



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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Dec 29	"My Canada" with Dinesh Kashyap
Jan 5	"District Conference 2018 Planning" with DGE Peter Neufeldt & You
Jan 12	"Regina Public Library" with Wanda Blake, Development Officer
Jan 19	"Learning Disabilities Association" with Shelly Mitchell
Jan 26	"Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada" with Lisa Smith

NEXT WEEK

"My Canada"
with
Dinesh Kashyap

**December 29,
2016**

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: **Leo Ell**
50/50: **Barry Strohan**
Greeter: **Ted Kent**

John Van Koll was at the **Registration Desk**, so we had the privilege of a smiling face and an outstretched hand of welcome which gently pried open our clenched fingers to relieve us of our cash. It was also great to see Dave Edwards selling **50/50 tickets**, with the added incentive, that if you gave him an extra \$3.00 you would get a little box of chocolate covered almonds – what grandparents do for their grandchildren.

Sorry for not catching the **Greeter** in action – I was welcomed by a number of members and so we must have crossed palms. .

President Greg McNamara was at his smiling happy best today – to borrow from his phraseology book – “aren’t we fortunate”!



After gonging the bell, he paid tribute to John Van Koll, Pat Dell, Ann Grahame and Gail Bradley for the leadership and effort this team put into last Friday’s Regina Eastview Christmas Dinner event. John and Ann took the bows for this team (in Pat and Gail’s absence), while the masses applauded their dedication.

Chili For Children Duty Roster

Dec 23 - NO SCHOOL

DEC 30 - NO SCHOOL

In Rotary, January is:
WHAT Month????
You will want to know for
next week!

Club Philosopher Doreen Pankewich, went to American Clergyman, Thomas S. Monson, for this Christmas **Thought for the Day**, “Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values.”

President Greg called on “my favorite” song leader, Allen Hillsden to lead in *O’ Canada*, which was followed by Charles Sadzamare leading in Rotary grace. Allen is vying for one day

being welcomed as “my most favorite”, which is understood to be a notch higher than his current status.



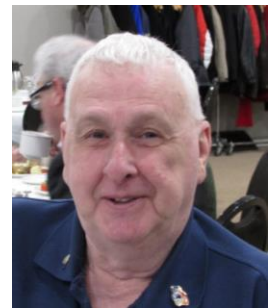
Joining President Greg at the **Lead Table** were Fakhra Shahid, Ray Ruth, Getachew Woldeyesus, Donna West and Richard Schwan.

John Van Koll was called on to introduce our **Guests and Visiting Rotarians**. A guest of the Club was Getachew Woldeyesus (**left**) from the Regina Open Door Society. Visiting Rotarians included Donna West (**right**) from the RC of Regina South; Ray Ruth (**right**) from the RC of Regina Oskaya; and, our Guest Speaker, Fakhra Shahid (**left**), President of the Rotaract Club of Regina Auxilium.



According to Dave Edwards, **50/50 Draw guru**, \$64.00 was collected on chances at the ever increasing jack-pot which means \$30.00 will be added to the existing 628.95 (= \$658.95). Sam Berg’s ticket was drawn allowing Sam to dive into the “marble box” looking for the green marble amongst a “decreasing”

number of blue marbles. Sadly, from Sam’s vantage point, he came up blue – so the search for green goes on to next week.



In the absence of a Sergeant-At-Arms, President Greg invited members to share their “happy dollar” stories. We have a H. D. crowd and this is what we heard: Dinesh Kashyap was excited about the successful initial fund raiser for Waskimo Winter Festival on December 15th which raised \$1,500.00; Barry Strohan commended Dave Edwards on his unique way of selling chocolates for his granddaughter; Leif “apologized” for not sharing stories of his curling prowess this year, and went on to say how good it was to curl with Sam Berg;



Sam was quick to jump to his feet to acknowledge his joy in curling with Leif; Allan Smith told us that he and Beth have moved out of their condo and are now residents of Wintergreen Estates – at this point not everything has found its place; Doug Mortin was rather pleased to admit that their curling foursome was the top team in a recent draw; Pat Richards told us of their grandson’s hockey “stardom” at Wilcox, led them to win a draw, which means it is more than students who are winners at this class school.

Regina Eastview received a big “thank you” from ShelterBox Canada for the \$1,200.00 donation sent to them earlier this month – Take a BOW!



This was the first time we have been able to sing a **Happy Birthday Greetings** to new member Dave Sandison. There is no question that this must have been a highlight in Rotarian Dave's Rotary career. Called to the podium, honored by President Greg's remarks; emotional about being sung too; and, paying for the insulated grocery shopping bag. Wow, what a day. Dave, we are honored to have you in Regina Eastview.

PROGRAM

President Greg introduced our Guest Speaker, Fakhra Shahid, President of the Rotaract of Regina Auxilium. He noted Fakhra has 8 years of Rotaract experience, having joined a Rotaract Club in Lloydminster, where she taught in Lakeland College. She served that Club as President during her time in Lloyd. When she moved to Regina she joined Regina Auxilium. Fakhra has a BSc and a Psychology degree and is currently the principle investigator in a really important research project (which will be referenced next week).



Fakhra's presentation related to a project the Rotaract Club of Regina Auxilium is supporting in Islamabad, Pakistan called *APNA Shelter Home and Learning Centre*. Regina Auxilium selected this project because as a small club, they needed to take on an initiative they could manage and to which they could make a significant contribution. APNA was selected because it is a small organization that is making a big difference. The Club's contribution would go entirely to the project; APNA is a viable organization where the impact could be tracked and monitored; and, finally the project demonstrated to be meeting a defined need that appealed to all club members.

Under Asma Munir Salman's leadership, *APNA Shelter Home and Learning Centre*, started in March of 2013 with Regina Auxilium involved for one year. Fakhra explained that there are over 4 million orphans in Pakistan, and in most centers there is a lack of facilities, supportive organizations and infrastructure to support orphans and child protective services. In view of this background, orphans have little hope for a future because abuse, sexual assault human trafficking, organ harvesting scams hunger, no access to the basic necessities of life and death are only some of the tragedies facing these unfortunate children. As a result the few that survive can never live a normal life as they have been robbed of all opportunities to do anything productive with their lives.



However there are some bright spots appearing on the horizon. There are organizations cropping up that are working to improve the conditions facing these children. Shelter homes and food drives are addressing some of



the immediate crisis and some smaller NGOs are run by social workers who have a background in how to improve the lives of these children. Workers at *APNA Shelter Home and Learning Centre* are largely volunteers as financial support, which basically come from donations, are focused on providing for the children. The organization is one of these organizations where children are provided with education, clothing nutritious food and a comfortable living facility. The facility currently looks after 25 children.

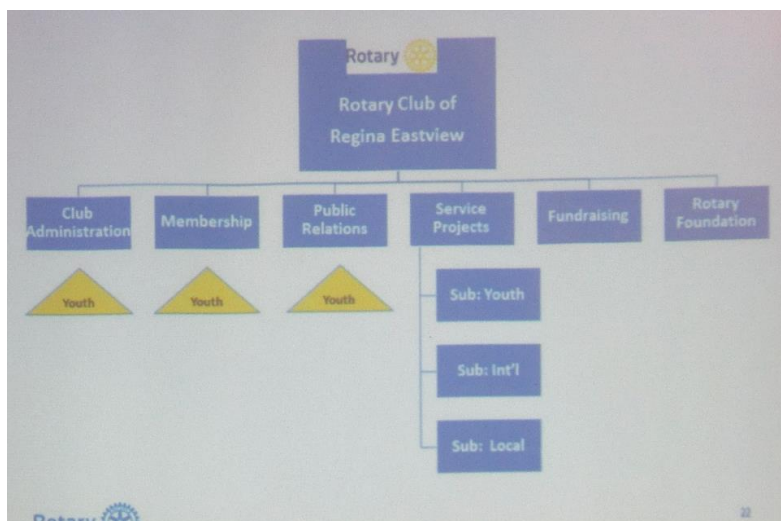
Regina Auxilium has set a goal of raising \$5,000.00 for this

project in the coming year and they are confident this can be achieved as they have already raised \$500.00. On Barry Strohan's suggestion a basket to collect donations for the project was passed around the room and at the end of the meeting was presented to Fakhra to go toward there fund raising goal.

President Greg thanked Fakhra for her presentation and commended her and through her the Regina Auxilium membership for their courage and enthusiasm for this life changing project. Fakhra got a "shopping bag".



PROPOSAL FOR RESTRUCTURING REGINA EASTVIEW



President Elect Richard Schwan went to the podium and followed up on his presentation of a month ago on a proposal to consider in restructuring the way Regina Eastview is organized. In his presentation Richard graphically compared our existing structure, RI's recommended Club structure and the structure he advanced in his earlier presentation.

Richard will prepare for circulation to the members an overview of the proposal, for the Club's consideration before we embark on implementing the structure. From a show of hands at today's meeting there is obvious enthusiasm for moving in this direction.

CHEQUE PRESENTATIONS

President Greg presented Donna West of **CityKidz** a Regina Eastview cheque for **\$900.00** in support of their Organization's work in the North Central part of Regina. Donna expressed her deep appreciation for this significant support for their work.





President Greg next invited Getachew Woldeyesus to the podium and presented him with a **\$400.00** cheque for the **Regina Open Door Society's** good work in helping settle new immigrants in our City.

GIFT PRESENTATION

Earlier in the meeting, Chad Cunningham approached members to see if they wished to make a donation to a money gift to the staff of the Delta who have served us with such class during 2016. President Greg invited Crystal and Shane to the podium

and presented them with the collected \$300.00. In making the presentation in "President Greg fashion", he conveyed our gratitude for the staffs' dedicated attention to our wishes. Good Job, Greg.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vocational Services "Service above Self Award" – Thank you for getting on with your nomination – December 31st is virtually here!

ROTARY TIDBIT

Rotary Weekly – December 13, 2016

A sneak peek at the Web refresh By Rotary staff

In January, visitors to Rotary.org will discover a new, contemporary site that tells Rotary's story in a fresh and exciting way. It's the first step in a two-part process to refresh our entire website: first the public site, Rotary.org, and then My Rotary.



Some of the changes will be obvious: a modern design, increased use of imagery and graphics to tell our stories, and better organization of content to help readers find out who we are and what we're doing. Others, like the improved speed of the site, will be a welcome surprise.

We believe these changes will more clearly show that Rotary is making the world a better place — and will persuade potential members and donors to support our work by joining a club, volunteering on a project, or donating to a cause. Visit Rotary.org in January to see all the improvements we've made.

COMMENTARY

Today was a good day at Rotary. As I looked around the room it was reminder of how fortunate it is to be with people who held the focus of this season of joy, hope, peace and love in their hearts, not just for this week, but 365 days each year. Let us together not waiver in spreading the notion that "Peace on Earth" is possible, for to do otherwise is to give in to what is evil. Let our prayer be that "there is room in the Inn" and that the season referred to above is not a myth, but one we work to make real for all. Have a Peace filled Christmas.



For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters