



## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

### The ROTOR

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Aug 11	<b>"Back Pack Assembly Project"</b> with <b>Rotarian Val Wiks</b> (Regina Industrial Parks)
Aug 18	<b>"Club Assembly"</b> with <b>President Greg and Regina Eastview Directors</b>
Aug 25	<b>"The Regina Seniors Centre"</b> with <b>Lorraine Jarrett</b>
Sep 1	<b>"RYLA and Youth Programs"</b> with <b>Ray Ruth</b> , District Chair
Sep 8	<b>"Sports Hall of Fame"</b> with <b>Vicki</b>

#### **NEXT WEEK**

**"Back Pack Assembly Project"**  
With  
**Rotarian Val Wiks**

**August 11, 2016**

#### **DUTY ROSTER**

**Registration:** **Louis Browne**  
**50/50:** **Richard Schwan**  
**Greeter:** **Jizinge Mwela**

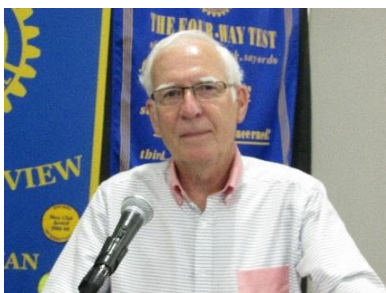
Gail Bradley was the person smiling back at you at the **Registration Desk**, as she gently pried the right coin and or paper money from your clenched fist. Then on Pat Dell, pinch hitting for the yet to arrive Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk, was available to sell you a **50/50 ticket(s)**. Pat gave up the 50/50 task and focused all her energy on getting members to indicate whether they would be attending the Past Presidents Picnic this coming Sunday – and more specifically how many mouths were we each bringing.



Please come  
as the Past  
Presidents are pleased to  
pay.

Relatively new member,  
Kell Sloan had another go at  
being **Greeter**. Now having  
filled the role two times in  
the last 8 days, is ready for  
anything. Thank you, Kell.





President Greg still had beans and carrots on his plate when he jumped to gong the bell and get “this show on the road” (its ok, he did clean up his vegetables later). Regular song leaders were not to be seen, so without hesitation PDG Doug Mortin rose to fill the “O’ Canada” void, which was followed by Allan Smith leading in Rotary grace.



Philosopher Doreen Pankewich was obviously thinking of the Club’s Past Presidents when she selected this **Thought for the Day** from the contributions of English actor, comedian, and singer-songwriter Norman Wisdom, who stated, “*As you get older three things happen. The first is your memory goes,----- and I can’t remember the other two.*”

President Greg confessed today’s **Lead Table** was not structured in a “This is 2016” motif – but he introduced the group anyway. Seated in these select chairs with our President were Doug Mortin, Ted Turner, Doug Keam, Laurence Vigrass and Peter Peters.



Gail Bradley introduced our **Visiting Rotarians**, Ted Turner and Doug Keam (**right**) from the RC of Regina; and the **Guests** which included former Regina Oskaya member Dinesh Kashyap (**below left**); Dave Sandison (**below middle**), Best Western Seven Oaks Inn (Mounir’s Bouchaibi replacement at Seven Oaks); Jin Wang and Jun Li, guests of Gord Wicijowski; and Bim Pandya (**below right**) guest of Louis Browne.



Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk sold \$42.00 worth of **50/50** tickets meaning an additional \$20.00 went into the increasing the pot to \$101.00 (by my calculation – I think the President has a different number). Doug Archer’s ticket was drawn and his fingers searched for the green marble, but he too, came up “blue”. Maybe next week!?!@?

### **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

Pat Dell was on stage and wasted no time in getting on with her task. President Greg paid \$2.00 because he is President; Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk came late causing the Sergeant to fill in for Tracey’s assigned role - \$2.00; Allen Hillsden was to be granted a “bragging right moment”,





but as he was absent it is unclear if that will carry forward - with out cost. Happy dollars came from Ken Poon who has just been gifted with twin granddaughters; Peter Peters thanked members for supporting the Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour Fund Raiser; Ron Okumura is going out of the Wine Making “business” and is giving away the Wine Kit stuff; Doug Mortin told of his trip to Fort Qu’Appelle to visit Art and Beth Foster, who sent their warm regards; Laurence Vigrass told us that their Volleyball playing grandson is in Rio with Canada’s Olympic Team – game Sunday; Greg tipped his hat to Ann Grahame for the courage required to set up and control the ShelterBox Tent at Industrial Parks Pancake Breakfast yesterday; Doug Archer is proud to tell us that he and Gloria welcomed their 5<sup>th</sup> granddaughter; Gord Wicijowski introduced his guest Jin and Jun, who served as Gord and his wife Ardella, host, tour guides and interpreters when they visited China 35 years ago as part of a University twinning initiative - an opportunity to reciprocate; and, to conclude her report Sergeant Pat spoke about the Past Presidents Picnic - details as follows:



**Date:** Sunday, August 7, 2016  
**Starts after 3:30 PM**  
**Where:** 247 Hastings Crescent  
**Mobility Challenged - Use back lane**  
**Bring** Lawn chairs  
 Your own Alcohol  
 Past Presidents bring Dessert or salad

### **PROGRAM**

Peter Peters was called on to introduce a Saskatchewanian with a provincial, national and international stature, a man recognized synonymously with the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool for some 37 years beginning in 1950. Influential in Agriculture across Canada, Ted provided leadership in the agricultural sector across North America and into South America and Australia. His expertise has been appreciated by many agencies, health and educational organizations as demonstrated by the host of awards and accolades with which he has been adorned. Ted Turner, is co-Chair of the Rotary Club of Regina 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coordinating Committee and came to Regina Eastview today to talk about this 2017 Celebration.



Ted Turner, who has a 50 year background as a Rotarian, told us the Club is planning a major banquet on August 24, 2017 – 100 years from the date of the Club’s chartering. Determining the criteria for the celebration and the Committee structure was left to Ted to define and determine. Ted assured us that not everything is about raising money, but more about celebrating 100 years of service. The leadership Committee is made up of four people, Co-Chair Judy Davis, Club historian Doug Alexander and Past President Ken Thiessen. There will be a variety of sub-committees established which will have specific duties. The focus will be on four identified areas:

i) Celebrate – This is to be a fun time and they will be looking to others to help them celebrate. They want to celebrate Rotary in Regina and around the world; they want to recognize service Clubs and our collective contribution to life in Regina and surrounding area

ii) Promote – A Sub-Committee under the direction of Nick Kaufman is on charge of putting on a major Banquet which will hopefully be one members of Regina Eastview would like to attend. Search is on for a significant renowned speaker as the banquet keynote. They are looking to keep the cost modest so people are not deterred from coming by the cost.

iii) Communicate – Because this is a “club” celebration, members will be updated on developments on a monthly basis so they will always be in the loop.

iv) Co-ordinate – 2017 is Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday and it is hoped these two events can coordinate some aspects of their respective celebrations.

In Club wants to leave a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary legacy in Regina and undertook a detailed process to select a charity which would be the recipient of a \$100,000.00 gift. Their identification of a charity which best paralleled the Club’s intent and aligned itself with the established criteria went through a number of critical steps, resulting in the selection of Souls Harbour Rescue Mission.

Ted concluded his presentation by acknowledging that the Rotary Club of Regina would be open to donations from friends beyond their own membership, should such gifts be made available.



President Greg presented Guest Speaker Ted Turner with what is becoming a much sought after insulated shopping bag.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Membership Dues** – Are due!

**Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour Fund Raiser - MS Society 2015 Bike Tour** – Pledge sheets were on the tables and donations were welcomed and appreciated. Donors can access Peter’s on line page at:

[http://mssoc.convio.net/site/TR/BikeTour/SaskatchewanDivision?px=1867496&pg=personal&fr\\_id=4896&s\\_1ocale=en\\_CA](http://mssoc.convio.net/site/TR/BikeTour/SaskatchewanDivision?px=1867496&pg=personal&fr_id=4896&s_1ocale=en_CA)

## **A ROTARY TIDBIT**

The Ripple Effect Program (REP) is committed to fighting poverty and promoting world peace by enhancing educational opportunities for children living in challenging environments. The program focuses on kindergarten to grade 6 and scholarships for Middle and High School students.

Since the inception of the Ripple Effect Program (REP) in 1999 we have built over 75 schools in poor rural areas. In just the last year we built 31 classrooms, 10 toilet blocks, 4 kitchen, 4 playgrounds and installed 86 computers/servers in 5 schools.



In the last year the Student Scholarship Program awarded 48 Middle and High School scholarships that keeps children in school when they would otherwise need to be working. The Teachers’ Scholarship Program awarded 6 Scholarships. Direct beneficiaries of the Program exceed 20,000 students and teachers in the last 4-years.



Though the direct beneficiaries of the REP are the children, the “Ripple Effect” has gone way beyond making a proper education possible for individual children. The program has positively changed whole communities. It has inspired community leaders to see potential, to take charge and to be accountable for their actions and decisions. The program has brought hope and renewal!

Our (Rotary Club of Regina Eastview) efforts and involvement in the REP, which began in 2006, have largely focused on 3 classroom, single-story schools. In these past 10 years Regina Eastview has served as the lead Canadian Rotary Club in the construction of schools in 6 communities. Our last undertaking was the installation of computers in the 2nd school in which we were involved.

These initiatives became a reality as a direct result of the financial support from other Rotary Clubs, individuals, businesses, along with matching funds from the Canadian Federal Government and our collective response to the REP's stated objective that "education is not a privilege, but the right of every child". While Federal Government funding is currently not available, the REP under the guidance of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee (CREC), continues to address education challenges in Guatemala. Regina Eastview will participate in one such opportunity as a partner in the Llanos de La Cruz School, a much larger project in the municipality of Quetzaltenango.



Check out this exciting opportunity in this week's COMMENTARY.

### **COMMENTARY**

**(Provided by the International Service Committee)**

Last Thursday Regina Eastview's International Service Committee (ISC) considered a request to partner in Phase 2 of a construction project which will see the building of the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of a school (right - **Architectural rendering**). This phase will consist of 5 classrooms plus a computer classroom at an estimated cost of \$90,000 Canadian (computers will be provided by Telus). ISC is pleased to support this project and agreed to assign \$7,000.00 (CAN) to this initiative. As a result of our Valentine Galas, Ripple Effect Motorcycle Rides and personal donations we have sufficient funds in the District 5550 World Community Service account to support this project in addition to other potential Ripple Effect Projects.



Other Rotary Clubs supporting this project are Kenora, Neepawa, and Winnipeg-St. Boniface. In Guatemala, the RC of Quetzaltenango is working closely with the Municipality, Community Leaders, School Parent Committee and the Principal and Teachers of the school and have raised \$28,000 (CAN) towards the project already. Unallocated donations made by Rotarians, currently in the CREC account at the District, will be used to complete the financing needs of this project.

By way of background, this school is officially a rural school but is now located "in the city" due to the city's expansion. The people who live in the community are employed in agriculture and commerce. The community has an average family annual income of \$900 Canadian. 70 % of the population is under the age of 29. The population in the area is increasing, due in large part to new housing development in the neighbourhood, which in turn increases school population.

The existing school was built in 1967 has 8 classrooms (some divided into sections by plywood partitions) plus 3 small classrooms, with deplorable inadequate washroom facilities. This is the only public school in the area. The classrooms are small and overcrowded, each accommodating 35-40 students. In some instances students have to crawl over desks to get to their desk.





In July 2015, Phase 1 (left), the construction of the 1<sup>st</sup> level, of a two level addition was completed. This was funded by government. Additional funding and support is required for further construction to happen. The first level addition has four good sized classrooms and a boys & girls co-ed washroom. In 2016 the Rotary Club of Quetzaltenango continues to work with their partners to repair broken desks, and have replaced the cement in the playground and purchased playground equipment for the students.

Gord and Deb LeMaistre, members of the RC of Kenora provide leadership to the REP, travel to Guatemala every fall

to build relationships, inspect projects and plan new initiatives. This project has been in the planning stages for several years as the LeMaistres held meetings with school officials, teachers, members of the parents committee and community Rotarians exploring ways to effectively meet the need for a school on the edge of the City of Quetzaltenango. This planning is now coming to fruition and Regina Eastview will be part of another cutting edge school initiative – Take A Bow!



**For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters**

