



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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

May 12 **“This Is My Life”** Featuring **Two of our New Members**

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

May 26 **No Noon Meeting BUT** an Evening Event at yet to be announced Venue

Jun 16 **No Noon Meeting** in favour of an Evening Meeting on Friday:

Jun 17 **“President's Social and Changeover Meeting”** at the Regina Delta

NEXT WEEK

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DUTY ROSTER

Registration: **Doreen Pankewich**

50/50: **Sam Berg**

Greeter: **Laurel Mattison**

Leif Riesach was at the **Registration Desk**, and did an extra fine job of getting people past his station and shuffling them on the Greg McNamara who was charged with selling **50/50 tickets**. Getting past the latter station is a challenge when the seller indicates that one's return on a \$2.00 investment could be quite substantial. Good salesman



Ann Graham did a fine job as **Greeter** ensuring all who ventured in were made to feel ever so welcome, even those who arrived early.

CHILI FOR CHILDREN

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

May 6---Doreen Pankewich, Allen Hillsden, Tracey Sparrowhawk

May 13---Nelson Falkowsky, Doug Archer, Greg McNamara

May 20---NO SCHOOL

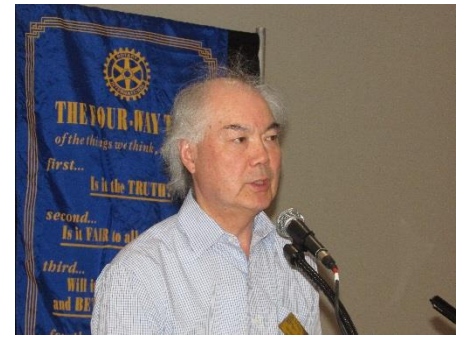
May 27---Lyle Gollnick, Hans Gaastra, Doug Mortin

June 3---Peter Peters, Sherry McKinnon, Jack Wozniak

June 10--Ann Grahame, Tanya Woroby, Allen Hillsden

June 17--NO SCHOOL

June 24--Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Doug Mortin

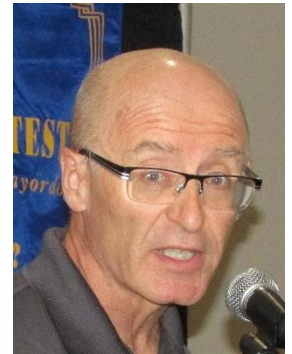


President Ron Okumura welcomed attendees to our regular meeting at the appropriate hour and moved us through the customary steps in his usual soft spoken approach.

Philosopher Doreen Pankewich's **Thought for the Day** came from David B Norris, who according to Google you should call, "If your legal dispute has risen to the level of civil litigation, arbitration, or mediation, attorney *David B. Norris* is ready to help.", as he said, "*How you spend your time is more important than how you spend your money. Money mistakes can be corrected, but time is gone forever.*"

Joining President Ron at the **Lead Table** were Dave Fehr-Rose, John Van Koll, Chris Hefner, Shreedhar Jachak, guest speaker Tim Cowan (**right**) and Ann Grahame.

Registrar Leif had the honour of introducing a fine number of **Visiting Rotarian and Guests**. The former group consisted of: Tim Cowan from the Rotary Club of Comox; Doug Keam and Muhammad Imran (**below left**) from the RC of Regina; and, Rod Nenson from the RC of Regina Oskaya. Guests were: David Fehr-Rose (**below centre**) guest of John Van Koll; Vern Hoyt guest of Greg McNamara; Chris Hoyt (**below right**) guest of his dad, Vern; and, Chris Hefner guest of John Van Koll.



Greg McNamara convinced attendees to purchase \$62.00 worth of **50/50 Tickets**. Winning hung on the deft ticket selecting fingers of, soon to be

new Rotarian, Chris Hefner. Out of a possible 31 purchasers, Chris satisfied winner Richard Schwan, who promptly donated his winnings to TRF – such a nice man – Thank you Richard.



In the absence of a **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS** President Ron welcomed Happy Dollar contributions. Chris Hefner tossed in some dollars in recognition of Ann Grahame arranging Regina Bypass official Barry Reid to last week's meeting. In follow-up with Barry, Chris Hefner's business will be invited to bid on future sub-contract opportunities; in response, Ann made a donation to recognize Louis Browne who advanced the idea of having Regina Bypass present to the Club. To conclude, the President put on his Auctioneering hat and invited bids on 2 tickets, donated by Hans Gaastra, to the Regina Symphony Concert on May 7th - a farewell to Victor Sawa, *Conductor*. Bidding started a \$20.00 and concluded at \$65.00, with tickets purchased by Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



Louis Browne, Director of the Club's Membership Committee was called on to preside over the induction of two individuals into the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview. Louis invited the individuals and their sponsors to join him at the podium. Each sponsor was asked to introduce the individual they were presenting for membership in our Club.

Greg McNamara was invited to introduce Vern Hoyt. We learned that Vern was born and raised in the Maritimes and following education in eastern Canada ventured west to Regina in 1982. A bent for volunteerism Vern, spent some of these hours as a "Big Brother". Vern recently retired from the City of Regina Transit services and is bound for a wonderful retirement in his 33 foot Motor Home. Vern is a former member of the Rotary Clubs of Regina South and more recently Regina Eastview.



John Van Koll was invited to introduce Chris Hefner, an Oklahoma transplant to Saskatoon in 1967 and after completing high school and a number of years in University, came to Regina. Following a five year stint with Beaver Lumbar, Chris co-founded a couple if Industries in Regina and in 1999 until March of 2016 was Branch Manager of Ecol Services Group. In April 2016 Chris joined Westar Laser, which he will tell us about in the coming months. Chris is a "Gamer", and invited us all to a major Game Board extravaganza this weekend.

In his Induction comments Director Louis, challenged us all to be mindful of the challenges encompassed in the Object of Rotary, and the dictates of the Four-Way Test.

While touching on the privileges afforded through Rotary, including the fact that the Rotary pin allows access to Rotary meetings around the world. Louis then emphasized the responsibilities that fall to Rotarians, noting the community will judge Rotary by the action of Rotary members. Louis might even have referred to the fact that Rotary expectations are reflected in this year's Rotary Theme, *Be a Gift to the World*.



In his concluding comments Louis Browne noted Regina Eastview has loaned Vern Hoyt the Classification of *City Transit – Retired*; and, Chris Hefner the Classification of *Business Equipment – Sales*.

President Ron presented each Inductee with Rotary information in addition to a framed *Object of Rotary* and

Four-Way Test and the Rotary pin. The Inductees and their sponsors formed a "receiving line" and members of Eastview each had opportunity to welcome the newest members into the world of Rotary.



PROGRAM

Ann Grahame was invited to introduce guest speaker Tim Cowan, from the Rotary Club of Comox who has just returned from a RESTor excursion to Ethiopia. We learned Tim is a Pharmacist, and practised his profession in British Columbia, and from 2000, Tim and his wife Susan, owned and operated *Medicine Shoppe #169, Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy* until they sold the business in February 2016.



With the use of Power Point Slides, Tim titled his presentation, RESTor International “A New Beginning”. From Tim, we learned:

- RESTOR is a medical Mission to countries which are in dire need of specialized medical care;
- “REST” stands for Respond; Educate; Serve; Transform; and “or” stands for “operation Rotary”;
- Tim just returned from a RESTor project in Ethiopia, which serves as follow up to a visit in 2014;



- The Mission was set up in the Gamby Teaching General Hospital (right), a private hospital in the city of Bahirdar, Ethiopia;
- The team consisted of Non-Medical Volunteers and a Medical group;
 - The non-medical volunteers consisted of a quartermaster; photographers/bloggers; recreation therapist; sterilizer; medical records; and, a Mission Director.
 - The medical Team consisted of: 2 pediatricians; 5 anaesthesiologists; 3 plastic surgeons; surgical Nurse Coordinator; and 6 nurses.
- The Non-Medical team members covered their own travel expenses;
- The local Rotaract Club provided local support as did members of a newly chartered Rotary Club;
- Training provided in the 2014 visit has been adopted and is used in the care of patients;
- Much of the treatment focus was on patients suffering severe burns – caused in large part by people falling in to open “cooking” fires;



- Challenges include language; lack of supplies and equipment; policies and procedures; technology; staying health (dehydration);
- Overview of activity showed the treatment of 119 patients; 53 surgeries; 20 burn referrals; and. 3 orthopedic referrals;
- What can we do – volunteer, either as non-medical folks or as medical specialist (one would have to have the qualifications; or we can send money;
- The latter should be done through the Rotary Club of Kelowna, where it would be matched by District 5060 and TRF through a Global Grant application.

President Ron thanked Tim for his informative presentation.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Treasurer in Training, Jizinge Mwela, presented the proposed 2016-2017 Budget recently considered by the Club's Board of Directors. The Budget projects income of **\$114,778.00** and expenditures of **\$112,662.00** allowing for a surplus of **\$2,116.00**. A motion to accept the Budget as presented was approved by show of hands. A copy of the Budget is circulated with this ROTOR.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Member Proposals – President Ron advised the Board approved the circulation of the name of Kell Sloane (**right**) for membership in the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview. Kell, who has attended a number of meetings of Eastview in the past month, is in Business Development. He is being proposed by Allen Hillsden. If you have concerns why this individual 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.

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.

ROTARY TIDBIT

Helping earthquake victims in Ecuador, Japan

Rotary members are among the first to reach out and offer help in times of disaster, including in Ecuador and Japan, where earthquakes have killed hundreds of people, injured thousands, and caused billions of dollars in damage. Rotary districts in both countries have established relief funds, and members are collaborating with governments and other agencies to direct assistance where it is needed most.

[Learn how you can help](#)



In the days leading up to International Women's Day 8 March, organizers of a Rotary event at the World Bank used social media and web pages to promote an event that was also streamed live. Thirteen times as many people watched the event online as attended in person, proving the value of the Internet in expanding an event's reach.

[Learn more in Quentin Wodon's blog post](#)

COMMENTARY

Last Saturday, a number of Eastviewians attended the 6th *Annual Visual Arts Program Award* presentation at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. Art work is to focus on the theme of, “Peace, Unity and Care of the Earth”. Organized by *Multi-Faith Saskatchewan*, the group contacts all 400 plus high schools in the province inviting students from grades 9 to 12 to create pictures which demonstrate, “What life has taught you about love sustaining Mother Earth”.



Krishan Kapila (left), Co-Chair of the Organizing Committee indicated that each year the number of participants increase as does the quality of the art work displayed. This year 47 entries were received from which the top 15 were selected. Entries came from communities all around the province. Each “winner” was presented with a medallion and gift to the applause of family

and friends in the audience.

President Ron was given the honour of recognizing the work of 3rd and 4th place Awardees: respectively, Sophie Wall (right) and Galilee Mwarabu (below, posing with her picture - over her left shoulder).



In addition Ron expressed Regina Eastview's pleasure to be involved in this initiative as it parallels Rotary's focus on the development of youth.



Through Shreedhar's connections, it is hoped a collection of the Art Work presented at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum will be able to be shown at a future meeting of Regina Eastview.

While not an art critic, I was impressed with the talent demonstrated by these young artists through the broad range of their creative expression. In my view, this project is most worthy of Regina Eastview's \$250.00 investment.

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters