

## ROTATELLER

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### Meeting June 13 ,2011

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**President Wayne McGillivray** chaired the meeting and led us in the singing of O'Canada.  
**Don Somers** offered grace.

### Visitors and Guests

**Bernie Sonntag** introduced our only visitor

- Solomon - guest of Maureen

The members assembled serenaded Solomon with a very spirited edition of the Hello Song.

### Sergeant at Arms

**Tim Cholowski** began by fining **President Wayne** a courtesy dollar - your trusty scribe did not write down what the fine was for, and has since forgotten. Tim raised a few more dollars by fining any member who was happy about the Vancouver Canucks win last week and everyone who will be happy when they win their game tonight!

Your newsletter editor had to leave the meeting early so there is no record this week of happy and sad dollars. Sorry!

### Duty Roster June 2011

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#### Duty Roster for June 20, 2011

Greeter: Gary Kerr

Visitors & Guests: Bev Johnson

Cashier: Graham Pearson

Grace: Avis Hardy

Sergeant-at-Arms: Tim Cholowski

#### Duty Roster for June 27, 2011

Greeter: Jocelyn Davey-Hawreliuk

Visitors & Guests: Craig Bender

Cashier: Pat Flaten  
Grace: Al Morton  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Tim Cholowski

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 - June 6, 2011

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### The Rotary International Convention

**Gary Rusu** took to the podium and shared some highlights of his experience at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. He began by thanking the Board for supporting the cost of his trip and donated the money back to four club projects. (Editor's comment: what a lovely gesture).

As Gary described it, the conference gave him "an extra shot of inspiration, stimulation and enthusiasm." He greatly enjoyed meeting so many people from around the world, many of whom knew things about Saskatchewan. He was very impressed with Bill Gate's presentation on Polio Plus. Helping Rotary to eradicate polio is Mr. Gate's number one priority. Gary shared some interesting statistics about the four countries where cases of polio are still found.

- **Afghanistan** - in 2009 there were 389 cases. In 2010 there were 25 cases.
- **Nigeria** - in 2009 there were 388 cases. In 2010 there were 21 cases.
- **Pakistan** - in 2009 there were 89 cases. In 2010 there were 144 cases.
- **India** - in 2009 there were 741 cases. In 2010 there were 42 cases.

Canada received a rousing round of applause from conference delegates when it was announced that our government had committed \$60M to help eradicate polio in Afghanistan. Gary found it fascinating how the message End Polio Now, and the Rotary Wheel, have been projected on various famous buildings throughout the world. Can members think of a building in Saskatoon that might work?

### District Conference

**Jim Weber** was our next speaker and he shared highlights of the recent District 5550 Conference in Dauphin, Manitoba. "Every time I go to a conference I learn something new," said Jim. "Every Rotarian should attend a conference." Jim promoted the Ripple Effect project and noted that 3 to 6 new clubs from our district will join in support of this project. Any undesignated funds will be donated to our school in Guatemala. For a \$50 donation, conference goers were lucky enough to receive a copy of Greg Mortenson's book *Three Cups of Tea*.

Jim also attended a session on membership and shared some interesting numbers. Ten years ago Rotary had 1.2 million members world-wide. In the last 10 years we have recruited 1.2 million members. Today, we have a membership of 1.2 million. Clearly our biggest problem is retention. In order to retain members we need to continue to "think outside the box". Attending every weekly meeting doesn't necessarily make you a good Rotarian. Doing good in the community makes you a good Rotarian. Remember ..... service above self.

**President Wayne** was our last speaker and he explained to members that the District Conference was the best he has ever attended. And that isn't just because he won the golf

tournament and a left-handed driver! He noted that the Rotaractors in attendance slept outside in Shelterbox tents. Brenda Banbury was voted as Rotarian of the Year for District 5550 - a very worthy recipient. Brenda recently led the Rotary exchange to Brazil and also participated in a National Immunization day in India. Our club received two awards: a Presidential Citation for 2010/2011 and a Literacy Award. "Be proud of yourselves as Rotarians, as I am proud of you, said Wayne" "The Power of One" (times 1.2 million Rotarians) makes a real difference in our world."

Wayne ended by announcing that at least two "first timers" (those who are attending a conference for the first time) will have their registration paid by the club next year. Just let President-Elect **Dave Sundby** know if you are interested. The conference is always in May.

## **Announcements**

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- Mark your calendars now for the President's Dinner to be held at the Ivy Restaurant on **Monday, June 27th**. Dave Sundby will have tickets soon.

## **2010/2011 Club Executive**

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President - Wayne McGillivray  
Past President - Bernie Sonntag  
President-Elect - Dave Sundby  
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Secretary - Avis Hardy

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