

With Jade Koch

**Vern Hoyt** Greeter:

August 24, 2018 **Regina** Eastview welcomed **Thomas Van Der** Maren





**Youth Exchange Student** to RC of Regina Eastview For 2018 – 2019

Today Thomas was introduced and welcomed to Regina Eastview's weekly luncheon meeting.



Doug Mortin, Thomas's Counsellor had the pleasure of introducing our 2018 – 2019 Rotary Youth Exchange student, Thomas, "to our club, city, province & country". This is what Doug said:

"Thomas has left his, home, parents, siblings, friends and his comfort zone to spend the next year here with us. I am pleased to report that Canada was his first choice of countries with which to exchange and after spending the past seven days in his presence, I am convinced that it is we who should be thankful!

For the next six months, Thomas will be hosted by Carrie, Blair & Kaeden Ross at 22 Millar Cres. They are the parents and brother of Thuraya, our current outbound student to Sweden. From March to May, Ron & Mary Okumura will host and in June & July, Jack & Trish Wozniak have volunteered. Thank you to these folks for volunteering for without you, we would be unable to take part in the Youth Exchange program.



Thomas will be attending LeBoldus High School at  $2330 - 25^{th}$  Ave. We will soon be preparing a schedule for Rotarians to transport him to and from our Thursday meetings and we hope you take the opportunity to connect with him and arrange to give him a memorable experience with you and your family, soon & often.

Thomas can be reached on his mobile phone at 306-450-2440 or if that fails, through me. His Email is: thomas35v@gmail.com".

# September – get ready for Basic Education and Literacy Month



Today the Registration Desk was staffed by Greg McNamara with support from Pat Dell. Clarence Krause was scheduled to be selling 50/50 tickets, but in the process was not aware of this responsibility so that task was filled by Greg and Pat. Jeanne Martinson was the designated Greeter but in her absence,



Allen Hillsden assumed the role and is seen here extending the arm of friendship to former, and hopefully returning Eastviewian, Sheryl Britton. Sheryl brought our visiting former Rotary Exchange Student, Berenice Beau, who was hosted by the Britton's for a quarter of her time in Regina 11 years ago, to today's meeting.

#### **KICK OFF!!**

A great way to start **Basic Education** and Literacy Month - view the six new videos created by The Rotary Foundation. One new video for each of the 6 areas of focus – at: https://vimeopro.com/rotary/aof

### President John Van Koll told us

he would be away for a few weeks. He started his Rotary day, by getting down on his knees in front of Sergeant-At-Arms, Pat Dell. Even this humiliating stance bought him nothing.





Two **Lead Tables** today, with **Table #1** featuring Shannon Windrim (right) and to her left 4 delightful RYLA Students: Kate Dederick, Kyrena Pankewich, Trinity Sanson, Izak Wozniak and not shown - Doug Mortin, Thomas Van Der Maren and of course President John.

Lead Table #2 was graced by Allen Hillsden, Ann Grahame, Brigid Malloy, Berenice Beau, Trish and Sarah Wozniak (right), Pat Richards and Jack Wozniak.



Pat Dell introduced all our Guests which consisted



of the RYLA students and Thomas at Lead Table # 1, Brigid, Berenice, Sarah and Trish at Lead Table #2; plus, Sheryl Britton guest of Ann Grahame; Helen Timms (left) guest of Zarin Zavery; Albert Pankewich (below left with

**Granddaughter Kyrena**); Brynne Rink, Cathy Carlson Rink, Cloe Rink, Kim Rink, Laurie Carlson Berg, Levi Berg and Jessie Carlson (**right**)



all guests of Gary Carlson; and, Evan Lemie and Karen Patison guests of Laurel Mattison (below).



Sherry McKinnon was our philosopher and shared this **Thought for the Day** credited to Walt Whitman, "*Keep your* face always toward the sunshine and shadows will always fall behind you."



Greg McNamara was responsible for the **50/50 Draw**, and once he found the components for this task, he noted there was approximately \$350.00 in the pot to be won. The ticket identifying

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the person who would be allowed to search out the green marble in the box of blue marbles was drawn and Chris Hefner had the chance. He sadly, selected a blue marble, but happily accepted the \$2.00 "gift" which refunded the ticket investment.



Paul Harris Fellow Presentation - Greg McNamara, the Club's Rotary Foundation Director, had the distinction of presenting on behalf of The Rotary Foundation a Paul Harris Fellow Certificate to Gary and Jessie Carlson's Granddaughter, Brynne Monet Carlson-Rink. This distinction came in response of

> Gary and Jessie's on going contributions to The Rotary Foundation, of which they are Major Donors. As Director Greg pointed out Brynne's Award was the result of her Grandparents contribution to TRF of another US \$1,000.00. Gary was privileged to

attach the Paul Harris pin to Brynne's dress after he promised not to poke her. Congratulations Gary & Jessie - you make us proud and we are honored by your company.



#### SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Pat Dell was pleased to be at the podium as Sergeant because there seemed to be an over whelming number of



matters which would raise money for the coffer. President John was fined for a number of misdeameners (which is not unusual); Clarence Krause failed to serve as the assigned 50/50 ticket seller; for all who failed to welcome Greg and Pat at the Registration desk either with a hug or shake of the hand were fined.

Happy dollars came from Laurel Mattison who was happy to introduce her 2 guests, Evan and Karen; Pat Richards stood to tell us their hockey playing grandson just returned from a hockey school in the United Statees and now

left for Jamestown, New York where he will be playing this year; Barry Strohan had this riddle for Allen Hillsden, "Where is the best place to be in a tornado?" - Answer, "Winnipeg, because they do not have

touchdowns!" (boisterous laughter - from some); Laurie Carlson Berg rose to recognize her parents, Gary & Jessie Carlson, who last Saturday celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary surrounded by their family and friends - Again, Congratulations Jessie and Gary; Ann Grahame told us her Alberta "Actor" Grandson was once again recognized for his talent with mention in Calgary print media recognition includes scholarships which he can take advantage of when he enters University; Clarence Krause told us that next Wednesday he and Donelda will celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary; getting close to that number was Sam Berg who missed last Thursday's Rotary meeting because he and Erica were



celebrating their 49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary – for reasons Sam choose not to reveal, Erica thought 49 years of marriage should be more memorable than a Rotary buffet luncheon at the Delta; Greg McNamara waved around the September 1st Connect Street Fair brochure (attached to this week's ROTOR); and, President John threw in a \$20.00 to tell us he is leaving on a 2 week holiday in Europe and is leaving President Elect Jack

Wozniak in charge.

Wonderful news for Nigeria and the World

On 8/20/18, Nigeria celebrated 2 years without a Wild Polio case!

# **PROGRAM**



Shannon Windrim, a member of the Youth Project Committee introduced the first part of today's program – comments by 4 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Students who attended the Junior (for 12-14 year olds) RYLA this summer. Shannon outlined the purpose and focus of the camp and each of these young people and invited them to share their camp highlights.

Trinity Sanson, a Grade 9 student at Greenall School in Balgonie,

was a first year RYLA student. She referred to RYLA as her most memorable experience, where she could simply be herself and felt safe and comfortable in this most supportive environment. The "Amazing Race", was an "amazing" team building adventure.





Kate Dederick, was a 2<sup>nd</sup> year RYLA attendee, noting that it really is the people who make the camp, and from the time of arriving at the camp one is swept into this amazing emotional adventure where safety and support is key. The young people at RYLA became part of her "family" and she learned not "to be afraid to stand up". She spoke about sharing

colorful "sticky notes" telling each other the things they appreciated one another.



Kyrena Pankewich, also a 2<sup>nd</sup> year attendee, spoke about making new friends and new memories. The welcome on arrival by the smiles and warmth of other campers and the counsellors made one feel so safe. The team building activities and campfire experiences were unforgettable events and saying good bye was really an emotional time.



Izak Wozniak, the final RYLA presenter was also a  $2^{nd}$  year attendee, spoke about this RYLA being a wonderful learning and appreciating experience. He referred to it as being a time of attachment both in a physical and also emotional sense.

Each of the Students took a moment to express their gratitude for being selected and able to participate in RYLA. They thanked the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview for providing

this learning and maturing experience. Regina Eastview was well represented by this classy group of young people and we can indeed be proud of our Ambassadors. President John expressed our appreciation for the important role they played in creating a positive Rotary image in the community.

**Rotary Club of Regina South** 

The Club's Summer Meeting Schedule will conclude this Friday, August 31 at noon. The Club will resume regular weekly meetings on September 7, 2018:

**Ann Grahame**, Chair of the Club's Youth Project Committee, was invited to introduce Part 2 of today's program. This component was a report from Brigid Malloy, Regina Eastview's Rotary Youth Exchange student to Brazil during the 2017-2018 Rotary year. Ann came to know Brigid when Brigid was a "wee little girl" and had the joy of watching this delightful child grow into a young adult.

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With the use of power point slides, Brigid Malloy took us on a whirl wind pictorial tour of her year in Brazil

as a Rotary Exchange Student. Sharing a year's experience in a few minutes is a challenging task but our Ambassador to Brazil did a fine job of touching on those things that were outstanding for her. We learned that Brigid was in Lençóis Paulista which is located in the Central West region of the state of São Paulo with a population is 66,131. She shared photos of her host families with whom she developed a very close bond. She grew close to the other Rotary Exchange Students in her Rotary District. Their relationship was structured on the foundation established at the initial orientation, it



was strengthened through other interactions during the year. Through this experience, she gained many dear friends.

Brigid spoke about visiting Sao Paulo, where she enjoyed visiting museums, the soccer stadium, learning more



about their culture and appreciating their history. She visited Rio de Janeiro and saw for herself the *Christ the Redeemer* Statue, "*Keeping a watchful eye over the people of Rio de Janeiro*." She attend the "Carnival" and appreciated the ornate dress worn by attendees. She bought a Ukulele and took lessons

Brigid spoke about visiting the Amazon, which was her most enriching experience – "there were things one cannot see any place else in the world".

Brigid thanked Rotary for this experience of a life time. President John thanked Brigid for being an impressive Ambassador for Rotary, Regina, Saskatchewan and Canada to the communities she touched in Brazil.

### "Brigid Malloy, remember this name!"

## PREPAID LUNCH CARDS

For 5 meals (\$115.00) and 10 (\$230.00) meals are available from Allen Hillsden, Doreen Pankewich and Ron Okumura.

Pay by CASH or CHEQUE

Pumpkin Patch Fund Raiser starts next week. See poster circulated with this ROTOR

# COMMENTARY



For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters