



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

Thursday, April 21, 2016

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Apr 28 **“RESTOR International”** with **Tim Cowan** & **“2016-2017 Eastview Budget”** Presentation

May 5 **“Supporting A Syrian Refugee Family”** with **The Yule Family**

May 12 **“TBA”**

May 19 **“Amarok Society”** with **Gem Munro**

NEXT WEEK

“RESTOR International”
with
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2016**

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: Leif Riesach

50/50: Jeff Barber

Greeter: Anne Grahame

Pat Richards was at the **Registration Desk** taking in cash for entry and eating. For the initial stretch, she was also selling **50/50 Tickets** until “gentle giant”, Jack Wozniak leant a “helping hand”. This served Pat well until assigned Ticket Seller Doug Archer arrived and assumed the responsibility. Team work always wins.

Laurence Viggras had to hurry to get to the **Greeter** station before the Sergeant arrived to apply “financial hurt” on top of the “physical discomfort” he was experiencing because of the required haste - on duty - on time - all was well.

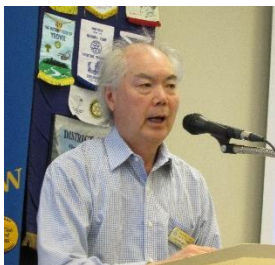


CHILI FOR CHILDREN

Apr 22---NO SCHOOL

Apr 29---Doug Mortin, Nelson Falkowsky, Sherry McKinnon





President Ron Okumura was key to getting us started, getting it done, and closing the meeting. In meeting these demands, the photo leaves one with the impression he is barking orders, which does not do justice to President Ron's quiet laid back style.

Although it is not known if **Philosopher** Doreen Pankewich chose her **Thought for the Day** in response to the recent "dog rescue" event at Riceton, English comedy writer, comedian and actor, Bob Monkhouse did have it right when he said, "*Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.*"

Today the **Lead Table** consisted of President Ron, Wally Dressler, Jeanne Martinson, Guest Speaker Barry Reid (**right**), and Nelson Falkowsky.



Pat Richards had the opportunity to introduce one **Visiting Rotarian** and eight **Guests**. It is always nice to have Doug Keam from the RC of Regina join us on Thursday's. **Guests** included Barry Reid a guest of the Club; Luis Simon (**below – left**) guest of Laurel Mattison; Kell Sloane (**next to Luis**) guest of Allen Hillsden; Vern Hoyt guest of Greg McNamara; David Fehr-Rose (**right of Kell**) guest of Chris Hefner; Chris Hefner guest of John Van Koll; Asha Abdala (**right of David**) guest of Joseph Mburu; and, Bim Pandya (**below far right**) guest of Louis Browne.



Having completed a taxing **50/50 Ticket** selling spree, Doug Archer invited President Ron to draw the lucky ticket for the \$31.00 prize. As this was going to be a "big haul" we all nervously awaited the reading of the numbers – not a surprise, only one winner, and it was Gary Carlson. Gary, the kind man, donated his winnings to The Rotary Foundation. Thank you, Gary!

Deserving Recognition Bestowed - On Monday, April 18, 2016 the *Business and Professional Women – BPW Regina*, presented Regina Eastview's Sherry McKinnon with their **2nd Annual Leadership Award**. This would be like receiving an "Oscar" only with a more humanitarian emphasis. CONGRATULATIONS, Sherry. (Photo courtesy An Grahame).



As there was no identifiable **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS** in the room President Ron invited Happy dollar contribution, and this is what transpired: Sherry was pleased and humbled to tell us about the award she received on Monday; Nelson Falkowsky told us how he and Wanda were in Victoria and while wandering around looking for a friendly face they bumped to Allan and Beth Smith and had an enjoyable encounter; Sam Berg is very pleased with ticket sales to the May 5th Mayor's Luncheon with Guest Speaker Margaret Trudeau (you can still get tickets); Doug Archer had \$10.00 to celebrate the contribution Wally Dressler has made to the RC of Regina Eastview; Ann Grahame had a Happy Dollar in recognition of the fine presentations made at last Saturday's District Training Assembly held in Regina; Chris Hefner won a barbecue at a recent event and gifted his winning to his Chinese co-worker, who is now studying the, until now, unknown art of barbecuing; and, Pat Richards is driving around the country to share a grandson's participation in one Hockey camp after another – happily the next one occurs in Wilcox.



Even youngsters have **Birthdays** and on Saturday, April 23rd PDG Doug Mortin is demonstrating how this is celebrated by the younger set. For today, Doug settled for spending \$10.00 on his gift and listening while the air waves were filled with the melodious strains of Happy Birthday.



Read more about Rotary's recent Parliament, the Council on Legislation at:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/council-grants-clubs-greater-flexibility-meeting-membership>



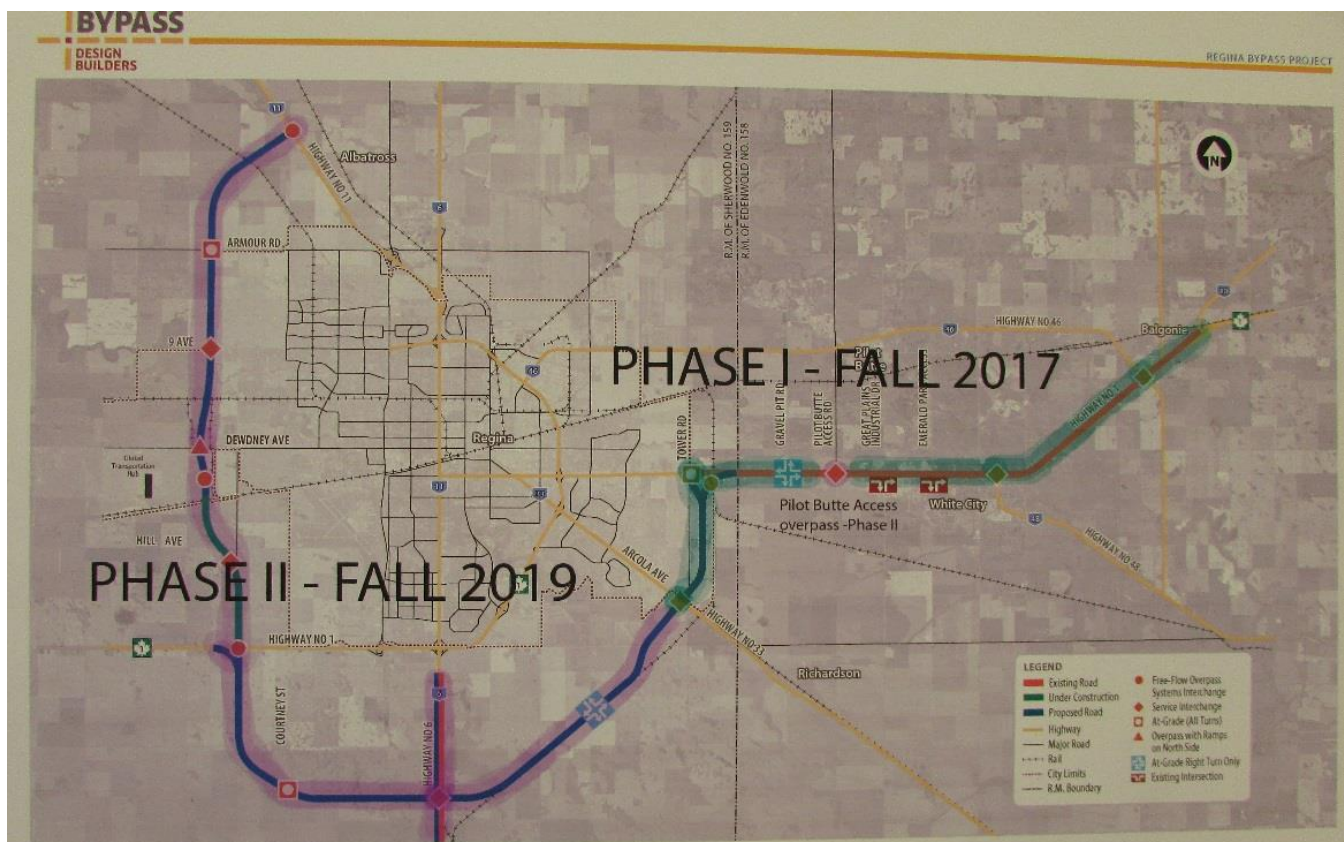
PROGRAM

President Ron invited our guest speaker Barry Reid to the podium, first to introduce himself and then to tell us about the *Regina Bypass*, a multimillion dollar highway project impacting Regina.

In his introduction Barry indicated that he was born and raised in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan and following high school attended the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology to study Civil Engineering. He has returned to Saskatchewan and serves as the *Land Manager* for the *Regina Bypass – Design Builders*.

Barry began his presentation by showing the YouTube video of the project and speaking to the unique challenges each intersection presents, beginning at Balgonie east of Regina on Highway # 1. The Project YouTube Barry used can be seen at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MovMjKJKukk&feature=youtu.be>.



Over the winter, one million cubic metres of dirt was moved to become part of the grades required for the overpass at Tower Road. Over the course of the Bypass construction, 12 million cubic metres of dirt will be moved, the majority coming from a massive excavation south east of the City.

The project consists of two phases with Phase I being the stretch from Balgonie, past White City, Emerald Park and Pilot Butte to Regina and the junction with Highway 33, to be completed in the fall of 2017. Phase II, which may well begin shortly, will begin at Highway 33, go south of Regina (3 miles), circle north to connect with the Highway #1, the Global Transportation Hub and then north to Highway #11. The project also includes dual highway #6 from the City of Regina (Pentecostal Church) to 6 miles south.

Barry responded to questions, using the above rendering and reviewing intersections on the YouTube video. President Ron thanked our guest for discussing this multifaceted project and opening for us the complexities of the undertaking. Barry can be contacted at: 1-780-777-5263 (C); barry.reid@rbdb.ca

Farewell – While there is always excitement when we welcome new members into Rotary, today we experience the sadness of someone departing. Wally Dressler came to the podium to say good-bye. The Dressler's are moving to Cochrane, Alberta after 10 wonderful years in Regina. Wally thanked members for the great experience they enjoyed with Regina Eastview; for the friendships shared; the opportunities extended and accepted; and, the great things achieved. In conclusion he wished us continued joy in doing the good work of Rotary.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Member Proposals – President Ron advised the Board approved the circulation of the names of two persons for membership in Regina Eastview. Chris Hefner, sponsored by Greg McNamara; and, Chris Hefner, sponsored by John Van Koll. Both individuals have attended meetings of Eastview in the past month. If you have concerns why either of these individuals should not join Regina Eastview, you have 7 days to raise your concern with President Ron.



District Conference 2016 – Please go to the District Website – www.rotary5550.org/ for registration and accommodation information – Register now as registration costs increase on April 15, 2016

Million Dollar Dinner – In concert with the District Conference, the District is celebrating the raising of 1 million dollars for The Rotary Foundation. For details on how to get in on this opportunity please talk to Doug.

Lyle Piett Memorial Golf Tournament – The Rotary Club of Regina Eastview 9th Annual *Lyle Piett Memorial Golf Tournament* is scheduled for Friday July 8th 2016 at Tor Hill Golf Course (left). Members received registration information via e-mail from Tournament Coordinator, John Van Koll. An early sign up will surely benefit your score.

Visual Arts Program Awards – As our Club supports this program, members of the Club are invited to the *Annual Visual Arts Program Award* presentation on the **Saturday April 23rd** at 2.00 p.m. at the MacKenzie Art Gallery, 3475 Albert St, Regina. President Ron will present one of the awards. Past President Doreen was honoured to be one of the presenters last year and deemed it to be a class event.

Zimbabwe Independence Day – While the 36th Anniversary of this event is happening in Zimbabwe today, Regina Eastview member Charles Sadzamare invited his Rotary friends to the Regina “Event” this Saturday, April 23 at 1:00 PM at the Rooftop Bar and Grill, 1845 Victoria Avenue (**Invitation included with ROTOR**)

ROTARY TIDBIT

From Rotary's "Peace in Action" April 2016

Creating vibrant, peaceful communities around the world

Nine graduating Duke-UNC peace fellows this month presented their research on multidisciplinary approaches to achieving the United Nations' [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) to an audience of Rotarians, faculty, staff, and students at Duke-UNC's annual seminar. Specifically, they focused on Goal 16: to promote just, peaceful, and inclusive societies.



Peace fellow Rebekkah Bartlett of Australia delivered the opening remarks, to which peace fellow Romi Brammer of South Africa had contributed. "Sustainable development focuses on meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same," Bartlett said. "We use the SDGs to address concerns ranging from building capacity and coordinating humanitarian response to improving public health and food security to reducing violence and corruption and increasing accountability of those who commit atrocities. We believe firmly that there can be no sustainable development without peace, and no peace without sustainable development."

[The 2017-18 Rotary Peace Fellowship application](#) is now available, and the deadline for candidates to submit applications to their district is 31 May. Districts must submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July.

COMMENTARY

A special 'tip of the hat' to our new Eastviewians Laurel Mattison, Maja, Starovic, Hussain Ibrahim and Joseph Mburu who joined Gail Bradley, Ann Grahame, Greg McNamara, Doug Mortin, Peter Neufeldt, Ron Okumura and Peter Peters at the District Training Assembly held in Regina last Saturday. It was most encouraging to see these new Rotarians invest a day to experience Rotary beyond our Club – you did us proud. The Assembly was a fine time of



Rotary fellowship and learning as we prepare for a Rotary year led by our District Governor Elect, Rod Riopel. Rod, a member of the Rotary

Club of Kenora, as his predecessors who, having recently returned from a week of "District Governor School" and having just completed a weekend training incoming Club Presidents, was "pumped" for Rotary "his" year. There is little doubt that it will be another outstanding year as we, under Greg McNamara's leadership, enthusiastically wave of RI President John Germ's *Rotary Serving Humanity* banner. Let us all be ready to participate and experience greatness.



For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters

