



## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

# The ROTOR

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Apr 27	<b>“Road Trip to Bothwell Library”</b> with <b>Jeff Barber, RPL</b>
May 4	<b>“911 Services”</b> with <b>Angie Wagar, City of Regina</b>
May 11	<b>“Agribition Update”</b> with <b>Chris Lane, CEO</b>
May 18	<b>“Alzheimer's Society of Saskatchewan”</b> with <b>Joanne Brachen, CEO</b>
May 25	<b>“TBA”</b>
Jun 1	<b>“TBA”</b>

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>April 27, 2017</u>	<u>DUTY ROSTER</u>
<b>“Road Trip to Bothwell Library”</b> <b>With our own</b> <b>Jeff Barber</b>	<b>APRIL</b> <b>“Maternal and</b> <b>Child Health”</b> <b>Month!</b>	<b>Registration: Charles Sadzamare</b> <b>50/50: Ron Okumura</b> <b>Greeter: Hussein Ibrahim</b>

It was quickly recognized that Dinesh Kashyap was not at his assigned station but that Pat Richards was filling the **Registration Desk** role – and to be noted, was doing so with distinction. At his assigned station was Hans Gaastra selling **50/50 Tickets**.



**Greeter,** Sam Berg was judiciously paying attention to who was coming in the door, making sure the warm hand of Regina Eastview friendship was extended – here to member Dave Sandison.



In keeping with this Month's Theme, the following message from the April 2017 issue from Rotary's **End Polio Now Campaign**:

**World Immunization Week** takes place this year 24-30 April. Thanks to global vaccination efforts, more than 2.5 billion children have been protected against polio since 1985, but there's still more work to be done. This World Immunization Week, here are three easy ways to support polio eradication:

1. Follow End Polio Now on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), and share or retweet Rotary and our partners' messages.



2. Check [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) for [new blog](#) posts and [additional social media content](#) to share on your own channels.
3. Plan a fundraiser in your local community using End Polio Now- and Rotary-[branded materials](#).



**President Greg McNamara** is racing to the finish line, having only months and 1 week to go in his Presidency. It seems there is still lots to do and the “dance card” is stacked to the brim, which means food is left on the table as we thunder on to the next piece of business.

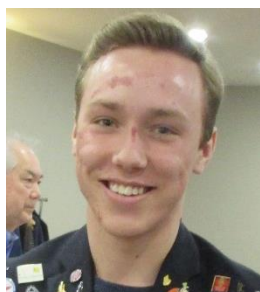
Nelson Falkowsky led our National Anthem, Sam Berg led in Rotary grace and Club Philosopher Doreen Pankewich shared this **“Thought for the Day”** from Texas General Practitioner, Roger Knapp who said, *“I believe you can keep going long after you think you can’t.”*



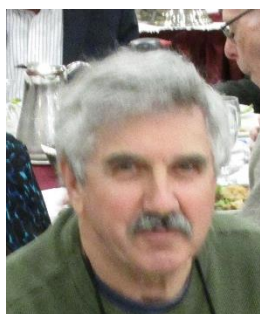
### **Chili For Children Duty Roster**

**Apr 21 - NO SCHOOL**

**Apr 28 - Jack Wozniak, Tania, Woroby, Ann Grahame**



Joining President Greg at the **Lead Table** were Anton Liljetors (left), Richard Taylor, Pat Richards, Doreen Pankewich and Corey Zaharuk (right).



After Hans Gaastra introduced our **Guests** and **Visiting Rotarians** we sang our Welcome Song as members circled the room and extend a further hand of friendship to the following: Guest Speaker Superintendent Corey Zaharuk with Regina Police Services a guest of the Club; Rotarians Richard Taylor (**left**) (RC of Regina Oskaya) and Doug Keam (**right**) (RC of Regina); and, Anton Liljetors (Rotary Exchange Student from Sweden with the RC of Regina Oskaya)



Doing double duty today, Hans Gaastra also managed the highly anticipated **50/50 Draw** - for surely today is the day. Sensing the sensitivity of this activity, Hans choose to have Superintendent Zaharuk draw the qualifying ticket – just happened to be Hans’ ticket that was drawn. With only 10 blue marbles left in the box surrounding the lonely green “guy”, Hans was almost confident that his stealthy fingers would separate the green and snatch it from the crushing blue crowd – it was not so we gather again next week.



We sang **Happy Birthday** to Doug Mortin, who as all those “who have gone before” was happy to finally get his hands on one of these insulated grocery bags – which make shopping for cool things “so much fun”.



## SERGEANT –AT-ARMS

Pat Dell was on “top of her game” today and with gentle (sometimes) encouragement, the Club’s coffers were “enriched” – this is sort of the way it went down: All those who have golfed this year were allowed to pay an additional \$2.00 for this experience (the camera caught Sergeant Pat in her, “**I have not golfed yet this year because the weather is always inclement when I am booked.....**” look) ; members who failed to display personal identifying tags were fined – we should soon learn this is most distracting to visitors who are never sure they are in the right place. Members who experienced a great Easter were invited to share their experiences (and of course pay for the privilege): John Van Koll was off and for the first time in 14 years spent Easter with his family; Pat Richards was happy that they could spend Easter at home in Regina; Chris Hefner was pleased to be part of a group that enjoyed Easter in a special Restaurant; Jeanne when out to a scrumptious meal and she did not have to do a thing.



Happy dollars came from Richard Taylor who rose to advise he was prepared to sell Eastview members tickets in Regina Oskaya’s fund raiser - the prize is Saskatchewan Roughriders game tickets - \$5.00 each; Sam Berg was happy to tell us he had *The Caring Place* CEO’s \$5.00 to tell us that *The Caring Place* fund raising **Mayor’s Luncheon** is not this week as noted in last week’s ROTOR, but two weeks from today – giving us more time to decide if we would not rather.....; Richard Schwan stood to express the Club’s appreciation for the Anonymous donation of an iPad to the Club which will allow the Club to bring back the ability accept credit card payment – as it should be, the name of the anonymous donor is only anonymous to those not in attendance today; and finally, Allen Hillsden said that he and Grace spent a quiet Easter at home which allowed him to complete all the Appreciation Certificates for individuals and businesses who supported the Valentine GALA through sponsorship or a silent auction item. Thank you all!



## PROGRAM

During President Greg’s introduction of guest speaker Corey Zaharuk, we knew this was a person we wanted to meet. Now Superintendent, a post he has held for 2.5 years, Corey Zaharuk has been a police officer with Regina Police Service (RPS) for 22 years. Over this time he has experienced “*an exceptionally rewarding and varied career*”. Greg referenced a number of roles Corey Zaharuk has held within the City’s law enforcement world, ranging from uniformed patrol officer, a SWAT Team member and a variety of investigative and administrative roles. He holds a bachelor degree in education and a master’s certificate in public management.



From Superintendent Zaharuk we learned that he is responsible for the *Community Service Division*, one of three Divisions within the RPS, and has responsibility for 330 police and civilian employees. This Division is divided into the North, Central and South districts in Regina. The Division has responsibility for Patrol, Traffic Safety, School Resource, Detention, Victim Services, Communication Centre and Crime Prevention Strategies.

The men and women in the RPS work to continually improve their effectiveness, efficiency while responding positively to the demanding work. Front line officers are largely seen but there are instances where they are “unseen”, e.g. when they work in victim services. However, where ever they work they take their responsibility very seriously.

In 2016 the RPS has experienced an increase in gun crime. However, even as these rates increase, officers are challenged to maintain a “respectful use of force” in their work. Domestic violence has increased, where not long ago RPS would respond to 12-14 domestic calls a day, this has not increased to 20 calls a day. A good portion of an officer’s day is spent looking for “run-away youth” who have left foster homes or youth centres. Keeping track of released offenders is a part of an officer’s day. Sadly, many offenders become repeat offenders and once this cycle repeats itself it is difficult to move persons out of this lifestyle. The desire of RPS is to focus on building Community and not on arresting people. However, when violent offenses, increased use of illicit drugs, stolen vehicles and dangerous driving have increased by significant percentages in recent year, and having Regina labeled as the “crime capital” of Canada, the focus on “building community” is a clear challenge. On the matter of police chases (stolen vehicles / dangerous driving), RPS continue pursuit in approximately 11% of these cases in respect of public safety. In response to a question, RPS taking a look at the HUB model initiated by the Prince Albert Police Service and will determine if it has an application in Regina. The program undertaken in Regina is referred to as TRIP which has had positive results and HUB might have a complimentary fit.

Superintendent Zaharuk concluded by noting that alcohol is a major contributor to the work of RPS. He praised the Regina-Qu’Appelle Health Region for taking the lead in recognizing alcohol addiction must be addressed as a disease rather than a crime. Housing and support services for people struggling with addictions rather than overnight incarceration has shown this to be an effective community safety measure.



President Greg thanked Corey Zaharuk for his presentation and the work he and his colleagues do to make and keep the community safe.



**Presentation of Paul Harris Fellow** – President Greg invited Hans Gaastra to come to the podium and share this important news. Hans invited Rotarian Jim Powell to join him. On behalf of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Trustees Hans presented Jim with TRF emblems of Appreciation for making contributions to TRF and those attain the privilege of becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. The emblems consist of a Certificate and a lapel pin indicating his status as a PHF. Congratulations, Jim and THANK YOU!

### “This is My Life” with Takayoshi Ono

It was Takayoshi’s opportunity to tell us about himself. Not a surprise Takayoshi began by expressing his deep appreciation to members for their concern for his recent bout with shingles. This was a very trying and painful experience and while the effect of this experience is largely behind him, he indicated some continuing challenge with his right eye.

Takayoshi indicated he was born in Japan’s 2<sup>nd</sup> largest City in 1942 during the height of WWII. They moved into the rural part of Japan where he grew up and were fortunate because they always had enough to eat, unlike people who resided in cities. After the war, when he was 13, the family moved to Hiroshima where he saw and experienced the result of the Atomic Bomb dropped on this City. 100,000 people were killed by the initial blast and 100,000 people died years following the war from the effects of radiation and diseases attributed to effects of radiation.



Takayoshi studied ship building and this was his life’s vocation and was mostly carried out in Japan although for 5 years they lived in Brazil. He retired from work in 2008 and in 2009 he moved to Regina because his son, Taka and his family lived in this community. At that time there was one grandchild and he came as the “baby-sitter”.

The family has since expanded to three grandchildren so his baby-sitting responsibility tripled in this short period of time. He thanked Laurence Vigrass for introducing him to Rotary. He expressed his appreciation to members for the friendship and support he has received from his Rotary friends. According to Takayoshi, "You helped me survive".



Takayoshi you have served as an inspiration to members of Eastview and we are honoured to have you in our family.

**Anton Liljetors** was not only at Regina Eastview to show off his battle scared face (results of an altercation with a trampoline), but also to invite us to contribute to his Youth Exchange fund raiser for PolioPlus and ShelterBox. Anton will be biking the 330 KM Golden Triangle in Alberta. Please consider supporting this great Ambassador from Sweden in his fund raising quest.

**Family of Rotary** – Doug Mortin shared with members that the Falkowsky's, Hillsden's, Gaastra's, Mortin's and Peters' were privileged to be part of the Rotary family invited and able to attend Beth Foster's funeral in Indian Head on April 18<sup>th</sup>. He conveyed Art's deep appreciation for our support and involvement and his wish to be remembered to members of Regina Eastview. Doug made us proud in his "Eulogy" speaking of the service Beth and Art provided before, during, and after Art's Presidency of Eastview in 2003-2004. A most fitting aspect of the celebration of Beth's life.



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**District Assembly – Regina District Assembly** will be held at the **Living Hope Alliance Church, 3900 Arcola Ave East, Regina, SK, next Saturday, April 22, 2017** from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. **Registration is on the District Website at:** <http://rotary5550.org/>. See information Peter Neufeldt e-mailed to you today. The **Club will cover the cost of Registration (\$45.00) for Eastview members.**

**Saskatchewan Youth Visual Art Project** - Shreedhar Jachak reminded us that the official Award presentation ceremony will be held in Regina at **Westminster United Church, 3025 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue on April 22nd at 2:00 PM.** Please refer to the attached information mailed to you on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Rotary Meeting April 27<sup>th</sup> – We will be meeting at the George Bothwell Library at the Southland Mall.**

**ROTARY TIDBIT** - This message from **Betty L Screpnek** Zone 24 Rotary Foundation Coordinator.

Canadian Rotarians and all Canadians still have time to add their names to a petition to the Government of Canada to continue our nation's support of the Rotary originated global campaign to end polio by clicking on the following site:

<https://petitions.parl.gc.ca/en/Petition/Sign/e-798>



The next time you see your Member of Parliament, remember to thank him/her for the important roll the Government of Canada plays and has played in Polio Eradication over the years. We are privileged to live in Canada.



## **COMMENTARY**

I do not always read the Regina Leader Post Editorial Page but sometimes there is a topic which catches my eye. On April 15<sup>th</sup> it was Doug Cuthand's column titled, *Creation Stories say a lot about our world*, which I found enlightening as it drew comparisons between Christian and First Nation spirituality.

While this is a topic which borders on "stuff" from which Rotarians are encouraged to withdraw, I cautiously raise it here in light of Rotarian Sam Berg's published response to Doug Cuthand's article in this morning's Leader Post.

One of the things I most appreciate about Rotary is that the Rotary door is open to all, regardless of religious (or no) affiliation. Doug Cuthand tended to focus on the differences in the "Creation stories", and in doing so creates the "continuing divide" between peoples.

I much prefer the courageous stand Sam Berg takes in holding up the similarities, which more positively opens the door to further conversation, exploration and understanding.

Tip of the hat to Sam Berg.



**For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters**