

It was a busy Rotary week and it started well before our meeting today. On Saturday, July 27th, 6 motorcycle



enthusiasts (1 to r - Doug Mortin, Dwight Watson (Friend of Rotary) Regina, Floyd Manz (RC of Regina), Lawrence Durante (RC of Sioux Lookout0, Peter Neufeldt, Patrick Kossmann (Friend of Rotary) Regina) left Regina at 8:30am travelling under clear skies to Smitty's restaurant on #1 highway north of Moose Jaw. There, they met Rotarians Gregg Bathgate, Helen Ryan & Monty Bennett, members of the RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow, enjoying fellowship and a breakfast sponsored by their Rotary Club.

Fully fueled (bikes & riders), they continued North on # 2 highway to Tuxford then Northwest on # 42 through villages of Marquis, Keller, Brownlee, Eyebrow & Tugaski. Then, north on # 19 to Elbow for a beverage

break & fuel up, and on to the Gardiner Dam. Traveling north to #15 and east to Kenaston where they connected to # 11 and scooted down to the *Twisted Sisters* in Chamberlain for ice cream.

All eight riders completed the 500 kilometer ride with enthusiasm but were thirsty and hungry. The wrap-up BBQ looked after both, as they celebrated the fact together, with continued great support from donors, **\$12,450.00** was raised for the District's Ripple Effect Program of improving literacy in Guatemala.

Thank you to all who donated funds in support of the riders! An "Extra Special" thank you to Lawrence who rode 2700 kilometers between July 26th & 28th to ride with us. That is the "Ripple Effect" of dedication. Below

(**l** to r) are 6 of the concluding riders Peter, Patrick, Lawrence, Doug, Dwight and Gregg Bathgate (**RC of MJ Wakamow**) – pre-BBQ.





On Tuesday some of our members gathered at the Regina International Airport to bid a hearty "Farewell" to Regina Eastview's Out-Bound Exchange Student Kali Ann Friesen. Kali Ann was bound for Sweden where she arrived at around 8:00 A.M. Regina time on July 31st.



The courageous and loving Friesen family, a week earlier, welcomed their eldest daughter, Karla (left), back



from Germany where she spent a year as an Out-bound Rotary Exchange Student. Karla was sponsored by the RC of Regina Oskaya, and this year Regina Eastview has the privilege of serving as Kali Ann's Sponsors.

"Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others." Robert Louis Stevenson

Always ready to lend a hand are President Jack and First Lady Trish Wozniak. So it was yesterday (**Wednesday morning**) as a team of novice and skilled ShelterBox tent "setter-uppers", under Ann Grahame's guidance, were on site at 6:00 A.M. so the tent would serve as a welcoming element to the 22nd annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the RC of Regina Industrial Parks. The ShelterBox tent is a visual demonstration of the kind of life-enhancing projects Industrial Parks





Club supports, in this case disaster victims requiring shelter. A great BIG THANK YOU to the set up crew which consisted of (**I to r**) Jack Wozniak, former ShelterBox Ambassador Ann Grahame, Chris Hefner, Peter Peters, Margaret Peters and Peter Neufeldt. Greg McNamara was a member of the set up team as well, but had already been seconded to a 50/50 ticket selling role where in keeping with this Past President's approach, the pot was estimated to be, "something in excess of \$6 million".

The weather could not have been more accommodating. Cloudless skies, no wind and a group of celebrity servers supported by the hard working Industrial Parks membership. Special thanks to all the Eastviewians who shared in this great morning.



Thank you Rotary Club of Regina Industrial Parks!

COMMENTARY

And now for today, which by all accounts was not a usual happening for the organized RC of Regina Eastview. The Delta by Marriott was not ready for us – their records did not have us booked. A call to President Jack

with the great news, which in the minds of some meant the meeting would be cancelled and we would all wander off. Not so, President Jack arrives, Director Pat Dell arrives, Hotel staff opened a room (the "cozy" Piero), the kitchen staff whipped up a fine lunch (including dessert), and the meeting proceed. The order was reversed but the process reminded us that working together, being flexible and reflecting the dictates of the Four-Way Test, much can be accomplished for the benefit of all.





Ann Grahame stepped up to look after the **Registration Desk**, assisted by Doreen Pankewich. There was no selling of **50/50 Tickets**, and the "arm" was up so we "got away" with a mere \$24.00 luncheon, and there are those who say there is no Santa Claus!

Tania Woroby was the assigned **Greeter**, and she had the expanded role of standing at the base of the escalator welcome Rotarians, and probably others and directing the Rotarians to the secret Piero meeting room.

President Jack Wozniak made a less than attention getting gonging sound to call us to order, led us in O' Canada and invited Shreedhar Jachak to lead us in Rotary grace. Both were done exceedingly well.

Today's Philosopher, Pat Dell, shared this thought as a way to approach challenges such as those faced with today's luncheon, "When replacing, "Why is this happening to me?" with "What is this trying to teach me?", everything shifts". Thank you, Pat, this is prophetic!



President Jack introduced these folks at the Lead Table – Jack Wozniak.

There were no Visiting Rotarians & Guests and no 50/50 Draw so there was rapid movement.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Sergeant Pat was seemingly taken aback and admitted, "I have nothing!" Almost as quickly she remembered an always appreciated money maker and invited the sharing of "happy dollars". Peter Neufeldt stood to express



his and Doug Mortin's appreciation for the support they, as the Motorcycle Ride Ripple Effect Fund Raiser, received in their efforts which raised \$12,450.00; (left - Bikers Dwight, Patrick and Gregg) Doug Mortin shared the story of Lawrence Durante who is so dedicated to the work of the Ripple Effect Program, that he rode an additional 2,200 kilometers just so could join the 500 kilometer ride; and, Peter Peters thanked members who have already contributed to his fund raising appeal for annual Multiple Sclerosis Cycling fund raiser and

invited those not yet committed, but interested to sign-up on the sheets on the table.

PROGRAM

Having returned from the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany, President Jack is pumped about the experience and today we got an initial glimpse of the basis for the obvious inspiration. Jack introduced himself to us as the "guest speaker" and we welcomed him with loud applause.



Using power point slides, Jack shared aspects of the Pre-Convention Rotary Youth Exchange conference which were an important component of his and Trish's Convention experience. Because of Jack's interest in Youth initiatives, it was his wish to learn as much as he could about the programs and connect with Rotarians with like interests and commitments.

President Jack indicated that today he would provide an overview of the Convention agenda and in a subsequent



presentation would speak about specific sessions that he found of great interest. He noted in there were 25,000 registrants, including 1,000 Rotaractors. The Convention's opening session consisted of 15 speakers. While one could sit in row seating in the major plenary session room, there were also smaller rooms around the periphery which featured a more relaxed atmosphere where attendees sat around tables and could appreciate the presentation on video screens. Zones 24 and 32, who share a Director on the Board of Rotary International, hosted a dinner the first day of the Convention which was attended by the President of Rotary International and was considered a highlight. There were Agenda sessions Jake identified as special, including:

- a) Engaged Members Strategies for Success;
- b) Embrace Flexibility to Increase Membership;
- c) Change Management Creating 21st Century Rotary Clubs;
- d) You Can Stop Human Trafficking.

Our President shared photos of people he met and with whom he has established a relationship which will serve



him well in his new District 5550 Youth Ambassador role to which he has been appointed. Jack is considering the opportunity of establishing "an exchange in the exchange", where students in cities have an opportunity to spend a portion of time in "the country" so students return to home having experienced "Canada". After all, Rotary's VISION is, "TOGETHER we see a world where PEOPLE unite and take action to CREATE lasting CHANGE across the globe in our communities and in ourselves." It is going to be an exciting year at the Wozniak home and in the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview.

Jack concluded his presentation by thanking the Club for providing him and Trish with the opportunity to attend the RI Convention in Hamburg.

Doug Mortin Thanked President Jack for his quality presentation suggesting Regina Eastview made a good investment in sending our President Elect and First Lady to the International Convention which will pay dividends for the Club, Regina and District 5550.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Clubs Luncheon: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 – Delta Regina – Special Guest is Author and Motivational Speaker Charmaine Hammond.

Regina Eastview Family Summer Picnic: DATE – August 18th Afternoon; PLACE – 247 Hasting Crescent; No Cost (only to current Past Presidents); **Wonderful time of socializing fellowship.**

District Governor Fred Wright Official Visit to Regina: August 28, 2019 - All Clubs Breakfast with the DG Fred at 8:00 A.M. at the Delta; and, an All Clubs BBQ in Rotary Park in the evening at 5:30 P.M.

60th Anniversary: RC of Regina Eastview is celebrating 6 decades of service on September 28, 2019. Lots more to come. Circle the day!

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE AT WORK

There was a moment as we waited for the world to adjust today at the Delta, the Fund Raising Committee filled the time with constructive planning – we are surrounded by dedicated members.

Thank you, Director Charles Sadzamare, Gail Bradley, Chris Hefner and Ron Okumura.

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters

