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The 2011-12 President of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon, Dave Sundby, opened the July 4th meeting in the presence of twelve (12) other members. He invited Past President Wayne McGillivray to lead us in the singing of the National Anthem and Rotary Grace.

President Dave said he wanted to speak about the Rotary International goals for this year. He began by saying that this year's RI President, Kalyan Banerjee, has chosen for his theme "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity". Banerjee, who took office on July 1, 2011, wants Rotarians actions in support of this theme to be guided by three emphases—the family, continuity and change.

- The first of these should make us conscious of supporting the provision of housing, clean water and sanitation, health care and all the issues affecting mothers and children.
- Continuity involves continuing and strengthening those things Rotarians do well.
- The third emphasis is change that involves looking past what we are doing now to what we can and should be doing in the days and years to come.

Dave said the projects we have in place fit well with the emphases outlined by RI President Banerjee. At the same time we probably recognize that there are things we need to change and things we need to do better. We need to have the courage to identify the matters we need to improve and deal with them. We've a great group of people who are interested in making the world a better place, otherwise why would be bother being Rotarians. So let's enjoy this year and set out to do the best we can.

The District wants us to strive to have one net new member for the year. They want us to establish two E-Clubs and one Face book Club in the District. We have also been asked to do something about public relations and communication. In the Rotary Foundation area they want Rotarians to contribute \$100 to the Foundation Program this year and they also want to supply more support to small clubs in the District.

Sarah Paulgaard gave an interesting talk on her long time connection with Rotary. She said through her parents she had the good fortune to be part of a Rotary family. When she was 17, she was fortunate to experience the life of a Rotary Exchange student in Denmark. Subsequently she completed a degree in Calgary. While there she was a Rotaract member of the University of Calgary club. She is currently the Director of Marketing and Communications for March Consulting Associates Inc a Saskatoon Engineering firm.

PP Wayne McGillivray handed out Presidential Citations to Gord Menuz, Mark Gryba and Peter Whitenect in appreciation for their contributions during his 2010-11 year. Wayne said that he would have a few more certificates to hang out in the future.

The Sergeant fined Sarah for being the youngest married person in the Club and Stan for being the oldest. Jim was fined for having such a good-looking cousin advertising A&W. Al was fined a dollar for not noticing the flags were incorrectly placed. Peter and Gord paid a dollar for not remembering the year Rotary began. There were a number of happy dollars from Gary, Wayne, Mark, Jim B., Jim W., Peter, Dave, Gord and Jocelyn.

President Dave mentioned that the first Board meeting for the year will be held on July 12 at the Saskatoon Club and everyone is welcome.

The guest speaker for July 11 is the Deputy Police Chief Bernie Parnell who will speak about the new police station.

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