

Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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Dec 8	"Regina Trade	s & Skills Centre"	with CEO Brian Shankowsky
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Dec 15 **No Meeting**

Dec 16 "Regina Eastview Christmas Dinner"

Dec 22 "Rotaract Club of Regina Auxilium" with President Fakhra Shahid

Dec 29 "My Canada" with Dinesh Kashyap

Jan 15 "Learning Disabilities Association" with Shelly Mitchell

NEXT WEEK

"Regina Trades & Skills Centre"
With
CEO Brian Shankowsky

December 1, 2016

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: John Van Koll

50/50: Tania Woroby

Greeter: Jack Wozniak

We were saddened Don Shindelka was not at the **Registration Desk**, but were delighted that Vern Hoyt stepped in to fill the void – **take a bow**, **Vern**. The **50/50 ticket** seller was Rotarian Barry Strohan. Now, Barry is sensitive about "too many photos", and last week with Adventures in Agriculture, cameras were everywhere, but he did agree to smile at least one more time.

In the absence of assigned **Greeter**, Chad Cunningham, we did what we always do at Eastview, we welcome each other - as demonstrated on the next page where Ron Okumura is seen ensuring Guest Speaker, Naveen Singh, is made to feel at home.



Chili For Children Duty Roster

Dec 2 - NO SCHOOL

Dec 9 - Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Doreen Pankewich

Dec 16 - Nelson Falkowsky, Doug Mortin, Jack Wozniak

Dec 23 - NO SCHOOL

DEC 30 - NO SCHOOL

In Rotary
December is:
Disease Prevention
and Treatment
Month



Of course, President Greg McNamara was at the helm today and let us know, "This wonderful young man (left – Naveen Singh) worked with me, in a store that will go un-named, and is now a big 'Poohbah' in SaskTel." (or words to this effect).

Similarly, it was great to see Lyle Gollnick and Jack Wozniak surrounded visitor Stacey Carmichael, CEO of Canadian Mental Health Association Regina Branch, making her feel welcome and at home.

As the world heads into one of the larger food consuming holiday seasons, Club Philosopher Doreen

Pankewich, went to US humorist, novelist, short story teller and wit, Mark Twain for this **Thought for the Day**, "Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside."





President Greg selected the following people to join him at the **Lead Table** - Naveen Singh, Hussein Ibrahim, Ron Okumura, John Van Koll, Donna West, and Trevor Schell.

Barry Strohan was invited to introduce **Guests and Visiting Rotarians**. Barry asked our guests to stand when introduced and to remain standing until acknowledged by the President. Donna West (**left**) from the RC of Regina South was the lone Visiting Rotarian, and was joined by these Guests: Stacey Carmichael guest of the Club; Former Eastviewian Dave Wessel (**left**), guest of Laurence Vigrass; and, Trevor Schell (**right**) and Naveen Singh guests of the Club.



Multi-tasking Barry Strohan managed the **50/50 Draw**, and it was Nelson Falkowsky who had the good fortune to search out the green marble in a box surrounded by a slowly decreasing number of blue marbles. After rattling the box, Nelson, standing on his tippy toes dove into the box, and came up blue. Failure to win the pot, today's addition of \$36.00

was added to make the total \$ 617.00 (approximately). Come back next week and invest again.



PROGRAM

Ron Okumura was invited to introduce guest speaker, Naveen Singh. In his introduction, Ron noted Naveen has been with SaskTel for 14 years and has served in increasingly complex roles and is currently Infrastructure Manager – Middleware. Committed to serving in the community, Naveen is a member of the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Science Centre and sits on their Audit and Finance Committee. The focus of Naveen's presentation was titled. "What's behind a world class website?"



What we learned from Naveen is that one of the things behind a "world class website" are a lot of smart tech savvy people – in SaskTel this is something between 112 and 120 individuals involved in managing and keeping the site up to date and current.

SaskTel continues to provide the traditional telephone services with its 110 year history. Added to this was internet, then high speed internet, and most recently MAX T.V. Services. All of these services are managed and controlled out of one big room with a host of monitor banks, where up to 150 people monitor the service 24 hours a day.

In comparison to a normal website that answers questions, provides on line chat help, and respond to e-mail questions, websites like SaskTel who take on services for payment (have a "chapping cert" certified, enter an entirely new complicated world we

payment (have a "shopping cart" service), enter an entirely new complicated world where "trust" is critical.

We learned the SaskTel website has experienced up to 300,000 hits per day, with a normal day being the area of 50,000. In response to a question about what's happened to "little red", it seems she has been phased out. "She" has lost her "appeal" and there is a need to bring in something that appeals to the 18 to 25 age demographic.

Check out SaskTel at: https://www.sasktel.com/wps/wcm/connect/content/home/

THIS IS MY LIFE

After a bit of a hiatus (months), *This is my Life* is back and was kicked off by Hussein Ibrahim. Ibrahim joined Rotary just over a year ago, but said he has been a Rotarian all his life. He largely credits his mother for this as she taught her children that kindness was key to a good life, and most everything else follows kindness, like respecting different cultures and ideas. He was the eldest child in his family and grew up in Egypt where he acquired his Medical Degree. Hussein then went to Great Britain, Italy and the USA to pursue and achieve Medial Specialty status including a Master's in Sexual Medicine. He and his family which consists of his wife, three daughters and one son, came to Canada, "to raise our family". He was introduced to Rotary by Doug Mortin, whom he met as they were both volunteering in the Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) program. As a member of Rotary, Hussein indicated that he is sitting with leaders around the world – people who make things



happen. By attending Rotary Leadership Institute, he has learned about Rotary, and is honored to be part of Rotary where has felt so welcomed and supported. We are honored to have you as part of Regina Eastview, Hussein. For his involvement in today's program he received the coveted "insulated" shopping bag (and he went home happy).

PRESENTATION TO CANAIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - REGINA BRANCH

Community Service Committee Director Lyle Gollnick was called on to make a presentation to Stacey Carmichael of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) – Regina Branch. On behalf of Regina

Eastview, Lyle presented Stacey with a cheque for \$1,000.00 to be used in their program.



In expressing the Branches appreciation for the donation, Stacey told us the CMHA is 98 years old. Each province is a "Division" of CMHA, and each Division consists of a number of "Branches". The Regina Branch experiences visits from 100 individuals each day. In the past 12 months they served 11,777 meals. She indicated her willingness to speak to the Rotary Club about the services provided through the Regina Branch of CMHA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"CityKidz" – Donna West is Regina Branch Manager of CityKidz, a faith based program initiated in Hamilton, Ontario is a Saturday program for kids in the North Central area of Regina. They host 145 children every Saturday and their focus now is to have a Christmas party for this group of youngsters on December 10th. They are looking for Christmas gifts so that each child will receive something and in some instances may well be the only they will receive this Christmas. You can drop off gifts at any CIBC bank or make a donation on-line. A basket was set out for donations and \$261.00 was collected. Thank you.

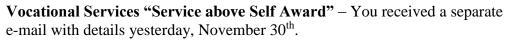




Christmas Carol Festival – Jeanne Martinson indicated that the Festival still requires additional volunteers. Please call Jeanne if you can help, or better still just show up. If they need assistance you will be a hero, and if they do not you can stay and enjoy the choirs and groups.

Christmas Ham Sales – John Van Koll advised that the Christmas Ham are here and he is seeing if he can get some additional hams to meet a late order. Box building and **Ham packing** will occur at the Food Bank on **Tuesday morning**, **December 6**th – workers will hopefully be there shortly after 8:30. John hopes we can be hauling out hams by 11:00AM.

Regina Eastview Christmas Dinner – John Van Koll reminded us that Friday, December 16, 2016 at the Delta Regina is our annual Christmas dinner. He is looking for an indication of the number of children 12 and under that will be attending the dinner (no charge) and also the number of adults (which means everyone 13 and over is an adult and costs \$35.00. John is looking for help in organizing this important social event. Please get him the numbers of people who will be coming from your family.





ROTARY TIDBIT

Rotary Weekly – November 25, 2016

Saving a little girl's life in Ecuador - Esperanza is a Spanish word for hope. And that is what Rotary members from Alberta, Canada were able to give to the family of a little girl with a hole in her heart in Ecuador. Wayne Kauffman blogs about the connections forged through a service project that allowed Natalie to get surgery to repair her heart.



Please Read Kauffman's blog post

Wayne Kauffman concludes his blog with this observation, "You see, it's more than the success of our global grants and related projects. It's the connections that happen. And all of that happens when people choose to do good in the world through The Rotary Foundation."

COMMENTARY



EVERY GREAT DREAM BEGINS WITH A DREAMER. ALWAYS REMEMBER, YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU THE STRENGTH, THE PATIENCE, AND THE PARTIENCE, AN

HARRIET TUBMAN

Last week members of Regina Eastview conducted, what I think is one of the Club's greatest youth oriented initiatives. For the 20th year in a row you joined together to host Adventures in Agriculture. It started as a dream that was courageously shared and brought into being, and is now appreciated by Rotary Clubs, the Agricultural community and most importantly young people from across 4 provinces.

Most, if not all great things come about from one person's dream – this is the Rotary story from its inception, and so it continues. One person becomes a community of four people who build on the dream, which has now become a vision. The vision captures the attention of others and so the "passion" becomes real and those involved "reach for the stars". This is Rotary; this is The Rotary Foundation; this is the Ripple Effect Program; and this is Adventures in Agriculture. Regina Eastview members, past and present, take a bow. You make us proud!

Adventures in Agriculture 2016



For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters