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Next Meeting, August 15, 2011

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Join us at noon at the Delta Bessborough Hotel on Monday, August 15th when our guest speaker will be Arnie Arnott, CEO of Saskatchewan Blue Cross.

Duty Roster August 2011

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Duty Roster for August 15th

Greeter: Bill Edwards

Visitors and Guests: Mike LeClaire

Cashier: Brian Henderson

Grace: Stan Hodgins

Sergeant at Arms: Will Arscott

Duty Roster for August 22nd

Greeter: Assem Hedayat

Visitors and Guests: Joy Adams Bauer

Cashier: John Davies

Grace: Irv Bender

Sergeant at Arms: Will Arscott

Duty Roster for August 29th

Greeter: Elwood Flynn

Visitors and Guests: Peter Shiel

Cashier: Peter Whitenect

Grace: Sarah Leslie

Sergeant at Arms: Will Arscott

Please be at your posts by 11:45 a.m. If you are not able to fulfil your assignment, please get another member to fill in for you.

Meeting August 8, 2011

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President Dave Sundby opened the meeting and Past President **Wayne McGillivray** led us in the singing of the national anthem and the Rotary Grace.

Visitors and Guests

Mike Giesbrecht welcomed our visitors and guests:

- Our guest speaker, District Governor Eva Vida from the Rotary Club of Winnipeg Transcona
- Charles Vida - husband of Eva
- Nina Henry - guest and long-time friend of the club
- Dorothy Hudson - member of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana
- Allan Labiszczak - new member of our club being inducted today!
- David Allen - new member of our club being inducted today!

Recognition of Nina Henry

Peter Whitenect took to the podium to say a few words about the wonderful Nina Henry, affectionately known by club members as "the Mother of RAP" - not RAP music, but our Restorative Action Program. In 2002 the stars and planets aligned and our club and Nina found one another. A fruitful and very beneficial partnership began that has helped hundreds of young people in our community.

At that time Nina, who was the community school coordinator at Mount Royal Collegiate, was casting about trying to find a program that would help deal with the student conflict occurring at the school. She had researched the whole idea of Restorative Justice and liked what she saw. At the same time, the members of our club's local community service committee were trying to find a hands-on community based project in which to get involved. Members wanted the project to have a youth focus, tackle a serious community issue, and help youth living in inner city Saskatoon.

Nina had been trying to find sponsors/supporters for her idea and through good karma (and the good people involved), our club and Mount Royal Collegiate came together and thus began our journey with Restorative Justice. And what a ride it's been! In 2002 the local community service committee took on the project with a \$60,000 budget and a 3 year commitment and hired a Restorative Justice worker at Mount Royal Collegiate. The project proved to be a huge success and expanded to Bedford Road Collegiate three years later. In 2008 the separate school division saw the potential of the program and it was added to Bethlehem and E.D Feehan Catholic High Schools. Walter Murray Collegiate joined the RAP family in 2009, Bishop James Mahoney Catholic High School in 2010 and Tommy Douglas Collegiate becomes our seventh school to offer the program beginning this school year. All five Rotary Clubs in Saskatoon are now involved with the project (providing funding and members to sit on our much expanded local community service committee, management committees at each school, and our RAP Board of Directors - which held its inaugural meeting on April 21, 2011). The budget for the project has risen to \$500,000!! What an accomplishment.

Nina Henry retired from her position at Mount Royal Collegiate this past June. Without her constant presence, her perseverance and her persistence, RAP would not be where it is today. Nina is a true proponent of the concept of community development - she lives and breathes it. **Don Somers** and **Peter Whitenect** presented Nina with an original piece of Saskatchewan artwork and thanked her for her leadership and her vision.

Program - August 8, 2011

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Dorothy Hudson introduced our guest speaker, **District Governor Eva Vida** from the Rotary Club of Winnipeg Transcona.

Eva emigrated from Hungary to Canada in her early teens. She is very involved in the Hungarian community in Winnipeg and volunteers at Folklorama and teaches Hungarian dance. She's been a Rotarian since 1992 and was the first female president of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg Transcona. She graduated from the University of Manitoba and works in the financial industry. She and Charles have two children and three grandchildren.

DG Eva shared with us the vision for District 5550 in this Rotary year. *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity* is RI President Kalyn Banerjee's theme for 2011-2012. This is an opportunity to look within yourself and understand that all of humanity (no matter where they live in the world) has the same hopes, dreams, aspirations and challenges.

President Banerjee's goals for 2011-2012

1. **Family** - the mother and child are at the core of every family. President Banerjee is asking clubs to focus our projects on the mother and child and basic human rights like clean drinking water. Did you know that 50% of the world's population does not have access to potable water?
2. **Continuity** - we need to continue the things we are doing well as a club (e.g. our Programma de Becas, RAP, HOPE for Malawi, Ripple Effect, etc.) and take our successful projects to the next level.
3. **Change** - in our personal lives and in our Rotary lives. Have the courage to determine what needs to change and then change it.

District 5550 goals for 2011-2012

1. **Membership** - each club needs to net one new member. Last year our district grew by 48 members. Did you know that the average age of members in our club is 60? The district is looking at developing an e-club in order to capture the interest of youth who live in the world of social media.
2. **RI Foundation** - clubs need to continue to focus on raising funds for the RI Foundation. DG Vida reminded us of Rotary's \$200M Polio Plus goal to be reached by June 30, 2012. We are already at \$182M! The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to match the \$200M if we make our goal.
3. **Public Relations** - we need to show our community what we contribute as Rotarians. This will help to attract like-minded people.

June 7 - 10, 2012 is our District conference in Winnipeg. Come and join members from the 48 clubs in our district. The organizing committee is looking at home hosting and local RV parks for those who want to camp. *Peace ... the Power of One* is the theme. Two Rotarians who pre-register before November 15, 2011 will get free registration. Sign up now!

February 23, 2012 has been proclaimed as Rotary Day in District 5550. DG Vida would like every club to do something on that day. How about a polar bear swim like the Rotarians in Flin Flon!!! Anyone want to do something crazy in Saskatoon? Let your trusty editor know!

DG Eva is passionate about peace. She told members about how her parents and three of her siblings escaped Hungary in the 1950s and came to Canada as refugees. Three other children (including Vida) stayed behind. It was 10 years before she was able to join her parents in Canada. This personal history is her drive and her passion for Rotary and for world peace.

DG Vida concluded her inspiring speech by asking: "what will your club's journey look like this year? What steps will you take in your journey towards peace? What are your reasons for remaining in Rotary and what will you personally do this Rotary year?" Look within and find your driving force and embrace humanity.

President Dave thanked DG Vida for her wonderful message and presented a \$500 cheque to be made out to the charity of her choice. She chose the "Hungarian Gift of Life Program" which helps to fund surgeons and physicians to go to Serbia and Kosovo on the Hungarian border to provide life-saving surgeries for children.

"Pinning" of two new members

DG Eva Vida helped to "pin" two new members with the Rotary Pin. They will be formally inducted and introduced at an upcoming meeting. Members welcomed **Allan Labiszczak** and **David Allen**.

Announcements

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- President Dave reminded members about the dedication service for the refurbished grave stone of Jimmy and Reta Hope, and Jeanette Derkson to take place on **Tuesday, August 16th at 10:30 a.m.** at Woodlawn Cemetery. All members of the club are invited to attend.
- **Wayne McGillivray** reminded members about the Annual Rotary Clubs' Texas Scramble and Fellowship Event on **Wednesday, August 24th** at Moon Lake Golf and Country Club. Cost is \$50 for golf and cart and \$30 for dinner (total package \$80). Please pay Wayne now.
- **Gary Rusu** reminded members about the Club Fellowship BBQ on **Monday evening, August 29th** in the Forestry Farm Hall. Get your tickets from Gary now! ting. This will be an enjoyable family outing so please to tell your partner
- **Wayne McGillivray** reminded members about the grocery cards fundraiser Please let him know how much you'd like to spend each month. Post-dated cheques would be great!
- The Rotary Club of Riversdale is celebrating its 25 anniversary on **Wednesday, October 5th at the Western Development Museum**. Guest speaker is DG Eva Vida. Join them for cocktails from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. - turkey and all of the trimmings. Cost is \$30 per person. Get your tickets from any of the following members:
 - Gerry Kraay at gkraay@sasktel.net
 - Wayne Knouse at 384-5332
 - Heika Heiman at duncan.heike@shaw.ca
 - Ed Tymchatyn at tymchat@math.usask.ca or 664-4768

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