

## **Rotary Club of Regina Eastview**

## The ROTOR

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April 21, 2016 "The Regina Bypass" with Tony Playter

April 28, 2016 "Restor International" with Tim Cowan & the 2016-17 Eastview budget

May 5, 2016 "Supporting a Syrian Refugee Family" with the Yule family

May 12, 2016 TBA

May 19, 2016 "The Amarok Society" with Gem Munro

NEXT WEEK April 21, 2016

The Regina By-Pass with

**Tony Playter** 

April 21, 2016

**Registration: Pat Richards** 

50/50: Doug Archer

**Greeter: Laurence Vigrass** 

**Registration:** PDG Peter Peters was in charge of registration today along with Zarin Zavery on the 50/50 draw. Shreedhar Jachak extended the hand of friendship to all who came through the doors. It was a good example of a 'well oiled machine'. One would think these people had done this before! Of course we all greeted each other in the usual way. Maybe it was an infectious spring fever but it was a happy crowd.



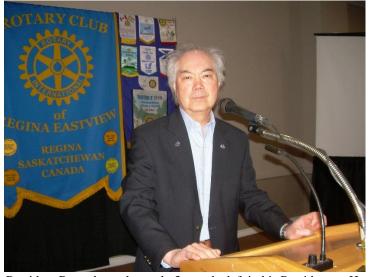


President Ron welcomed everyone to Eastview on this fine spring day followed by the singing of the national anthem. Allen Hillsden (the jack of all trades person in our Club) capably led us in the singing in the absence of Nelson. There was a strong possibility we were heard out on the street. That is how well it went!

Club philosopher, Doreen Pankewich, chose a thought for the day from actor John Wayne (remember him?) who once said: "Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday." Doreen noted that our crowd is getting younger and hoped everyone remembers John Wayne. John Wayne's birth name was Marion Morrison, named after his father, a civil war veteran. Wayne died in 1979.







**Lead table**: Seated with President Ron were Jon Golden, speaker, Richard Schwan, Charles Sadzamare, Laurel Mattison, Leo Ell, Laurence Vigrass, and Gail Bradley.

Peter Peters introduced **visiting guests and Rotarians**:

Doug Keam visited from the Regina Club. We are glad to have you with us Doug. Other guests were: Jon Golden, speaker, Vern Hoyt (guest of Greg McNamara), Chris Hefner (guest of John Van Koll), Kell Sloan (guest of Allen Hillsden). All guests were welcomed with the Eastview welcome song.

President Ron, above, has only 3 months left in his Presidency. He says the time is passing quickly. So far, so very good, Ron.

**50/50 draw**: Zarin Zavery announced that a total of \$60 was collected, thanks to the generosity of Rotarians. Hans Gaastra was the winner of half the amount and prompty donated it to the Rotary Foundation. Thanks Hans.

**Sergeant at Arms:** Sgt. Pat Dell was welcomed to the podium with warm applause. She reported she had no transgressions to report on anyone. She gave herself and Laurel Mattison a Rotobuck as they were in spring

colors (it seemed this was pre-arranged). Well done. We should all be celebrating spring. Then the Sergeant called for Happy Bucks. Jeff Barber was happy to report that the new Mamaweyatitan Center is about half finished and will open next year. This new center will house under one roof existing facilities, including Scott

Collegiate, the Albert-Scott Community Centre and the Albert Library. There will also be a child care facility, a city recreational complex and a police station. We look forward to the completion of this project. A wonderful addition to our city. He also reported that tenders have gone out to build a new George Bothwell Library in South Regina. This will necessitate the Bothwell making a temporary move until the new building is complete. Peter Neufeldt had happy bucks because 8 members of our club are attending the District Assembly on April 16. A total of 40 have enrolled.



It was confession time for Peter Peters. He paid 'sorry bucks' because he had misspelled the Sergeant's name

in a previous Rotor which was reported to him by the Sergeant. It was also a positive moment for the Rotor Editor, in that at least we know people are reading the Rotor!!

Allen Hillsden was happy for his 12 year old granddaughter whose group participated in a cheerleading competition in Ontario and won 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Laurel Mattison had happy bucks because she has been a non-smoker for 50 days. Well done Laurel! Best decision of your life.

The Sergeant ended her report by requesting all of us to pray for sunshine for her golf games coming up this weekend. We will do that for the Sergeant.

Pres. Ron made the following announcement. Wally and Lynne Dressler are leaving Regina the end of April for Cochrane, Alberta. Wally is an Eastview treasure (and treasurer!) and will be missed. Wally is a Past President of Eastview and has been treasurer or assisted a treasurer forever. WALLY DRESSLER, MAN OF THE HOUR ON TUESDAY.

WHEN: TUESDAY APRIL 19, 2016 STARTING AT 5 PM

WHERE: LANCASTER TAP HOUSE, 4529 GORDON ROAD IN HARBOUR LANDING

Come for a social gathering to say goodbye to Wally and Lynne and to thank them for all they have done for Eastview. Drinks, appetizers, order a meal, whatever suits you. Spouses and members are all welcome!

**Program:** Gail Bradley came to the podium to introduce guest speaker, Corporal Jon Golden, a member of the Regina Police Service for 15 years. He is originally from Sudbury, Ontario. He spent some time in the Canadian Armed Forces, stationed in Winnipeg. Much of his time at RPS has been as a detective in plainclothes and undercover in the drug unit. He has been in Commercial Crime for a year and a half. Outside of his work duties, Jon has a 12 year old daughter who plays hockey. He has coached her for years, and still does, which fills most his time away from work.

Corporal Golden came to the podium to tell us about his work with the Commercial Crime

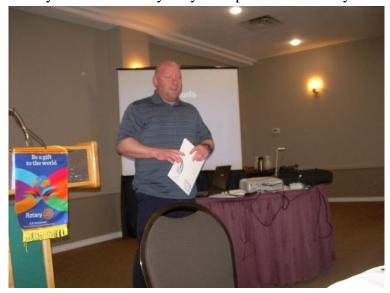
Unit. It was evident immediately that he is passionate about his work and anxious to reach everyone he can to caution them about scams and fraudulent activities that are so common today. Cpl. Golden referred us to a publication by the Saskatchewan Seniors' Mechanism that discusses the various ways to protect oneself against scams and fraud that are so prevalent. See <a href="http://www.skseniorsmechanism.ca/">http://www.skseniorsmechanism.ca/</a> for valuable information.

Jon says that in his year and a half working in this area he is constantly amazed at the new scams that are developed and that there are those who are victims. The terms Scam and Fraud are similar in meaning and Jon's message throughout his presentation was always "Do nothing". These activities are global in nature and may originate in other countries. The perpetrators are seldom, if ever, prosecuted and in many cases are on the fringe of illegal activity. They are activities of opportunity and even if they only entrap one victim they have

been successful. The police say that success in their police world is the absence of crime.

There are many scams that come to us via computer, cell phone, telephone, credit or bank cards. Perpetrators can retrieve your information from Facebook accounts, from your computer, your response to the various websites including: online dating/romance sites, overpayment scams on online purchases, lottery/inheritance scams, false charities, advance fee loans to name a few.

Why are seniors often a target: they own their homes, they have pensions and money in savings accounts, often they are looking for companionship.



Banks and financial institutions have improved their chip and PIN anti fraud technology so that there is better protection, not infallible but better. However Jon predicts that in the future, fraud artists will find a mechanism to overcome the protection.

Jon had many examples of scams that have been reported to police. **REMEMBER JON'S ADVICE: DO NOTHING.** Do not click on the links, never send money or information about yourself. Delete suspicious emails, hang up on callers who are suspect, leave credit cards at home if you do not need them for everyday use. At the conclusion of his presentation, President Ron thanked him for giving us this pertinent information. Jon advises that he is happy to talk to any group on this topic. It was a worthwhile and interesting presentation. Thank you Jon.

For more information on the work of the Commercial Crime unit of the Regina City Police go to: <a href="http://www.reginapolice.ca/about-us/criminal-investigation-division/commercial-crimes/">http://www.reginapolice.ca/about-us/criminal-investigation-division/commercial-crimes/</a>

Announcements: The Business and Professional Women's Organization annual fundraiser will be held on Monday, April 18, 2016 at the Travelodge South. There will be a dinner, silent auction and fashion show. Tickets are \$30. At this dinner Eastview's own, Sherry McKinnon will receive an award for her community service. Drinks at 5-30 PM, Dinner at 6 PM. If you can attend let Pat Dell know as soon as possible.

Peter Neufeldt reminded members of the District Assembly being held Saturday, April 16 at the Executive Royal Hotel (South Albert Street) from 9-30am to 4-30pm. The Club will pay all fees for members. A great way to learn more about Rotary. If you can arrive a little early, Ann Grahame would appreciate help in setting up a Shelter Box.

## BREAKING NEWS FROM THE RI COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION SESSION CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS

(provided to PDG Peter Peters by PDG Julius Buski, representative from District 5370 at the RI Council on Legislation meetings in Chicago)

"Two of the most significant (decisions) dealt with allowing for flexibility in club meetings and attendance as well as membership. With respect to flexibility in club meetings and attendance, the Council passed an enactment which amends the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to allow clubs to change their bylaws



respecting number of meetings and attendance provisions, provided that a club must meet at least twice each month. This provision, along with any other enactments passed, comes into effect on July 1st of this year. Should a club decide to make no changes in its bylaws then the current rules will continue to apply.

The enactment dealing with flexibility in membership allows clubs to adopt different types of memberships, while maintaining the classification principle. For example, a club

could welcome a Rotaractor into membership while still allowing him/her to maintain their membership in the Rotaract club." Also effective July 1, clubs will no longer be allowed to charge admission or initiation fees.

We will hear more from RI on the deliberations of the Council on Legislation at the conclusion of their meetings. (Images above from <a href="https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/exchange-ideas/events/council-legislation#dailyrecaps">https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/exchange-ideas/events/council-legislation#dailyrecaps</a>.)



## On a personal note.....

It was a great day at Eastview. The usual good food, exceptional fellowship and enthusiasm, new members bringing new ideas to our midst and a great presentation by Corporal Jon Golden. Personally I was glad to be a part of it all. I am always grateful to my sponsor who invited me to join Eastview 17 years ago. It is the place to be. Thankfully all of you agree. Enjoy the images of spring.





Filling in for Rotor Editor Peter Peters, I am Gail Bradley wishing you a lovely spring week.