Mervin credits his successful career to date to the help of many mentors along the way. He has been able to take advantage of many opportunities. In 2000 Rawlco Radio asked him to move to Saskatoon. He realized he had become a true Saskatonian when he attended a hockey game between the Saskatoon Blades and the Regina Pats and he didn't cheer when the Pats scored, but when the Blades scored!

To date there are still very few First Nations students graduating and exploring further education. We must lower their social dependency and increase the Aboriginal work force. First Nations and Métis people are the fastest growing population in Saskatchewan and they need education and training.

Mervin Brass knew he wanted to give something back to his community and felt he could do so through politics which is why he works for the FSIN today. He takes every opportunity to speak to school groups as he believes it takes a community to raise a child. He sees a need to get kids out of gangs through sports, education and mentorship. His key to success was that whenever he was interviewed for a job, he always insisted that he be hired for his skills, and not because he was Aboriginal. Mervin believes businesses must prepare themselves for the changing demographics and can do so by understanding some basics about Aboriginal culture. For example, if an aunt dies, he would need to take 3 days off because aunts are like mothers in his culture.

Mervin ended his talk by suggesting that education for First Nations people is getting better, but not fast enough. Everybody with a stake in the future of our province must do his/her part. The FSIN sees the importance of education but we also need the full support of the private sector. Mervin left us with this quote -- "I owe everything I have today to education."

Our Rotary Exchange Student from Germany (May 16)

Johnathan Berg, our exchange student gave a presentation on his country complete with many interesting photographs. He lives in Bad Homburg, a city of 52,000 people close to Frankfurt. The "Bad" in the name refers to the many fresh water fountains found throughout the city. Germany has a population of 82 million and is part of the European Union. Chancellor Angela Merkel is the first female chancellor in Germany's history. There are five political parties and the country is always run by a coalition government.

Johnathan thinks that Canadians are very slow drivers. He is used to the famous autobahn where people drive 140 kilometres an hour! He has two sisters and two step-brothers and lives with his mother. His grandparents live close by and he regularly enjoys his grandmother's baking. His older sister went on a Rotary exchange to Ecuador last year. His family recently hosted three Rotary exchange students. Johnathan speaks English very well and told us that it is

mandatory to take English at school in Germany. He also took Latin for six years!

While in Saskatoon he attends Grade 11 at Walter Murray Collegiate. His classes have included drama, photography, math, history, theatre arts, graphic arts, aviation and English. He enjoys playing soccer on the Walter Murray soccer team.

Induction of New Member (May 16)

President Wayne called forward **Arie Van Duyvendyk** and **Dave Sundby** to help with the induction of our newest member, Arie's daughter **Adriana Van Duyvendyk**. President Wayne conducted the induction ceremony and Dave presented Adriana with her membership certificate. Her very proud father pinned her Rotary pin on her lapel. Welcome to our club Adriana!

Announcements

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- On **Tuesday, May 24th** new and current members of our Board of Directors meet at 4:00 p.m. at the Saskatoon Club.
- The Rotary Club of Meewasin's Lobster Fest takes place on **Saturday, May 28th**. For \$50 (\$25 tax receipt) you have your choice of a one pound lobster or a huge steak, salad and delicious home made desserts. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meal is at 7:00 p.m. Get your tickets from **Dave Sundby**.
- The Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana is celebrating its 50th anniversary on **Tuesday, May 31st**. For more details contact **Ed Pek** (member of the club).
- On **Friday June 3rd** a dinner will be held to help support the orphanage run by **Maureen Torr**. Please get more information from **Jocelyn Davey-Hawreliuk**.

2010/2011 Club Executive

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Past President - Bernie Sonntag
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