It seemed like many members looked for an opportunity to be at the Registration Desk today. There was the first shift – Wally Dressler on Registration, Ann Grahame on 50/50 Tickets and Doug Mortin handing out Valentine GALA receipts (right). Shift one was replaced with the second and “assigned” crew of Pat Dell on Registration and Jeanne Martinson on 50/50 tickets – the constant was Doug Mortin. There was a very temporary third shift between 1 and 2, but this is getting much too complicated. Of course this is the “Rotary way”, and is a reflection of our service above self mentality.

Thank you all.
Charles Sadzamare was the **Greeter**, making a point of approaching attendees and with his firm hand, making us feel welcome.

**President Doreen Pankewich**, on arrival at the meeting seemingly felt led to consult with Past President John Van Koll, before moving us into the second Eastview luncheon for this April. Obviously, wise words were imparted as the meeting unfolded in a very coordinated fashion – probably exactly as it would have without the “consultation”.

Allen Hillsden arrived at the meeting with a truck load of framed certificates which he distributed to members who had made a donation to this February’s Valentine GALA. Allen has spent the last two days traveling around Regina delivering these Certificates to businesses and individuals who were event Sponsors, provided prizes and/or auction items. Nelson Falkowsky was one such donor and serves as this year’s “poster boy”.

Feeling somewhat neglected after his picture did not appear in the ROTOR the 2 weeks he was away, Leif begged to be included this week. Today he shares his usual “spotlight” with veteran Eastview Rotarian, Gord Wicijowski.

President Doreen surrounded herself at the **Lead Table** with the wonder of our Club’s Vocational Service Committee members. This included Director Jeanne Martinson, Gary Carlson, Jim Powell, Jeff Barber, Nelson Falkowsky and Mounir Bouchaibi. Leif Riesach, also a member of Vocational Services, had already sprinkled bread crumbs at another table before his absence was noted – so he stayed “where he messed”.

Registrar Pat Dell was called on to introduce our **Guests**, as all **Visiting Rotarians** were absent. Pat invited us to welcome Grace Hillsden guest of husband Allen; Nicholas Robinson (*on right in picture on the left*) guest of Peter Neufeldt; Kiumburg Githinji (*centre of picture on left*) guest of Louis Browne; Tracy Rogoza guest of Doug Archer; and, Joseph Mburu also a guest of Louis Browne (Grace, Tracy & Joseph’s photos next page).

After acknowledging our nation, giving thanks for the food we had already consumed, we waited with baited breath as Philosopher Leif Riesach, back to “better than normal” after testing the health system, wandered to the podium to share a **Thought for the Day**. Today Leif’s wisdom came from French-born novelist, passionate eroticist and short story writer, the late Anais Nin, *"Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage."*
Jeanne Martinson managed the **50/50 Ticket**, and following, what was perceived to be a good job of mixing the tickets, Richard Schwan was still selected as winner of the $25.00 prize money. This gracious banker chose to donate the money to *Chili for Children* – such a nice man.

**Special Presentation**

President Doreen had the good fortune of calling up Doug Archer and presenting him with the special blue backed Rotary pin in recognition Doug sponsoring a new member into Rotary. **Congratulations, Doug!**

Before Doug had a chance to sit down, President Doreen called forward the members who had were having unacknowledged **Birthday** celebrations. Three members were so honoured:

- Pat Dell (April 10)
- Jeff Barber (March 22)
- Doug Archer (March 23)

The serenading was very fine. Congratulations, Pat, Jeff and Doug.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

Pat was close to the podium so Jim Powell thought she could serve in this role while he collected the money (or was it Pat who said she could, if Jim would gather). It was happy dollar time and it was good. Greg McNamara was still excited about the great PolioPlus fundraiser event hosted by the Rotaract Club with Dr. Paul Dhillon’s powerful presentation; Jeff Barber was pumped because he, as a veteran Librarian, was at a Conference for 40 Junior Librarian from across the country who proved that the future of Libraries is in good hands; Jeanne Martinson was pleased to tell us that last week she and Malcolm celebrated their 18th Wedding Anniversary, which she deemed a significant feat for Malcolm; Doug Mortin, who forgot his wallet at home, rose to express his appreciation...
to Barry Strohan for paying for his lunch today and he invited Barry to pay a happy dollar for this recognition (promises of paying back were made); Laurence Vigrass expressed his deep appreciation for being here today, because 98 years ago today his Dad was in the first group of Canadian soldiers involved in the battle of Vimy Ridge (right - The Battle of Vimy Ridge, a painting by Richard Jack); Hans Gaastra was pleased to advise that 60 years ago on April 6 he arrived in Canada; Peter had happy dollars to express his appreciation to Ann Grahame for doing such a splendid job on the R TOR last week – he invited others to consider taking a “turn” at preparing the weekly bulletin.

PROGRAM

President Doreen introduced today’s program which was a Club Assembly featuring Vocational Services. She indicated that the Committee, spearheaded by Director Jeanne Martinson, has developed significant enthusiasm for this component of Rotary’s work. Through the efforts of the current group exciting things are happening and she called on Jeanne to share the Committee’s program with the Club.

In her opening remarks, Jeanne indicated that each member has taken on specific responsibility which means at each meeting members update the group on progress. Today the members will report on the five major areas of their work beginning with Jeff Barber who is charged with updating and maintaining the Member Profile handbook.

Member Profile – Jeff reported that consideration is being given to updating the content of the profile. We now have probably a dozen new members who are not yet featured in the manual so these members can expect to receive a request for information in a specific format. This information together with a recent photo will be prepared for inclusion in the handbook. Some of this information is available on ClubRunner but access is restricted to members. The committee is looking to have the handbook available electronically but that is not yet available.

Electronic Billboard – Jim Powell is responsible for this area which is being pursued as a method of enhancing Rotary and Rotary member image in Regina. Doug Archer and Mounir Bouchaiba are providing time on their respective electronic billboards which will show the Rotary wheel; a Rotarian’s picture; the Rotarians profession; a brief description of the Rotarian; and, a challenge passer’s by to explore this service opportunity by contacting the RC of Regina Eastview. The program should be up and running with the four volunteers – Jeanne Martinson, Jim Powell, Jeff Barber and Mounir Bouchaiba.

Service Above Self Award – Leading this aspect of Vocational Service is Nelson Falkowsky, who explained this is an effort to recognize some of the outstanding volunteers in our community. Criteria for the Award have been drafted and will be presented to the Club for response and input. This will be a Regina Eastview Program managed by Vocational Services with the Award presented at the Annual Valentine GALA.
Off Site Meetings – Gary Carlson heads this program indicating there are two such meetings contemplated each year, one in the spring and the second in fall. This spring, May 4th, the Club is invited to Mother Theresa Middle School. More details will be made available closer to the date. In the meantime, Gary is looking for suggestions as to where we would like to go in the fall. The place should clearly have a vocational component which would be of interest to our members.

Vocational Bursary – Jeanne Martinson completed the reporting by speaking to this newest program, the vocational bursary, which has just been put in place. Members who were at the meeting in mid-March were introduced to Chelsea (right) the first of two $1,000.00 bursaries to be presented this year. These bursaries are made available to First Nations Applicants who are enrolled in a recognized trade program. The registration component of the fee is paid directly to the training/teaching institution.

Jeanne concluded by indicating the Committee’s interest in arranging to have a student participate in the Adventures in Aviation program being initiated by the two Rotary Clubs in Moose Jaw. The information has been sent to “our” schools in Regina but at this point no students have applied or expressed an interest.

In conclusion Jeanne thanked the members of the Vocational Services Committee (left - THE TEAM) for their dedication enhancing the image of vocation in the life of Regina Eastview for the courteous attention of members during the Committee’s presentation (like it would be anything less).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rotary District 5550 District Conference – President Doreen reminded us the District Conference will be held in Nipawin June 18 to June 21, 2015. Registration Forms are now up on the District website.

District Assembly – The annual District Assembly will be held in Regina on April 25, 2015 in the Executive Royal Hotel from 10:00 to 4:30. This is an excellent opportunity to expand our knowledge of Rotary while fellowshipping with Rotarians across the district. The Club will pay the registration fee for members of Eastview who attend. Registration forms and the Assembly Agenda are attached to today’s ROTOR circulation.

Saskatchewan Youth Visual Art Program – Shreedhar Jachak advised that this Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 2:00 P.M., Art submitted by Saskatchewan youth will be displayed at the Mackenzie Art Gallery. As Regina Eastview provides some funding to this initiative through International Services, it would be most appropriate to have members of the Club attend the Gallery and view participant contributions.

Contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) – Peter Neufeldt expressed his appreciation for the positive response to last week’s presentation on TRF and particular the feedback requesting additional and regular information. As a way of moving forward enhancing contributions to the Annual Programs Fund of TRF, Wally Dressler distributed TRF – Direct Canada applications which make regular contributions simple. Members were invited to complete these, submit them to TRF and make this a charity of choice.
COMMENTARY
Bette Midler Lyrics for your Spring Friday

"The Rose"

Some say love, it is a river
That drowns the tender reed.
Some say love, it is a razor
That leaves your soul to bleed.
Some say love, it is a hunger,
An endless aching need.
I say love, it is a flower,
And you its only seed.

It's the heart afraid of breaking
That never learns to dance.
It's the dream afraid of waking
That never takes the chance.
It's the one who won't be taken,
Who cannot seem to give,
And the soul afraid of dyin'
That never learns to live.

When the night has been too lonely
And the road has been too long,
And you think that love is only
For the lucky and the strong,
Just remember in the winter
Far beneath the bitter snows
Lies the seed that with the sun's love
In the spring becomes the rose.

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters wishing you a great weekend