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# The NORATOR

The weekly bulletin from  
The Rotary Club of Saskatoon North

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February 21, 2013



### Chairperson:

President Ivan Wilson

### Setup Sergeant:

David Brown / Joanne HD

### Greeter:

Paul Cairns

### Door Attendance:

Earle Newton / Joanne HD

### Makeups

Paul Cairns, Sarah King, Steve Morrisey, Priscilla Mah, Allen O – Membership committee meeting.

### Birthdays

Bob Anderson

### O Canada & Rotary Grace

Arlene Jorgenson

February is World Understanding Month

**Guests:** His worship Mayor Atchinson – guest speaker.

**Allen O – June Cathcart's** recovery is progressing very well, **Georgio Piatto**, one of our charter members was recently admitted to hospital. More information will be forthcoming. **A Make UP** sheet will be available at the front desk. It would be appreciated by the Secretary if you would record any makeups you have performed – e.g. Meals on Wheels, Committee meeting.

**Arlene Jorgenson** – advised us that Stu is now at home and that Home Care has been hired.

**Elaine Tatarniuk** – reminded us that the **Polio Plus Boxes** were on the tables for your pennies and change and that the **Bingo schedule** was being passed around.

**April 27, 2013** – African Night – A joint fundraising event of the five Rotary Clubs in support of projects in Zanzibar and Haiti. This event will take place at St. George's Senior's Centre – 1235 20<sup>th</sup> Street West. Silent auction items would greatly be appreciated. Tickets are available at [www.picatic.com/africanight](http://www.picatic.com/africanight)

**Reminder – Membership Drive – Sarah King** reminded us of our Balloon by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June project. Get your prospective member information to Sarah ASAP.

**Member Contact** - If you have information on the health / welfare or special event issues of one of our Club members or their immediate family, please contact **PDG June Cathcart** who will arrange for a visit or an appropriate card. [lincolnshirelass@sasktel.net](mailto:lincolnshirelass@sasktel.net)



Remember to bring

your change for the

Polio Penny boxes.

### Sergeant for the Day Bob Anderson - reported by: Al O

**Fines, Happy / Sad dollars** – Bob addressed fines to those without Rotary pins and name badges. Also fined where those who did not shovel snow last week. Rounding out the fines were those who were fortunate enough to go on a vacation down south.

Sad dollars were paid by David B, Bob A, Earle N, Peter S and Al O for the sad news about Georgio Piatto. Peter S was happy for having the winning ticket to YEP Nastya's fundraiser while our other Peter – Peter R was happy for his quick success in selling something on kijiji. Paul C was glad to have Edie at our meeting as a new member while Edie was glad to be asked to join. David B was glad for the hospitality shown by Doug McPeek while in Arizona while Doug was glad to back in Saskatoon (really?). Kathy Joe S was happy for the fact that her great nephew would be bearing the name she suggested. Kathy Joe also had a sad dollar for learning that a friend was seriously ill and for the passing of Sarah King's uncle. Joanne HD was happy of the recent article about the GSE program in our local newspaper. In closing, the Sergeant fined Ramji K just on principle.

**Draw winner– A jar of homemade black current jam donated by Peter Rhodes – Ramji Khandelwal.**

### *Letter from the President*

Most informed commentators seem to be skeptical about the federal government's grand gesture of appointing an ambassador for religious freedom. That is not surprising seeing that politicians tend to have their own best interest at heart, even when they are championing the causes of others. I was taught to believe that William Wilberforce (a saint in politics), was against slavery, but my later research revealed that when the bill came up in the house of commons for the abolition of slavery he voted against it. Wilberforce was against the slave trade—unworthy of Englishmen, not slavery. Far from abolishing slavery he thought the plantation owners should breed them!

Who would argue against the freedom of religion? Certainly not any one on this side of the Atlantic who shares the history of persecuted Christians in Europe that found freedom to worship in the new world. Even if some of their expressions of religion are anomalous in today's secular society, nevertheless, their freedom to worship is protected by the law of the land. But one group's freedom to worship should not infringe upon the rights of another. We have often seen those with newfound freedoms impose their will upon others who do not share their philosophy, political opinions or religious convictions.

In addition to the freedom of religion we need to cherish human rights. Indeed if we concentrate upon human rights, religious freedom will take care of its self. So why neglect human rights or even promote policies that undermine the groups and organizations that work so hard to establish human rights around the world. Perhaps it is not glamorous enough, and it brings little opportunities for photo ops and the promotion of public relations. PR seems to be more important to some politicians than human rights. As Rotarians, we are not in the house of the skeptics, but we are entitled to ask: is this fair to all concerned?

With every good wish  
Ivan  
24<sup>th</sup> February 2013  
Saskatoon



Nastya Saponova (from Russia) (Host Club: Meewasin; Attends Evan Hardy. 2<sup>nd</sup> host family Bill and Linda Brockhurst h: 978-1558 Cell 716-2936);



Ananda Lopes Teixeira (from Paracatu Brazil District 4760); Attends Marion Graham Collegiate; (Current Hosts Chris Gelineau & Margaret Phelan 653-0588)



Gauthier Mace (from France District 1520); Attends Bishop James Mahoney High School; (Current Hosts Gerry & Dineke 931-4476)

## Weekly Program as reported by AO

**Program:** Mayor Don Atchinson  
State of the Union (tailored to the RC of Saskatoon North)

**Introduced by:** Bob Anderson  
**Thanked by:** Paul Cairns



His Worship Mayor Donald Atchinson was first elected to City Council in 1994 and served as councillor up to his election as Mayor in 2003. He was re-elected as Mayor in 2006, in 2009 and again in 2012.

Growing up in Saskatoon, "Atch" was involved in a variety of activities including church and school groups, piano lessons and volunteer work with his family. Most of all, he loved sports, where his talent as a hockey goaltender led to playing in the professional leagues. After hockey, he returned to Saskatoon and his family's retail business. He and his wife Mardele raised their five children in Saskatoon, carrying on the values of their parents and community.

His Worship considers Saskatoon a 21<sup>st</sup> Century City uses this premise for looking into the future when considering the direction Saskatoon should be embarking upon. There are those who consider Saskatoon in a "boom" time but our Mayor considers us in a period of economic growth. We are a city of diversified resources which include but are not limited by mining, the U of S and the international activities going on in our city. He firmly believes that our city will eventually grow to a population of one million people. Much has been said about areas such as Riverside as the inner city or core areas. His worship believes these areas should be considered as historic areas. There is a grand vision for the 254 acre of the city currently regarded as the city yards. This would include a central heating and garbage collection system for the whole area. It would contain 10 % of our total cities population in the center of Saskatoon. As for more immediate concerns is the allocation of 25 million towards fixing potholes over the next four years and the allocation of an additional 800,000 towards snow removal. Also noted was the relationship developed with Sask. Correctional Institute addressing landscaping maintenance and development programs.

On behalf of the Club, Paul thanked the Mayor for sharing his time with us at today's meeting, for his vision and leadership, and for getting reelected.

## Your 2013-14 Club Executive

President	Ruth Marritt
Past President	Ivan Wilson
President Elect	Arlene Jorgenson
Vice President	David Brown
Treasurer	Ed Buchholz
Secretary	Sarah King
Club Administration Director	Kathy Jo Simmie
Service Projects Director	David Brown
International Service Projects Chair	Brenda Banbury
Youth Services Director	Arlene Jorgenson
Rotary Foundation Director	Ramji Khandelwal
Membership Development Chair	Paul Cairns
Fundraising Chair	Ruth Marritt

# Duty Rosters

## Club Meeting

<u>Date</u>	<u>Setup Sergeant</u>	<u>Fines Sergeant</u>	<u>Desk</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
February 28, 2013	Arlene Jorgenson	Dale Kelly	Priscilla Mah / Joanne HD	Ramji Khandelwal
March 7, 2013	Ruth Marritt	Darren McClelland	Steve Morrisey / Priscilla Mah	Doug McPeek
March 14, 2013	Glen Paziuk	Peter Rhodes	Jay Shah / Steve Morrisey	Peter Sen
March 21, 2013	Kathy Jo Simmie	Harry Strauss	Elaine Tatarniuk / Jay Shah	Gerry Weninger
March 28, 2013	Doyle Wiebe	Sarah King	Bob Anderson / Elaine Tatarniuk	Ross Afseth

## Meals on Wheels Schedule

**Route 1 – June Cathcart Coordinator 374-1702 or 270-8483**

**Meals on Wheels Coordinator – Amy at 655-4318**

Please note that the pickup is at 310 Idylwyld Drive (across from Harry Bailey Pool).

March 6, 2013	June Cathcart
March 13, 2013	Elaine Tatarniuk
March 20, 2013	Don Ewart
March 27, 2013	Earle Newton

## AFRICA NIGHT 2013

Fundraising event - 27 April 2013

St. George's Senior's Centre 1235 20th St. W





Cocktails 5:30pm

Dinner 6:00pm

Entertainment by  
Resurrection Dance  
Theatre of Haiti

\$45/50 (before/after Apr 1<sup>st</sup>)

Catered by SABA African Cuisine

In support of projects in Zanzibar and Haiti



Tickets:

www.picatic.com/Africanight





23 February 2013

Dear Rotarian:

We are pleased to share that today, on Rotary's 108th anniversary, it was announced at the Vancouver Peace Forum that Canadian Rotarians have raised over \$1.6 million for the Pennies for Polio initiative. Thanks to you, we have exceeded our goal of \$1 million. This is a true testament to the continued interest and commitment of Canadian Rotarians to Rotary's priority program. Our funds, as you know, will also be further leveraged by matching funds from the Canadian government and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. By doing this we have ensured vital financial support for global polio eradication activities and we have sent a clear message about the continued commitment of Canadian Rotarians to the goal of a polio free world.

Our government has heard and acknowledged this message. Yesterday, Minister for International Cooperation Julian Fantino and International PolioPlus Committee Chair Bob Scott issued a joint [editorial article](#) affirming commitment to the shared goal of a polio free world and today, Minister Fantino announced that the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will match all contributions received above the original \$1 million ceiling by Rotarians through the 1 March 2013 deadline. The Gates Foundation has also agreed to continue their match of funds donated by Canadian Rotarians. Based on the \$1.6 million in contributions are aware of to date, this already means a total of \$4.8 million in additional funding for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

We have one week remaining where every dollar you contribute will be matched by an additional \$2. We would encourage you to consider making an additional contribution to PolioPlus in honor of Rotary's Anniversary prior to 1 March 2013. We are planning to announce a preliminary figure for funds raised by Rotarians through 1 March to Minister Fantino when he attends the Toronto Peace Symposium on 2 March 2013.

We thank you for so clearly demonstrating the unwavering commitment of Canadian Rotarians to global polio eradication and hope you will take advantage of this unique opportunity to leverage your investment in a polio free world. We also encourage you to express your appreciation for Canada's continued collaboration with Rotary as highlighted by the extension of this match to your Member of Parliament.

Many thanks for your continued support and collaboration to END POLIO NOW!

Bryn Styles  
Member  
RI Board of Directors

Richard Clarke  
Chair  
Pennies for Polio

