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Next Meeting, September 12, 2011

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Join us at noon at the Delta Bessborough Hotel on Monday, September 12th when our guest speaker will be Tom Molloy who will speak about First Nations land claims negotiations.

There is no meeting on Monday, September 5th due to the Labour Day Holiday.

Meeting August 22, 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. **Gary Rusu** said Grace.

Visitors and Guests

- David Popkin - guest speaker and member of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin
- Michelle Walhbert - guest of **Jim Weber**
- Kevin Doell - guest of **Gary Rusu**

Happy and Sad Dollars

- **Wayne McGillivray** donated a sad dollar for the Roughriders' pathetic game.
- **Mark Gryba** is once again happy for the playing prowess of the Saskatoon Hilltops.
- **Bruce Schnell** offered a happy dollar for the dance of **Joy Adams Bauer** during our Hello Song. He thinks Joy and Wayne are ready to take their show on the road! Bruce also offered a happy dollar in honour of **Brian Henderson** who is the best dressed member of our club ... hands down!!
- **Kevin Wilson** is happy that he was seated at a table where no other member was older than he is!
- **Jim Weber** is happy there are only "four more sleeps" before the Saskatchewan Huskies begin their season. That's when the real football season

will begin.

Floyd McNabb won the free lunch!

Program - August 22, 2011

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Update on PolioPlus

Mike Geisbrecht introduced Dr. David Popkin who spoke about the history of Rotary International's PolioPlus campaign. Dr. Popkin and his family have hosted seven Rotary exchange students. He and his wife attended a Rotary Friendship Exchange to South Africa. Dr. Popkin received the Rotary Golden Wheel Award a few years ago for his community service.

Dr. Popkin noted that 1.2 million Rotarians have contributed millions of dollars to the PolioPlus cause since 1985. The hope was to eradicate polio from the earth by 2000. We have reached 99% of our goal. In 1985 polio was endemic in 135 countries and there were 350,000 cases worldwide. In 2011, four countries have endemic polio (Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and Nigeria). There were 144 cases in 2010. There have been no cases so far in 2011. This is the most ambitious project in Rotary's history.

Dr. Popkin posed the question - is this an unrealistic dream to try and eradicate a disease worldwide? No -- we did it with small pox and this is what inspires Rotarians to continue to reach for this dream.

There are 12,000 polio survivors in Canada. 25% of them show the symptoms of post polio syndrome - fatigue, chronic pain. We are still not sure how to treat post polio syndrome.

Announcements

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- Bob Anderson of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon North told members about a new festival in Saskatoon -- **Word on the Street**. This is a festival highlighting literacy being held later in September, on a Sunday. Bob handed out a flyer about the event and spoke about the many volunteer opportunities available for community members. His club is getting involved. This is an opportunity to meet local authors including Yann Martel and an opportunity for some hands on service.
- Programma de Becas fundraising dinner on September 14th at the Saskatoon Club.
- Don't forget to get your grocery cards from **Wayne McGillivray**. This is a very easy fundraiser for our club. We buy bulk grocery cards from Sobey's and Safeway at an 8% discount and then sell them to members for full price. The discount for cards from the Co-op is 5%. Everyone needs groceries. Please

consider buying some cards and supporting our club's worthwhile projects. This is the proverbial "no brainer".

2010/2011 Club Executive

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