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January 27th

- 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 20th, 2014](#)

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Guests of Club

Following a most thoughtful grace performed by Al Morton ("off the cuff" according to Al), John Davies introduced our three guests, Past City Councillor Donna Birkmaier, Kevin Skauge and guest speaker Murray Totland.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK - January 20th, 2014

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

From the Archives – 92 years ago.

Throughout 1920, the Rotary Club of Saskatoon put a great deal of effort into their endeavours to establish a Rotary service club in the City of Yorkton. Their hard work finally came to fruition the following year, when the Rotary Club of Yorkton was formed on May the 31st, 1921.

From the Archives – 77 years ago.

It is interesting to note that as of June 30th, 1936, the official membership of the club stood at 108.

The number of members was impressive, considering the fact that it was right in the middle of the "Great Depression", and seemed to reflect strong support from the City's business sector for the work that Rotary was undertaking at that time within the local community.

From the Archives – 67 years ago.

In February of 1947 the Club's Secretary received a letter from the Bessborough Hotel requesting an increase in the noon luncheon prices. The Board approved the increase and the Secretary was instructed to convey this information in writing to the hotel, however, it was the Board's wish that the reply include the request for 'increased quality, and in a few cases for the privilege off having a second order.' Several options were put forward by the with regards as to what to charge the membership, including keeping the cost of the meals at their current level of \$1.00, raising them to \$1.10, or increasing the dues to \$5.00 a year.

One of our 'New' club members from 29 years ago – a very dapper looking, Jim Webber.



Paul Harris Awards

Mark Gryba was awarded his second Paul Harris Fellowship during the meeting. We encourage all members to consider contributing towards multiple Paul Harris awards

Rotary Moment - "Engage Rotary, Change Lives"

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/130114_IA13_theme.aspx

PROGRAM - January 20th, 2014 – Mr. Murray Totland – City Manager – City of Saskatoon major projects & the City's fiscal health

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



Bev introduced our speaker, City Manager Murray Totland to present on our City's major projects and also the City's fiscal position as regards major infrastructure projects.

Murray, who holds a PEng and MBA from the U of S, joined the City in 1982 and became City Manager in 2009. Murry also sits on the TCU Center Board and the P3 Advisory Board.

Murray delivered what he termed the "City Hall story" as he deems this important to get the message out about the terrific new developments happening in the city. Topics such as traffic, road construction and growth trends are top of mind.

Murray cited major new road openings for both Marquis Drive and the 25th street connector that runs right by the new police headquarters, both of which are designed to ease traffic flow through the City.

Murray spoke as well about population growth indicating the City is close to 250,000 having experienced a significant 4 percent growth rate. The Saskatoon region is likely closer to 300,000 people with 12,000 new residents relocating here in the last year. This is like the City of Weyburn being added to Saskatoon in a single year! Unfortunately traffic congestion has been an inevitable result of this growth.

With GDP growth of 5.2 percent the City led the nation in 2013. According to the Conference Board of Canada, this could be curtailed to in 2014 by restrictions in the available labour supply. The number one issue facing the City though is road conditions, according to a May 2013 survey, a fundamental shift from years ago when the biggest issue was policing. The City responded with a road repair and maintenance program 60 percent higher than last year. \$37 million was spent in 2013 on roads, and a further \$25 million spend is budgeted for 2014.

A new snow removal program is in effect for 2014 involving city wide clearing to avoid the spring thaw issues of the past. With our Winters though the roads are deteriorating faster than previous spending budgets, therefore the budget will be boosted 12 percent by 2016.

Planning neighbourhoods to allow workplaces to be nearby is part of the direction to assist with congestion. Improved cycling lanes and public transit offer other options being explored.

Bridge traffic has exploded with Circle Drive North experiencing 80,000 vehicles per day, double from 40,000 not many years ago. The new north bridge is badly needed to connect Marquis drive and Corman. The plan is to bundle this with a new commuter parkway as part of a P3 Canada application. With Provincial backing, the budget total should be approximately \$250 million.

The old Traffic bridge demolition is now under way, and a replacement needs to offer commuters, cyclists and pedestrians this important link to downtown as well as a reserve backup when other bridges are closed for maintenance.

A new \$1 Billion Provincial phased program is also planned for the perimeter highway bypass that will allow some traffic to bypass the City.

The Remai Art Gallery is another high profile project offering a central meeting place and underground parking. All three levels of government funding including \$23 million from the City, joined \$21 million from the private sector to finance this project.

The new Police headquarters will be opening in 2014, with a total build cost of \$123 million and will consolidate various current police locations. The other new construction project on deck is the Civic Operations Center, a P3 initiative totalling \$128 million, located in the south west of the City, near the land fill.

Thank you Murray for all that you and your team do for us as City residents.

SERGEANT-at-ARMS

Posted by Graham Pearson PH on Jan 20, 2014

Sgt at Arms

Dave demonstratively demanded dollar donations from/for the following doers:

- Tim \$5 for new road construction in the City
- Wayne for working off his City ticket at the Friendship Inn
- Gord for a parking ticket possibility
- Graham for the "Snakebit" Ford truck auction raising \$450k for the Children's hospital

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Meeting Date January 20th, 2014

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Announcements:

AGM

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

RAP

Jack announced an important press conference for January 22 regarding RAP. ***If you saw the news that day you will know that Jack and Shirley donated \$100,000 to RAP!!!*** Congratulations and thank you Jack and Shirley!! More on this at our next meeting.

Jack Brodsky Night at the Blades

At the Blades game January 25th, past owner Jack Brodsky will be honoured. Your Blades ticket gains entrance to the event at the Back Stage Lounge beginning at 6PM.

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 Petarions want

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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

Bangladesh

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

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