



Service Above Self

## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

### The ROTOR

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Jan 5	<b>“District Conference 2018 Planning”</b> with <b>DGE Peter Neufeldt &amp; Company</b>
Jan 12	<b>“Regina Public Library”</b> with <b>Wanda Blake, Development Officer</b>
Jan 19	<b>“Learning Disabilities Association”</b> with <b>Shelly Mitchell</b>
Jan 26	<b>“Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada”</b> with <b>Lisa Smith</b>

#### **NEXT WEEK**

**“District Conference 2018 Planning”**  
with  
**DGE Peter Neufeldt & Company**

**January 5,  
2017**

#### **DUTY ROSTER**

**Registration:** **Ron Okumura**  
**50/50:** **Lyle Gollnick**  
**Greeter:** **Chad Cunningham**

The **Registration Desk** is an exciting spot on Thursday’s at the Delta Regina because you get to greet your Rotary friends. Today that opportunity was afforded to Past President Ron Okumura. Selling those celebrated **50/50 tickets** were two folks, initially “task filler” Jack Wozniak, and then assigned Barry Strohan.

Ted Kent filled the **Greeter** role in an admirable way and was keen to welcome members (Chris Hefner) and those from other clubs (in this case Doug Keam from the Rotary Club of Regina).



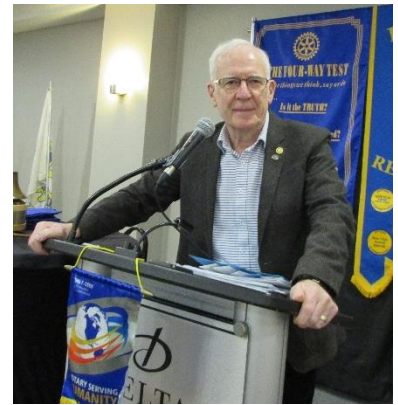
**In Rotary,  
January is:  
WHAT  
Month??**



President Greg McNamara was looking confident – at the end of today’s gathering he has completed 6 months of his 12 month “Presidential” responsibility - and there was no sign of “impeachment” on the horizon – life is good.



Allen Hillsden (who graduated to being the President’s #1 song leader [for today]) led in O’ Canada and Doug Mortin was our Rotary Grace leader. This paved the way for Club Philosopher Doreen Pankewich, to lay out our **Thought for the Day**, which is credited to American media proprietor, talk show host, actress, producer, and philanthropist, Oprah Winfrey who observed, “*Cheers to a new year and another chance to get it right.*”



President Greg was selective, as usual, in assigning the prized **Lead Table** spots. Today’s “awardees” were Tracy Desjarlais, Dinesh Kashyap, Doug Mortin, Richard Schwan and Doreen Pankewich.

Ron Okumura introduced our **Guests and Visiting Rotarians**, which included Tafadzwa Runge (Charles Sadzamare grandson) (**below left**) and a guest of the Club; Tracy Desjarlais (**below centre**) guest of Dinesh Kashyap; and, Visiting Rotarian Doug Keam (**below right**) from the RC of Regina.



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

Pat Dell was today’s Sergeant and as a first action fined President Greg \$2.00 for, at this point, an un-named omission, which raised an objection from Richard Schwan. Objections are not appreciated by Sergeant Pat (as demonstrated by “the look” - left) and to press the point, directed Richard to pay the President’s fine (which he did – although one could sense additional objections were about to be raised but wisely abandoned); having recently returned from Las Vegas (where it rained and no golfing was experienced) all persons who gambled in Las Vegas and made money were fined \$2.00 and all who lost money were given a Rotobuck.



Happy Dollars came from Barry Strohan, who arrived late for his 50/50 Ticket seller responsibility, commended Jack Wozniak for filling in for him at this post (**Service Above Self**); Allen Hillsden was happy to tell us that children and grandchildren visited over Christmas and it was loud and wonderful; Peter Peters advised the “Peters” celebrated Christmas yesterday (28<sup>th</sup>) with 24 people and it too was loud – the house was filling up again just before 11:00 AM, noise levels were escalating - Rotary meetings do happen at convenient times;

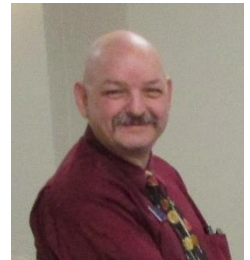




Doreen and her family celebrated Christmas with her 97 year old mother and it was a great occasion; Chad Cunningham told us that his family has started their own tradition – rather than visiting either of the families they choose to stay at home with their 2 year old daughter where they shared a seafood Christmas; Jack Wozniak told us that their family agreed not to exchange gifts but rather pool the money they would have spent on gifts and took these funds and adopted children; and, Jeff Barber told us that Nancy made a Christmas Calendar which required he and their daughter to open and incorporate an activity into their day, each day, which meant there were many opportunities to “give” and enjoy. In conclusion, the Sergeant wondered if anyone knew why she had earlier fined President Greg – if you would have guessed it was because he omitted holding the 50/50 draw at the prescribed time, you would have been right.

**50/50 takes  
precedence  
over all other  
matters**

**50/50 Draw** - President Greg is no slouch and he immediately called on Barry Strohan to officiate the 50/50 draw. Dinesh was selected to make draw the winning ticket, which happened to be one of the tickets Chris Hefner purchased. Barry reported \$60.00 was realized from the sale of tickets which means \$30.00 less \$2.00 would be added to the pot should there be no winner today. Chris picked a blue marble, so he got back his investment in this single ticket and \$28.00 is added to make the prize \$686.95 (**Finance Division to verify amount**).



### **PROGRAM**

President Greg introduced our guest speaker, who happened to be Rotarian Dinesh Kashyap. In his comments President Greg advised that Dinesh was born 40 miles from the Taj Mahal. He came to Canada 50 years ago and has a varied work Canadian career including: Provincial Government (SaskTel); Department of Secretary of State; and, Canadian Heritage and Capitol Records. Dinesh grew up under the aeroplanes of the Royal Indian Air Force all across India as his father was in Air Force and so the family settled all over the world. Dinesh’s father is a Rotarian. Dinesh’s current focus is working on bringing Waskimo Winter Festival back to Regina – this will occur on Feb 20, 2017, and will become an annual event.

Dinesh intended to use power point to supplement his comments, but even John Van Koll was not able to have the technology function and so Dinesh used his enthusiasm to tell his “My Canada Diversity” story. This is an interpreted summary of our Rotary friend’s story (less the enthusiastic pride he reflects as he shares his feelings for his “chosen country”).



When Dinesh speaks about “My Canada” he does not speak about the mountains, the plains, not the real estate, he speaks about the people. Canada is a country that is made up of two initial cultures (French and English) and it has become a blend of many other cultures to form a unique Canadian culture. Canadians work together – e.g. Canadians joined to restore Haiti; when a house burns down in a community, the neighbours come to restore that which was lost; Canadians do this possibly more than any other country and we do this because we treat others the way we wish to be treated.



Canadians are leaders in many things. In 1947 under Tommy Douglas’s leadership, a year before the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Saskatchewan passed into law a bill of rights which was, and continues to be, unique. The Saskatchewan Bill of Rights covered both fundamental freedoms and equality rights. It was a blue print for what the United Nations used in preparing their own Bill of Rights. Saskatchewan led the country in universal health care system, under Douglas, a system which John Diefenbaker used in establishing the Federal system.



Dinesh made the point that Canadians are the most educated people in the world, not with degrees and certificates, but the way we vote. From a financial and economic perspective, Canadians are a shrewd and calculating people as demonstrated by the recent economic downturn in the world, where Canada's banking system remained at an even keel. People in Canada feel secure and that feeling of security is palpable by people visiting our country.

From Dinesh's perspective, Canadians are a humble people and this humility is recognized by visitors, and is possibly one of the country's finest traits. It is a Country where 90% of its' population lives within 100 miles (160 km) of the US/Canada border – the longest undefended border in the world. A Country that boasts the most recognized and appreciated police force in the world.

Dinesh knew nothing about Canada before he came other than it was cold and Toronto was one hour away from New York City. He suggested it remains a country which is a work in progress, but also a beautiful work in progress. In conclusion he challenged us to look at Canada from the perspective of, what we can do to make it better.

**“My  
Canada  
Diversity”**

Thank you, Dinesh, for sharing your story because in doing so you have made us in our Canadian fashion “humbly proud” of who we are and what we offer to the world.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Valentine GALA** – **President Greg** reminded us that in 6 weeks (**February 10, 2017**) our Club will be hosting our Club's major fund raiser and we will need all hands on deck. Ticket selling teams have been struck and we need everyone to join in the ticket selling. **Chad Cunningham** drew attention to the advertising that will begin next week – a press release will be sent out to Regina Media outlets. In mid-January Rawlco Radio will begin a major advertising campaign – please listen for those ads and be ready with your tickets.



**Waskimo Winter Festival** – It was learned from Dinesh Kashyap that the formal announcement advising of this **Winter Extravaganza** will be held at the Conexus Arts Centre on January 5, 2017.



### **ROTARY TIDBIT**

Congratulations Rotary Club of Regina Eastview, you have qualified to apply for District 5550 District and Global Grants because:

- 1) **Four members of your Club participated in the 2 hour Certification Webinar provided by District 5550 – Namely Ann Grahame, Greg McNamara, Peter Neufeldt and Peter Peters;**
- 2) **The Club filed the Club/District Memorandum of Understanding with Officials of the District within the prescribed time frame; and,**
- 3) **Members of Regina Eastview contributed more than \$50.00 to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation before March 31, 2017.**

**Members of the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview – Take a Bow!**

**Have a happy and peace filled**



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