



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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Service Above Self

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Dec 17	No Noon Meeting – in favour of Christmas Party on the 18th
Dec 18	“Eastview Family Christmas Dinner” – Evening Event
Dec 24	No Meeting – Christmas Eve
Dec 31	No Meeting – New Year’s Eve
Jan 7	“The Mamaweyatitan Centre and the George Bothwell Branch Library Development” with Jeff Barber, Director, Regina Public Library
Jan 14	“The National Science Fair, 2016” with Dr. Edward Mathie

NEXT WEEK

**“Eastview Family Christmas
Dinner”**
An Evening Celebration

**December 18,
2015**

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: Wally Dressler
50/50: Laurence Vigrass
Greeter: Peter Peters

Efficiency was the by-word at the **Registration Desk** as Nelson Falkowsky was taking the entry cash or cheque, while Doreen Pankewich was selling **50/50 Tickets**. Unlike some weeks when purchasers are promised major return on their \$2.00 investment, Doreen’s soft sell approach did very well (how well will be noted later).

Unfortunately Don Shindelka was unable to be the meeting’s **Greeter** so we welcomed one another and missed Don in the process.

CHILI FOR CHILDREN

Duty Roster

DEC 11-- Doug Archer, Nelson Falkowsky, Lyle Gollnick

DEC 18---Sherry McKinnon, Peter Peters, Greg McNamara



President Ron Okumura was in charge and we were off to a flying start with Songster Nelson Falkowsky (Nelson and the Christmas tree, both of them ever so sparkly) moving us through our musical moments.



Doreen Pankewich was **Philosopher** of the day and shared this thought credited to American actor, director, producer, and writer, Carl Reiner who observed, *“A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water.”*

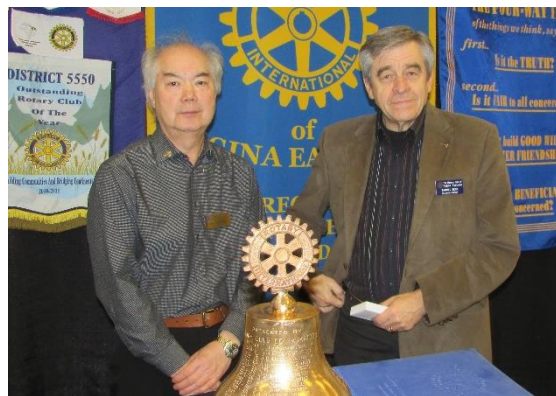
Joining President Ron at the **Lead Table** were guest speaker Susan Johnson, Joyce Butler, Nelson Falkowsky and Wally Dressler.



In a multi-starring role for this Rotary meeting, Nelson Falkowsky was called on to introduce our guests and visiting Rotarians. As



none of the latter were present, Nelson drew our attention to two delightful ladies, Susan Johnson (**left**), guest of the Club; and, Charlene McConnell (**seen right**), guest of Laurel Mattison (Laurel, who in a few minutes became the newest member of Regina Eastview).



Doreen managed the **50/50 Draw**. She convinced guest speaker Susan, that as an objective bystander it would be appropriate for her to draw the winning ticket for the \$27.00 and be the target of the righteous indignation of the distraught “losers”. Hans Gaastra was the winner – well I guess we were all winners as Hans donated his winnings to The Rotary Foundation – Thank you, Hans.

Stepping forward in response to President Ron’s invitation for **Happy Birthday** celebrants was Sam Berg, who brought joy to the Berg family all those years ago on December 7th, and continues to bring joy to many through his work and Rotary.

As there was no identified **Sergeant-At-Arms**, President Ron opened the meeting up for happy dollars, and is usually the case the response was positive. Jeanne Martinson was “\$5.00 happy” because while in the Toronto Airport Maple Leaf Lounge, she and her friend were able to provide traveling assistance to Premier Brad Wall



and his Associate; Leif Riesach shared stories of his recent curling exploits, which included winning the “B Event” in the “Masters”, and further gloating about subsequently beating Lyle Gollnick in a curling match; Nelson Falkowsky boasted about his nine year old grandson (who is playing with a group of boys much, much older (11 & 12) and in a recent tournament of the 16 goals the team got, #1 Grandson got 15 – subsequently in a game he got a further hat trick (**this 9 year old knows**

when he has one on the line as in an earlier moment of weakness grandfather Nelson promised there would be a \$1.00 earned for every goal during the season); and, Allen Hillsden had a happy dollar for the great job John Van Koll did of serving as “King of Hams”.



PROGRAM



Joyce Butler was called on to introduce our guest speaker, Susan Johnson. From Joyce we learned that Susan was a 1987-88 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of Hull in England, where she completed her M.A. She returned to Canada and in 1990 began her Ph.D. in English at McGill University. On completion of her studies she came to the Department of English at the University of Regina, where she is now Graduate Coordinator. A multi Award winner, she authored a book in 2001 (*Women and Domestic Experience in British Political Fiction*), and coedited a collection of essays on *A Song of Ice and Fire*. She and her husband have 3 daughters.

Susan indicated that she came to talk about how this Rotary Scholarship changed her life. With the use of a few power point pictures we learned somethings about this loved professor of English by her students. Susan grew up in a small community in eastern Ontario. She spoke about how her world exploded when she was selected by her Rotary District to be a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, and off she went to spend a year in England.



As an avid reader the world became real as she lived a “fantasy” of seeing sites like the great Tower Bridge. Seeing this historic bridge, which she visited through her readings, has made her realize that one of the gifts she received from this Rotary experience was to “begin living life from the heart”. Visiting old castles, ruins, Hadrian’s Wall and the statue of literary hero Lord Alfred Tennyson, it was hard to get over being in a place that was so old. These were precious moments where stories she had read became real. For instance, she visited Stratford-upon-Avon, the site of William Shakespeare and Ann Hathway’s (his wife) home and the home where William was born and raised.



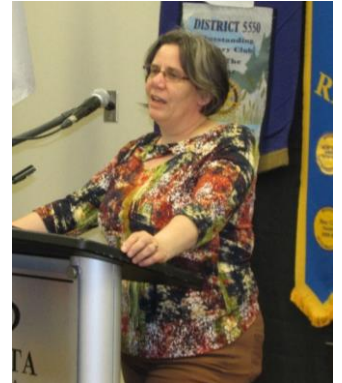
“Can you imagine”, Susan declared, “William Shakespeare had a Mom. I saw her house. It was a “WOW moment”.

Susan had the good fortune to visit many Rotary Clubs, this in the days before women were welcomed into Rotary, and in each case she was treated with such respect and appreciation. The Rotarians she met were the first adults, outside of her cohorts, and to a person they taught her so much about how *Service Above Self* is lived. All of these persons were committed to do good works in the world. These were the people that most impacted her life.



Toward the end of her year in England, Susan was visited by her parents. They were surprised by who their daughter had become. She credited Rotary for helping give her life direction, and the recognition that she could use her gifts to be of service to the world. She lives with an appreciation that the Alumni she helps create will have a heart of service for this is a return on the investment Rotary made in her education.

Ron expressed the members appreciation for her presentation, indicating it was a demonstration of the important role Rotary plays in providing access for to educational opportunities which ultimately lead to Rotary’s commitment to world understanding and peace.



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



New Member sponsor, Gord Wicijowski was invited to the podium to introduce this new member. Gord invited Laurel Mattison to join him at the podium. Gord told us that Laurel was born and raised in Preeceville, Saskatchewan, and was the youngest of 6 children. She attended Luther College Boarding School for grades 11 and 12. Following graduation Laurel attended Reliance Business College, and her first job was with Clarkson, Gordon & Company, where her boss was Gord Wicijowski. A few years later she moved to Alberta where she spent the next 18 years with a bent to Human Resources roles. In 1993 she returned to Regina and is currently the CEO/Owner of a company called Hiring Hands, which matches workers with available temporary jobs.

Joyce Butler, a member of the Membership Committee, was called on to induct Laurel into the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview. In her induction comments, Joyce touched on the privilege and responsibility of Rotary membership. In speaking to Laurel, Joyce reminded us all that we are our Classification's voice in Rotary, and Rotary's voice in our vocation. Our conduct in Rotary, community and in our personal lives is guided by



the Object of Rotary and the Four-Way Test, of the things we think, say and do. Having touched on the important components of Rotary membership, Joyce advised that Laurel is loaned the Classification of *Commercial Construction Employment*. In conclusion Joyce invited us to stand and formalized Laurel's membership into the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview.



President Ron presented Laurel with member material and applied the Rotary pin to Laurel's lapel. Members were then able to each welcome Laurel Mattison into our Rotary family.

In the **Family of Rotary**, Leo Ell advised that he recently visited George Poll in the assisted living facility where he now resides. George was pleased with the visit, and Leo encouraged others to take a moment and check in with George.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valentine GALA Tickets – President Ron reminded members that it is time to get serious about selling **Valentine Gala** 2016 tickets, as each member should now have the allocated 4 tickets. Please know that Wally Dressler has more tickets available!

Family Christmas Party - Ann Grahame reminded us that the Family Christmas Party is next Friday, December 18, 2015, starting at 5:30 pm. If you have not already signed up you must do so by December 11th. Please call Ann or Gail Bradley. Honorary Members and their partners and the widows of former members of the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview have been invited as our guests, so please come out and welcome your old acquaintances. Amy Collado of the Rotary Club of Regina Oskaya will be coming to conduct the Christmas carols, and to entertain us on her guitar.

Service Above Self

Service Above Self Award - The nomination Form is attached to this ROTOR. **The deadline for nominations has been extended January 7, 2016.** Please search out candidates for this Award and get your nomination in to Nelson Falkowsky, a member of Vocational Services.

Fund Raising Opportunity, Saturday, December 19th, 2015 – Peter Peters indicated that working with *Eye Inspire Events*, Regina Eastview can raise funds for Schools in Guatemala. This involves driving party goer vehicles to their home from the Christmas party site. This driver would be picked up by an Eastview member and returned to the site to pick up another vehicle until all vehicles have been delivered. Project would begin at 6:00 PM and conclude around 10:30 PM. We have seven people lined up at present and could use at least 2 more. If available please call Peter at 306-781-2231. Details will be sent volunteers early next week.



the right the additional workers (Allen Hillsden, Sam and Erika Berg, and Doreen Pankewich) who came to box and bag hams – which was an assembly line that challenged the effectiveness of unionized auto workers. Thanks to all who bought, sold, packaged and delivered hope, joy and love – you are a.....



COMMENTARY

A “tip of the hat” to John Van Koll for once again serving as our Club’s “King of Hams”. Through his orchestrating effort, this fund raiser distributed these pork delicacies to homes in and around Regina and in some cases to other parts of the Province and maybe even the world. In addition to putting food on tables this Holiday season it also provides Regina Eastview with the where-with-all to undertake projects locally and into the larger world. Two days ago the “family of Regina Eastview” gathered at the Regina Foodbank to box and bag 483 hams and arrange for their distribution. The “box builders” are pictured on the left (resembling Rail workers less shovels – hence leaning on one another), and on



For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters