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## STORIES

### [NEXT MEETING - January 20th, 2014 - Delta Bessborough](#)

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 13, 2014

**January 20 – Murray Totland – City Manager – City of Saskatoon major projects & the City's fiscal health.**

**January 27 – Club Assembly.**

### [DUTY ROSTER for NEXT MEETING - January 20th, 2014](#)

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 13, 2014

January 20<sup>th</sup>

- Greeter – Jack Brodsky
- Cashier – Steve Wilson
- V&G – John Davies
- Sergeant - \_\_\_\_\_
- Grace – Al Morton

January 27<sup>th</sup>

- Greeter – Jeff Davis
- Cashier – Paul Gauthier
- V&G - Stan Hodgins
- Sergeant - \_\_\_\_\_
- Grace – Clare Heagy

Feb3

- So far no sign ups yet

Feb 10

- Cashier - Stan Hodgins

*Please contact Adriana Van Duyvendyk or Mike Giesbrecht if you are available to help, and arrange your own replacement if you cannot attend on your scheduled date.*

**VISITORS & GUESTS - January 13th, 2014**

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 13, 2014

**Guests of Club**

John Davies announced our sole guest today, our speaker and writer Boris Kischuk.

#### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK - January 13th, 2014

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 13, 2014

**Archival Highlights Courtesy of our Club Historian Al Morton - Thanks Al!**

##### **From the Archives – 84 years ago.**

The club provided a programme of entertainment for the military at Camp Dundurn, on July the 17th, 1929. An appreciative letter was received from the commanding officer, Brigadier-General J.M. Ross, thanking the Rotary Club of Saskatoon for their efforts.

##### **From the Archives – 76 years ago.**

The official Gala Opening of the new 19th Street Arena was held on Friday November the 19th, 1937, featured a broomball game between the Rotary Club of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Cosmopolitan Club. Newspaper reports of the day do not indicate the score, or who won the contest..... but we're pretty sure who the winner was.

##### **R.C. of Saskatoon raises large amount of money for Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle Fund**

In their first year of existence, the Rotary Club of Saskatoon assisted the Y.M.C.A. by soliciting public donations, to the tune of \$6,400, for the Y's Red Triangle Fund (roughly equivalent to \$80,000 in today's dollars).

The fund enabled the Y.M.C.A. to support Canada's fighting men, both at home and abroad, by providing canteen meals and accommodation.





### **Fishing Trip**

Wayne reminds us of the upcoming fishing trip June 5,6,7 and 8, 2014. Please give Wayne a \$200 deposit (or mail this to Merv McKee) to hold a spot! It promises to be lots of fun again.

### **Rotary Moment - "Engage Rotary, Change Lives"**

[http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/130114\\_IA13\\_theme.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/130114_IA13_theme.aspx)

### **PROGRAM - Mr. Boris Kischuk - Author: Crown Corporations in Saskatchewan - January 13th, 2014**

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 13, 2014

#### **Crown Corporations of Saskatchewan**

Bev introduced our speaker and author Boris Kischuk. Boris, who sits on the Public Rate Payers Review Board, holds a PEng, MBA and operates EMS Consulting. He has also been a long term observer and researcher into the history of Crown Corporations in Saskatchewan. He has authored two books, one on Long term care in Saskatchewan and the other on Crown Corporations, today's topic.

He is also a fan of Yogi Berra (no you young guys-not the cartoon) quotes such as "when you come to a fork in the road, take it" or "you can observe a lot by watching".

Boris explained there are three categories of Crowns i.e. Economic Crowns promoting job creation, Financial Crowns such as the old Sedco and Soco, and Service Crowns such as SaskTel, SaskPower etc.

The first Crown was created in 1903 for hail insurance, before Saskatchewan was even a Province. In 1945 the main Crowns were formed at a time of high debt in the Province, and a surge of returning veterans.

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In Saskatchewan, with the Douglas CCF party coming into power in 1944, the government was not opposed to public ownership, theoretically as a means of economic stimulation. Unfortunately many of these investments were money losers including a brick plant in Estevan, a sodium operation in Chaplin, as well as other enterprises manufacturing such things as wool blankets, leather shoes and boxes.

In later years, more successful efforts included the mining joint venture with Eldorado, that subsequently became Cameco. SaskOil, another Crown was privatized to become Nexsen, now ironically sold to one of China's Crowns. Potash Corp, SaskFerco, Pulp, Great Western Breweries and the FCL and Husky Upgraders also all had Crown roots or investments at one time.

Some of the more disappointing ventures included a briquette factory in Estevan, converted to cat litter and closed before production began, Big Sky pork caught in the perfect storm of economic calamity, the Spudco potatoes scandal at Lake Diefenbaker leading to an RCMP investigation, and the language translator company called Gigtex.

The Service Crowns, with the exception of STC, generally operate profitably but have suffered losses at times from non-core investments made out of the Province including in Nova Scotia (mining) and the middle east (telecommunications). Profits from the Service Crowns flow to the Government in the form of dividends, a controversial approach for some, given that certain Crowns are now faced with significant capital expenditure needs to renew infrastructure, and may need to turn to the debt markets for financing.

Boris wrapped up his remarks indicating he would donate a portion of any book sales today to our Club.

Boris concluded with a final Yogi'ism... "it's hard to make predictions cause you don't know what will happen in the future."

**Thanks Boris for a highly informative presentation.**

#### **SERGEANT-at-ARMS**

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 13, 2014

#### **Sgt at Arms**

Tim tactfully tickled toonies towards the total terrific take today:

- Tim \$20 for forgetting and then finding his badge in a drawer
- Peter for his new pacemaker - "I'm good to go for another 8 years!" he says
- Avis winning the free lunch
- Dave for it being colder than at the North Pole, and cutting his Dad's lawn
- Gord for 9 days at Cabo!
- Kevin for Murray's recent successful hip operation
- Heather for the great draw at the BRIT tournament
- Wayne for Gary's hip replace and teaching a 4 year old to ski
- Mark who was just generally Happy!
- Peter for his tooth replacement performed by Mark
- Tim who was happy they did not mix up Peter's tooth with his pacemaker replacement :)

**[ANNOUNCEMENTS - Meeting Date January 13th, 2014](#)**

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 13, 2014

**Announcements:**

**AGM**

President Peter advises that our AGM will be held January 23rd, 2014.

### **Friendship Exchange with Taiwan**

Kevin advises the following:

"Shortly, the....notice about a Friendship Exchange to Taipei, Taiwan should appear on the District Website. However, I need to contact you directly because the possibility of this Exchange became known only several days ago. The call for applications indicates that applications will close on February 15, 2014. The urgency is caused by the fact that District 3250 Rotarians want our team to visit them in mid April, 2014. They then want to pay us a return visit in the last two weeks of May, 2014. Please read the call for applications document attached (to Kevin's email to all). This would be a wonderful Exchange for "first timers" and "returnees". If you are interested, get your application in as soon as possible. I should add that the return visit of the Taiwanese Rotarians will take place in the Manitoba/Ontario section of our District."

Kevin Wilson  
District 5550 Chair RFE

### **World Community Service**

Dave called for a vote on investing \$2,500 into the Ripple Effect Program, which was approved unanimously.

The Ripple Effect Program is the first Rotary International World Community Service Program developed in Rotary District 5550.

This award-winning program is a sub program of Rotary District 5550 World Community Service. It involves many Rotary Clubs in District 5550 and D4250, as well as clubs in Districts 5580, 5360, 5450, 7080, 7090 and 7790.

Under the direction of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee (CREC) and the Guatemalan Ripple Effect Committee (GREC), school projects are identified, club-to-club agreements are signed and projects are implemented.

### **Health of Club**

Gary and Murray are doing well following hip replacements. As well, Adriana is well on the mend after her recent surgery.

### **Rotary Awareness Month**

January is Rotary Awareness month.



### **Hope for Malawi**

President Peter and Elaine hosted a highly successful brunch at the Hilton Garden Inn on Sunday December 8th in support of this worthy cause. Attendance was over 90 people, with in excess of \$20,000 raised!! Well done Peter and Elaine.



### **Volcanes Project - Laptops and Sewing Machines**

Jim is still looking for used laptops and people to transport them to just outside Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. He is also kick starting a new sewing machine project in Mexico with the founder of Sun Ice. Participants will be taught sewing skills, with small home sewing businesses started using micro financing.

#### **Recent Shelterbox activity:**

- Please consider supporting this special cause in light of the Philippines hurricane
- Rotarian Ron Noseworthy is on-site coordinating the Philippines efforts
- The Federal Government is also matching contributions at this time
- District – 482 boxes sponsored to date in 11 countries
- International – 4500 boxes distributed to date

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### **Bangladesh**

The Club has purchased two copies of the book produced by the Amarak Society on the Bangladesh education program. These are available for borrowing by the members. Please see Gary.

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