

The 2011-12 President of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon, Dave Sundby, opened the July 11th meeting. He invited Past President Wayne McGillivray to lead us in the singing of the National Anthem and Rotary Grace.

Duty Roster for July 18th Meeting

Greeter: Floyd McNabb; **Visitors and Guests:** Joanne Fisher; **Cashier:** Al Morton; **Grace:** Peter Zakreski;
Sergeant: Frank Garritty

Visitors and Guests

Peter Zakreski introduced the two guests who were our Rotary Exchange student, Leonardo Velasco from Brazil and the Deputy Chief of the Saskatoon Police, Bernie Pannell. Peter asked all Rotarians to stand and Wayne led us in the singing of the "Hello Song".

Guest Speaker

Gary Rusu introduced our guest speaker, Bernie Pannell. He began by telling us that the original headquarters for the Saskatoon City police was built in 1930 at a cost of \$109,000. It housed 42 police officers. The new headquarters will be built on the corner of Ontario Avenue and 25th Street at a cost of \$122,000,000. The target for completion of the building is 2013. This building will house almost 600 police officers.

He went on to explain that the building is badly needed to bring the facilities up to the standard required by a modern police service. He illustrated this by contrasting the current crowded and inadequate facilities in the current building with the projected facilities in the new building.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Frank asked everyone to contribute a dollar to recognize the beginning of a new Rotary year. Mark contributed a happy \$30 to mark his 30th wedding anniversary. Bert Ayers had many happy dollars for several reasons. This month has special meaning for Bert. Fifty years ago, he was the President of the Saskatoon Kinsmen Club; 46 years ago, he was the National Treasurer of Kinsmen; and 25 years ago, he was President of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon. He noted that both the Kinsmen Club and the Rotary Club had 125 members during his presidency. Bert also congratulated Wayne on his year and wished Dave well for this year. By the way, Bert won the draw for a free dinner this week.

News from the Board

President Dave said there will a Club Assembly held within the next few weeks. Other items of note are first that Peter Zakreski has taken over responsibility for the meeting programs. Please contact him if you have suggestions for future speakers. The Board is short one Director. If you have an interest in serving, President Dave would like you to contact him.

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