



## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

### The ROTOR

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Dec 13 **No Noon Luncheon in favor of Christmas Party on the 14th**  
Dec 14 **“Rotary Christmas Party” – Delta Convention Centre - Cocktails 5:30 PM**  
Dec 20 **“Socializing”**  
Dec 27 **“Socializing Continues”**  
Jan 3 **“TBD”**

#### PROGRAM

### “Christmas Party”

**Next Week**  
**December 14, 2018**

#### DUTY ROSTER

**Registration:** Club  
**50/50:** Administration  
**Greeter:** Committee  
**Student Pickup:** & Others

### December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month in Rotary

Takayoshi Ono opened the **Registration Desk** but was soon replaced by assigned Registrar Ron Okumura. Ron was assisted by Doreen Pankewich who was working the “electronic paying machine”, which was jammed up because some blind guy could not hit the right buttons – what the registration desk folks must deal with in supporting their aging members – the people pictured were waiting and are part of the youthful crowd.

Gail Bradley was at the **50/50 Tickets** sales counter exchanging opportunities to win big with a mere \$2.00 investment.



(Far left)

Tracey

Schick Sparrowhawk was **Greeter**, and did a very fine job of warmly welcoming each person entering the room.

(Near left) **President John Van Koll**, was ready for anything today and believed the big snow boots might be required if the weather suddenly turned nasty. Obviously our leader has a Boy Scout background – be prepared! And prepared he was – 2 Lead tables - only one was introduced.



## Chili for Children Roster

Dec 7 NO SCHOOL

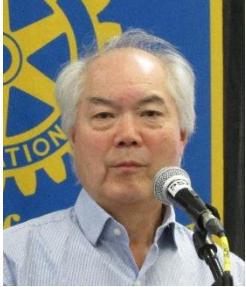
Dec 14 - Ann Grahame, Tania Woroby, Greg McNamara

Dec 21 - Greg McNamara, Lyle Gollnick, Shannon Windrim

No School until Jan 2019



President John gonged the bell and we jumped to our feet. We honored



our country as he led in singing our National Anthem, and acknowledged our Creator by reciting Rotary grace. He then invited, Registrar Ron Okumura to introduce **our Guests**. As there were no visiting Rotarians, Ron invited Guests, Dayton Neumann (**below left**) a guest of Chris Hefner; and, Dorothy Churko (**below right**) a guest of her son, John Van Koll, to please stand and be recognized. Members welcomed the guests in our usual boisterous fashion, and one expects our guests were nothing less than amazed.



Pat Dell was the repeat **Philosopher** and in view of the season shared these “**Words of Wisdom**” from US writer and creator of the Daily Motivator, Ralph S. Marston, Jr.: “*Happiness is a choice, not a result. Nothing will make you happy until you choose to be happy. No person will make you happy until you decide to be happy. Your happiness does not come to you. It can only come from you.*”



Watch and listen to RI President Barry Rassin’s Facebook interview on the value of Rotaract by clicking on: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rotaryzones24and32/permalink/2011607568886790/>

## You will be glad you did

Gail Bradley, in her **50/50 Draw** role, advised that \$44.00 was gathered in today. The lucky ticket dawn was purchased by Shannon Windrim, who mentally directed her hand to select the right colored marble – sadly metal telepathy did not reach her fingers as her left hand clamped onto “blue”. Shannon settled for retrieving her \$2.00 investment.



**Birthdays** – From the stack of cups on the side table, President John identified Gwen Friedrich (Nov. 5) and Jizinge Mwela (Nov?) as two members present whose birthdays we should celebrate. Again the masses sang and the celebrants smiled.



Moments later President John noted he missed recognizing Sam Berg in the list of Birthdays to be celebrated – so Sam received a separate singing and in his characteristically humble manner was gracious in his acknowledgment.



## SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Pat Dell filled the Sergeant-At-Arms role. In her introduction she choose to commend and offer in absentia Rotobucks (number not defined) to Jeff Barber for the outstanding job he did in last week’s off site luncheon.





The meeting at the [mâdawêyatitân centre](#) and the follow up tour of the facility fit well into the Club's desire to visit important places in Regina as a way of discovering Regina (Jeff, it is not clear if those Rotobucks were forfeited because of your absence); President John was fined because he forgot to add his Mother's name to the Club's "guest list" (there was "hissing" and calls of "shame", which did not deter the President from asking his mother if she would cover the cost of his fine – he was "funning" of course).

**COMMERCIAL BREAK.** No meeting next Thursday in favour of the Christmas party on Friday, December 14 at the Delta. Cocktails at 5:30 followed by dinner 6ish; \$31.00 per person, please let Pat know whether or not you are coming - remember if you say, "you are coming you are committed to paying \$31.00 for each person you booked".

10 happy dollars came from Jeanne Martinson who has been traveling the country doing "book launching" in various sites for her two most recent books which she co-authored with her sister; Greg McNamara was happy to have volunteered at the Christmas Carol Festival and enjoy the enthusiasm of children and the beauty of their shared songs; Peter Peters was pleased to bring Rotarians a warm greeting from Guy Craig (Eastview President 2005-2006) and his wife who wished to be remembered to their Regina Eastview friends; in addition Peter was pleased to advise that 8 Eastviewians participated in the District 5550 Certification Webinars (see "COMMENTARY"); Gwen Friedrich was proud to advise that the counselling provided by **Sam Berg** and his Colleagues at the *Caring Place* were deemed to the "**Best Counselling Service in Southern Saskatchewan**"

**"How Rotary makes help happen"**

**Disease does not prevent itself. We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases. Rotary members have hundreds of health projects underway around the world at any given time.**

**New Member Induction** – President John called on Laurel Mattison, Chair of the Club's Membership Committee, Shreedhar Jachak sponsor, and new member designate Govind Patel to join him at the podium.



Shreedhar provided a brief introduction of his candidate indicating he has only known Govind for a few months but in this time has sensed a spirit in his new friend that would be consistent with Rotary characteristics including a desire to join Rotary. Govind came to Canada in May of 2006 where his daughter now lives and from the first day it, "changed his life". He came to Regina some months ago and it is here that he has a son and grandson. He has formed a senior centre in Regina called Indo-Can Seniors Inc. and this is where he spends a good portion of his time. We will learn more from Govind when he makes his "This is My Life" presentation.



In her Induction remarks, Laurel welcomed Govind Patel by indicating that members of Regina Eastview, to a person, "*believe you to be a leader in your vocation and because you manifest those qualities of head and of heart which will convey the message of Rotary to those with whom you come in contact*". Laurel referenced the Object of Rotary touching on the four points foundational to its stated principle. She charged Govind, and all gathered Rotarians, that we

should judge ourselves by the dictates of the Four-Way Test and live so we can say "yes" with confidence to each of the four questions posed. She concluded by reminding us all that the privilege of membership in Rotary carries with high expectations in terms of involvement and participation in the affairs of the Club. Having concluded with the induction, Laurel welcomed Govind into the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview.

President John presented our newest member with membership material and Rotary pin. Govind Patel was loaned the classification of *Founder – Director*. Laurel invited members to line up and welcome Govind into Rotary.



**Family of Rotary** – Gail Bradley told us she had a most delightful visit with Rotarian Allan Smith this past week. Allan, who is able to see Beth each week, gets around his residence very well and would enjoy visits from his Eastview friends.

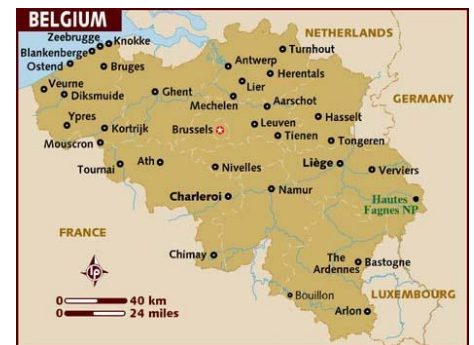


## **PROGRAM**

President John noted we would experience a “two piece program” and invited Ann Grahame to introduce Thomas Van Der Maren who was “Part 1”. Ann indicated that our In-Bound exchange Student Thomas left his family and his homeland, Belgium and journeyed to Canada in August to spend nearly a whole year away from the familiarity of “home”. He moved out of his “comfort zone” and allowed himself to become a stranger in a new land.



Thomas introduced us to Belgium using power point slides. He agreed with Ann’s observation that in coming to Canada he was out of his comfort zone. While he has missed home, he believes not nearly as much as his Mother has missed him. He is sad that field hockey has been discontinued in Regina as it is his favourite sport and so far he has not been outfitted to play ice hockey.



We learned that the northern portion of Belgium is Dutch speaking, while the southern “half” is French speaking – there are not necessarily friends - and there are small components of German speaking citizens on the east side of the country (**acquired from Germany as part of WWII settlement**). Belgium’s land mass is a fraction of Canada’s land mass although in terms of population Canada has 4 people / KM<sup>2</sup> where Belgium has 372/KM<sup>2</sup>.

Thomas observed some unique differences in our two countries. For example, in his view, “respect, is a quality if you wish to earn it, you must show it” and it is better demonstrated in Canada than in Belgium. Additionally, he sees school instruction more supportive of assisting students who are struggling here.



Favorite sports in Belgium are field hockey and soccer, which seemingly from his vantage point trumps “football – CFL style”. There seems to be some confusion in regard to food – Belgium waffles are favoured here but are not really a big deal in Belgium. On the other hand do not refer to “fries” as “French fries”, this delicacy is a Belgium creation. There is of course nothing in the chocolate world that can match Belgium Chocolate.

The Peeing Boy statue is a must see when in Belgium; additionally, the Atomium is the most popular attraction in Brussels.



The Rotary Club of Regina Eastview is most fortunate to have a young man with Thomas Van Der Maren’s personality and interest as our In-Bound Exchange Student. President John expressed our thanks to Thomas for his presentation but more specifically for his ambassadorial role in our community and in the District. Thank you, Thomas!

## Program Part 2 – This is my Life with Barry Strohan

President John, called on Barry Strohan to share his “life’s” story.

Barry Strohan told us that he was born and in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, but the family moved to Calgary, where he received most of his schooling. The family moved to Regina in 1965 where his initial employment was with the Regina Leader Post, followed for some time with CKRM Radio. After these experiences Barry joined his father in the Jewellery business in 1969, a vocation he continued until six months ago when he “retired”. Barry spoke about his leadership involvement with the professional Jewellery Associations at both the Provincial and National levels.



In 1970 he met his wife Shirley, a physiotherapist at the Regina General Hospital. They were married in 1971 and are the parents of 2 successful daughters and have the joy of two granddaughters.

Barry was introduced into Rotary by former Eastviewian, Dave Shaffer, who remains a good friend. Barry served as President of Regina Eastview in 1998-99, adding stability to the club after a year of many changes in the organization during Victoria Radons Presidency. He recalled the major activities happened around running Bars at Agribition, Past President Garden parties and Valentine Gala events as high lights which he and Shirley enjoyed.

Thank you, Barry, for being an important part of Regina Eastview.

### A ROTARY TIDBIT

Learn more about *Disease Prevention and Treatment* and Rotary’s other *Areas of Focus* by going to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) , registering and signing on to *My Rotary*. There you will find information such as:



***Our health is everything. Yet 400 million people in the world can’t afford or don’t have access to basic health care. We believe good health care is everyone’s right.***

*Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That’s why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.*

*Our members (Rotarians) combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer’s, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.*

**99.9 % reduction in polio cases since our program started in 1985**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Hams** – Information coming from President John on Saturday confirming ham delivery day (may not be Tuesday).





**Service Above Self Award** – A call for Nominations for this Award is going out to members this afternoon. Please put together your nomination and get it to Jeanne Martinson and the Selection Committee by December 31, 2018.

**A in A Evaluations** – Jack Wozniak reminded members who hosted students to get their completed evaluations into Doug Mortin or hand them into Jack as soon as possible (**like today**).

**Credit Card Payments** – Pat Dell called for volunteers to take over assisting the registration desk in serving members who pay for meals, etc using credit cards. Doreen Pankewich and Shannon Windrim are retiring from this role and need replacements – a couple of hands went up – to be identified later.



### **COMMENTARY**

A big **thank you** to eight members of Regina Eastview who volunteered to participate the 90 plus minute Club Certification Webinar put on by District 5550 and hosted by PDG Eva Vida and District Rotary Foundation Chair, Bob Durston.

Ann Grahame, Allen Hillsden, Jack Wozniak, John Van Koll, Peter Neufeldt, Greg McNamara, Kevin Hayes and Peter Peters joined Rotarians from across the District to ensure our Club is eligible to access funds for district and global grants (**we did not all have pizza**). These are funds which are returned to the District from donations made to the Annual Programs Fund (APF) of the Rotary Foundation by Rotarians and friends of Rotary in our District.



The second qualifier in order to access these funds in the 2019-2020 Rotary year, is that the per capita Rotary club donations to the APF must exceed \$50.00 US by March 31, 2019. As at November 30, Regina Eastview's per capita donation is \$21.31 US. Please talk to Greg McNamara, the Club's Rotary Foundation Director about donating options Thank you for supporting our Foundation and in turn the RC of Regina Eastview.

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