

ROTATELLER – July 18, 2011**Vol 102****Week 39**

The 2011-12 President of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon, Dave Sundby, opened the July 18th meeting. He invited Past President Wayne McGillivray to lead us in the singing of the National Anthem and Rotary Grace.

Duty Roster for July 25th Meeting

Greeter: Arlene Jule; **Visitors and Guests:** Gord Menuz; **Cashier:** Gary Rusu; **Grace:** Claire Heagy; **Sergeant:** Frank Garrity

If you are not able to fulfill your assignment, please get another member to fill in for you.

Visitors and Guests

Joanne Fisher introduced two visiting Rotarians—Dorothy Hudson from Nutana and Art Postle from the Meewasin Club. Guests of the Club were Chris Dekker and Henry Dyck from Enterprise Saskatchewan; our Exchange students Jonathon Berz from Germany and Leo Velasco from Brazil; and last, but not least, Leo's little brothers, Cohen and Nick Hawreluik, sons of Jocelyn. President Dave asked all Rotarians to stand and join Wayne in the singing of the "Hello Song".

Guest Speaker

Gary Rusu introduced our guest speaker, Chris Dekker, CEO of Enterprise Saskatchewan. Chris is an honours graduate of the U. of S. College of Commerce and has had extensive and varied experience in marketing and public relations. Enterprise Saskatchewan is the new special operation agency of the Provincial Government responsible for economic development. Enterprise Saskatchewan was officially established in July of 2008. In addition to the ongoing functions of a traditional economic development agency, Enterprise Saskatchewan's additional role is to identify, develop and monitor competitive advantages and disadvantages in each economic sector and prescribe action through an independent Board of Directors with input from Sector Teams and Issues Councils. Chris explained that in addition to building relations with other parts of North America, Saskatchewan is targeting four international areas—China, Japan, Europe and India. He talked about a number of initiatives that have helped to facilitate increased economic activity in the Province. Illustrations are the provision of small business loans, reducing red tape, introducing R&D credit, using targeted tax incentives and developing a New West Partnership. Chris feels that the great Saskatchewan story is built around three key sectors—minerals and mining, Energy through oil and gas and agriculture and agri-value. Chris supported his optimism with examples of positive predictions for Saskatchewan from CIBC and Royal Bank economists.

In thanking Chris, President Dave pointed out, in recognition of his talk; we would be making a donation to Bethany Home.

Announcements

Wayne announced that the Annual Rotary Clubs' Texas Scramble and Fellowship Event would be held on August 24th at Moon Lake Golf and Country Club. Cost will be \$50 for golf and cart and \$30 for dinner (total package \$80). If anyone is able to give items for prizes, please contact Wayne.

Jocelyn is looking for volunteers to help with the garage sale at her home, 322 Meilicke Road this coming Saturday, July 23rd from 8:30—4:00. All proceeds are going to the Joy Home of Hope Orphanage in Uganda.

Gary Rusu announced that a Club Fellowship BBQ would be held on Monday evening, August 29th in the Forestry Farm Hall. Tickets will be available at the August 8th luncheon meeting. This will be an enjoyable family outing so please to tell your partner and children about this upcoming event. This evening affair will replace our noon luncheon. Mark the date on your calendar now.

Farewell Leo

Leo gave his farewell talk to the Club by expressing his gratitude for a wonderful year in the heart of Canada. He thanked his host families for their gracious hospitality and other Rotarians who gave him opportunities like skiing, fishing and watching football games. Leo said he ate more different vegetables than he knew existed and

noted that he slept in 31 different beds in the year he spent with us. He showed us a series of photos of his happy times with other Exchange students. The voice over was a rap song about his experiences. Leo leaves on July 21st and seven days later he will begin the last months of his secondary schooling. In the following year, he wants to attend university and major in international studies.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Frank asked everyone to contribute a dollar to celebrate the great summer we are having this year. Jocelyn gave a happy dollar for the experiences her family had in hosting Leo for part of his year. Gary and Wayne both gave a happy dollar for Chris Dekker's excellent presentation. Jim gave a happy dollar and hoped that someone at the guest speaker's table would be invited to join Rotary. James Pearson won the draw for a free lunch next week.

Next Week's Speaker

The guest speaker for next week will be Christopher Ryder, Vice-President of BHP Billinton. He will talk about his Company's continuing involvement in Saskatchewan.

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