

## **Rotary Club of Regina Eastview**

# The ROTOR

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May 4, 2017 "911 services" with Angie Wagar, City of Regina

May 11, 2017 "Agribition Update" with Chris Lane, CEO

May 18, 2017 "Alzheimers Society of Saskatchewan with Joanne Brachen, CEO

May 25, 2017 TBA

June 1, 2017 "Surgical Help in Guatemala" with Dr. J. Carter

**June 8, 2017** TBA

June 15, 2017 Terry Simonson, CEO of Jay's Moving and Storage

June 22, 2017 President's Social and Changeover Evening Meeting NO NOON MEETING

NEXT WEEK
"911 Services"
With
Angie Wagar, CEO
City of Regina

May 4, 2017

**Registration: Tracey Schick** 

**Sparrowhawk** 

50/50: Doreen Pankewich

**Greeter: Vern Hoyt** 

Today we had the privilege of visiting the newly renovated George Bothwell Branch of the Regina

Public Library in the Southland Mall. Our host was Rotarian Jeff Barber, Library Director and CEO of the Regina Public Library. A wonderful lunch was served by RPL staff.

**Registration:** Looking after this task today was Charles Sadzamare accompanied by Chris Hefner selling tickets for the 50/50 draw. We greeted each other in typical Rotary fashion.

**President Greg** welcomed everyone on this beautiful day. Nelson led us in singing our National Anthem. Jeff Barber led us in Rotary grace, followed by **club** 



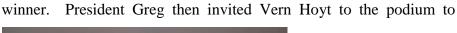
**Philospher,** Doreen Pankewich with the following words of wisdom from Bill McGlashen, an American

businessman, "Patience is something you admire in the driver behind you, but not in the one ahead." Thanks Doreen, and there is likely a good deal of truth in this statement.

Visitors today: Brigid Malloy, outbound exchange student and her parents, Dave Malloy and Val Sluth, all were guests of the Club; Alex Sabawi guest of Laurel Mattison; Janet Neufeldt guest of Peter Neufeldt; Cathy Freer-Leszczynski and Wanda Blake RPL, and Gaylene Spense, guest of President Greg No Rotarians found their way to Eastview today. We greeted our guests with the welcome song.

50/50 Draw: Hans drew the winning ticket however as Chris noted, Hans "blue it". That evasive green marble is still in the box. \$140 was taken in today. Thanks to all who donated to the cause.

Jeff Barber provided another draw on an RPL gift, an insulated picnic basket. Ted Kent was the lucky











receive his 5 year pin. Congratulations Vern.

Left above, Vern receiving his 5 year pin, center Ted Kent, winner of the RPL draw & Jeff, right Brigid & Mom, Val.

Left, Sergeant Jim Powell. Acting Sergeant today was Jim Powell. Good to have you here, Jim. Ted Kent was first to be fined for not having been at Rotary for sometime. Two people were fined when their cell phones rang. All those without a library



card with them were fined. Members were asked if they could recall the first book they ever read. A few remembered—those were the dedicated library patrons. Happy bucks—of course Jeff and all of us were happy the provincial funding was restored to libraries, Richard Schwan announced with mixed feelings that tomorrow is his last day with RBC. With the support of coach Peter Neufeldt, Richard decided to make a career change and will be the Chief Operating Officer with Teachers Credit Union Financial. We wish you all the best Richard.

This change will keep Richard and Sharon in Saskatchewan—good news for all of us. Dinesh was happy to be back at the Library—as of late googling has been his resource but he praises libraries.

Jim advised that anyone with outstanding loans on library books was to pay a fine. Greg was the only one to 'fess up'. Jim ended with a quote: "Until you value yourself, you will not value your time. Until you value your time, you will not do anything with it." Thank you Jim.

**Program:** Jeff Barber came to the podium to introduce Brigid Malloy, our outbound exchange student. Brigid is graduating from Grade 12 this year at LeBoldus. She is fluent in English and French. She is accomplished in music, cheerleading and art. One only needs to meet Brigid to know that she will be a wonderful ambassador for Eastview, Regina and Canada. Brigid is going to Brazil in mid summer. Details as to where and when are still to come. She will be going for training in Russell, Manitoba this weekend in preparation for her one year exchange.

Brigid then gave her presentation about herself, her family and her country. She learned about Rotary through former neighbor, Ann Grahame. This was a practice run for her as she will be presenting in Brazil on many occasions. She presented well through excellent pictures and information about her life. Her presentation was well received and a few suggestions were provided to her. President Greg shared with Brigid, the advice his parents would have given him, "Don't go looking for trouble, because you will probably find it." Good advice for Greg but Brigid will be just fine!



#### **Announcements:**

President Greg advised that the Eastview computer and projector has disappeared from the Hotel storage room. This is sad news. This means that precious Eastview funds will have to be used to replace these items. Board members are working to restore these items.

On May 6 there will be a District Assembly in Winnipeg. There is the opportunity for part of this Assembly to be simulcast at the Delta Regina. If you are interested in attending please contact Greg.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty, lack of housing and homelessness from the world. The following has been provided by Doug Mortin.

Habitat for Humanity Build--Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

On three occasions in the past, members of our Rotary Club have volunteered for a hands-on opportunity to help our community. We have opportunity to do so again this July 15th. A crew of between 10 & 15 are needed for this build beginning at 8:30 AM, Saturday, with a mid-morning break, lunch at 12:30 and wrap-up by 3:30 PM. All food and beverages are provided; all we need to supply are volunteers with work clothes, gloves, boots and a desire to "do good in our community". Friends and family are welcome. Please let me know as soon as possible.

Looking forward to your call, Doug Mortin, 306-596-3076, Email: dougmortin@myaccess.ca

On Friday, August 25 the Rotary Club of Regina is hosting a Gala to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rotary Club of Regina, the first Rotary club in our city. It will be a great evening. It will be held at the Conexus Art Center. If you would like to purchase tickets, contact Ted Turner or any other member from the Rotary Club of Regina.

Remember the 2017 Rotary District 5550 Conference will be held in Kenora, May 25-28, 2017. There will be a number attending from Eastview.

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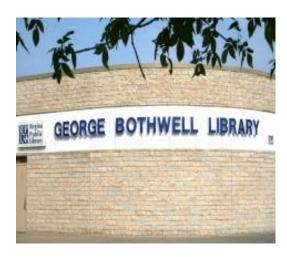
May 5-----Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Doreen Pankewich

May 12----Jack Wozniak, Tanya Woroby, Ann Grahame

May 19---- NO SCHOOL

May 26----Allen Hillsden, Doug Mortin, Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk

The meeting ended with the 4-way Test. Members were then invited to a tour of the new library. Kevin Saunderson was the lead RPL person in the concept, planning and building of the new George Bothwell Branch. A lot of planning and public consultation began the process.



The newly renovated George Bothwell Branch of the Regina Public Library in the Southland Mall (photos above and right from the RPL website). The refurbished



branch includes approximately 4,000 more feet of space and now has around 17,000 square feet available for community use. The new and improved branch includes: an entrance into the main mall corridor; a café area with a fireplace, and many areas with soft seating; the Creation Cube – a creative, dynamic environment in which new technology, art and maker sessions provide opportunity to find inspiration and share ideas; A quiet area with lots of natural light in which to read, relax and contemplate; a dedicated space for young adults to study and congregate, or play a round on Regina Public Library's new virtual reality station; a children's area to ensure youngsters can have fun and enjoy themselves without disrupting other patrons; and a seminar space and program room, both of which are accessible after hours by the community. (information from the RPL website) Right, Kevin Saunderson, our guide.



Below are some of the sights of the new Library.



Left, the Quiet Room. The special ceiling panels make this a quiet area. There are no doors but the metal acoustic ceiling eliminates sounds from adjoining areas.

Below, small chairs in the Children's area contribute to the comfort of younger library patrons. Bright colors and an interactive table make this a delightful spot for children and parents. There is also a parent room attached to give special attention to very young visitors.

There are other separate areas for teens, and for community groups to meet—the latter with a separate outside entrance.

The new spaces are all environmentally friendly with carpet, soft but effective LED lighting, all shelfing on rollers so as to provide flexible space.

There is a business area with printers (remote printing is possible) and scanners.

Westridge Construction built the new branch and one of the meeting rooms will be named the Westridge room.

The total cost of the renovation was \$3million.

We are fortunate to have this wonderful resource available for our community to use and enjoy. Thank you to Jeff and staff for arranging this gathering, for the wonderful meal and for the informative tour.



#### **COMMENTARY**

Paul Harris on kindness (Posted on April 18, 2017 by Rotary International)

"We humans are creatures of habit, and it is just as easy to acquire the habit of speaking kindly as it is to acquire the habit of speaking unkindly"— Paul Harris, 1935. When he spoke at the 1935 Rotary Convention in Mexico City, Paul Harris had only recently returned from a journey though Asia and the Pacific. He reflected on the opportunities for friendship he encountered on his trip and reminded members of their duty to act as ambassadors of goodwill. Read the full speech at <a href="https://blog.rotary.org/">https://blog.rotary.org/</a> under Rotary Voices.

For Editor Peter Peters, I am Gail Bradley. Enjoy the arrival of spring.