



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

Thursday, December 8, 2016



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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 5	"District Conference 2018 Planning" with DGE Peter Neufeldt & You
Jan 15	"Learning Disabilities Association" with Shelly Mitchell

NEXT WEEK

"Regina Eastview Family Christmas Dinner"

Led By **Club Service Committee**

**December 16,
2016**

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: **Christmas**

50/50: **Dinner**

Greeter: **Group**

We were greeted by an "L" shaped **Registration Desk**, which meant there were additional places to distribute our "wealth". First John Van Koll happily took money for the meal. Around the corner Tania Woroby was selling the **50/50 tickets**, then we had opportunity to sign up and buy tickets for the Club's family Christmas dinner next Friday evening.

Kell Sloan was our **Greeter**. Kell was dedicated to his task and stayed at his post until the last person came into the room, but sadly I missed taking a photo of him in action. (Another day, Kell, you will be the ROTOR's "centre fold").



Chili For Children Duty Roster

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**



President Greg McNamara packs a lot into each meeting – he rather likes the term, “We have a full (packed) dance card!” – and so it was today. In view of the full agenda, the President was pleased to invite Nelson Falkowsky to lead in our National Anthem, as Nelson often reminds us our Anthem is not to be sung like a “funeral dirge”, and as time was of the essence we did this piece of the program in record time.

Club Philosopher Doreen Pankewich, went to “one of the founding fathers of the United States”, Benjamin Franklin for this gem of intellectual wisdom and our **Thought for the Day**, “Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”



Joining President Greg at the **Lead Table** were Kelly Husack (left), Gwen Friedrich (right), Tania Woroby, Brian Shankowsky, Sam Berg, Gail Bradley, Donna Lee (who graced the secondary lead table).



John Van Koll introduced the following **Guests**: guests of the Club were Brian Shankowsky (left), Kelly Husack from *SEARCH*, Gwen Friedrich, Executive Director, *The Caring Place* and Donna Lee (right) from *Regina Open Door Society*; Sharon Christy (lower right) guest of husband Richard Schwan and Laurel Mattison had a guest and I did not get the person’s name.



50/50 Draw - Tania Woroby advised \$64.00 worth of tickets were sold and she invited Kelly Husack to draw the winning **50/50 Draw** ticket. As we all know, having your ticket drawn gives you a chance to find the green marble in this box of dwindling blue marbles. Leif Riesach was the lucky man, and while Tania is a petite lady, she had Leif standing on his tip-toes to get his

hand into the marble box – even with all this effort, Leif came up blue and so the winning pot increases by \$30.00 which should now be \$628.95.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Pat Dell was the long awaited Sergeant because last week we were “Sergeant-free”. As it is the season for giving, we were warmed by Pat’s initial approach which gave everyone who assisted with Tuesday’s Ham packing and distributing effort, a Rotobuck. In view of the large number of visitors in attendance today, if you did not have your name tag displayed it cost \$2.00 (it is always



a good money maker). Happy dollars came from Pat Richards who had \$20.00 for three happy stories; i) their Calgary grandson who is going to school in Wilcox has been selected for the “A” hockey team; ii) her husband Doug is recovering favourably from his open heart surgery; and, iii) on Saturday she and Doug are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary (wow – triply blessed in one week); Dinesh Kashyap was excited to tell us that the Waskimo Winter Festival is back (**Festival Launch Extravaganza/Dinner will be held at Lee’s Chop Suey East on December 15 at 6:30 PM**);



Chad Cunningham was delighted to advise that last week he was privileged to MC an event which is planning a Canadian (coast to coast to coast) Guinness Book world record for the most drummers drumming at one time – this will occur on July 1, 2017, kick starting Canada's 150th Anniversary celebration; and, Richard Schwan had \$1.00 left to share his joy – actually he was literally choked up to note his appreciation that Sharon joined him for Rotary today – and there was something about this being her Christmas present (**what a guy**).



Happy Birthday Greetings - Sam Berg was serenaded as the sole person having a Birthday to be celebrated this week. We sang, and having handed in the required “gift tax”, Sam is seen here peering into his celebrated insulated shopping bag hoping against all odds that there will be something inside – no such luck, Sam – looks like the President is also surprised.

PROGRAM



Sam Berg was very popular today and in this instance had the opportunity to introduce our Guest Speaker Brian Shankowsky, Executive Director at Regina Trades and Skills Centre (RTSC). Brian has held this role since August 2015 and comes to the task with a successful career in education, counseling and business.

From Brian we learned their program has basically two components – the “supply side” and the “demand side”. On the “Supply” side the organization provides “focused introductory trades and skills training opportunities” for area youth and young adults. In addition they provide accelerated training to grades 10-12 students who are interested in pursuing a trade career. Students in this program do a full semester with the program, earning a wage while achieving five high school credits.

The Goals of the Demand Side” are: i) to expand the delivery of entry level trades and skills training that is currently in demand in the labour market. This means that if there is no demand for a specific trade they remove the program from their training repertoire; ii) they are closely connected to the labour market and respond quickly to emerging skilled worker demand. Their program make-up changes quickly and students looking for a specific training should maintain monthly contact with the offering as it is displayed on the agency’s website. Having developed supportive partnerships with the industry, the RTSC work to meet the industries needs because the organization is industry driven, innovative, flexible and responsive to Regina and area employer needs for skilled workers.



RTSC operates like a business. They receive some funding from the Provincial Government and generate some income through real estate ownership. They employ 5 staff and hire the required expertise on a “fee for service” basis. Their student/instructor ratio is 14 to 1 and their students are selected on a “merit based/best fit model. They aim for 30% classroom time and 70% workshop time, with students held to a high standard of responsibility and accountability, which means students can be fired. Brian noted that industry is looking for attendance. Statistics indicate that 80+% of graduates from RTSC are employed upon completion of their training.

Brian referred to the RTSC as the “Best Gig in Town” – there is no tuition, adults are paid \$10.72 per hour for a 30 hour week; the last two weeks of the course participants have a work placement as companies are looking to hire; and, in each instance the work placement was earned.

RTSC provides highly sought after training with hundreds of applications looking to fill one of 14 or 15 program slots. A great program. Brian got a shopping bag and a big hug from President Greg for a very fine presentation.

THIS IS MY LIFE

It was Chad Cunningham's opportunity to share his story. Chad spent a good portion of his adult life in Lloydminster, and spent 12 years with Woolco in marketing and managing the outlet. He chose to go to Lakeland College majoring in accounting, management and sales. In 1995 he joined the local radio station and realized that marketing was a particular area of interest. In 2002 he joined Rotary. On moving to Regina in 2010 he joined the Rotary Club of Regina and realized that he needed to step away from some of his community service opportunities because he had a young family and so he left Rotary. In response to Louis Browne's encouragement, he chose to join Regina Eastview because it better fit what he was looking for in terms of giving back to the community. Chad Cunningham, we are honored to have you as part of Regina Eastview.

CHEQUE PRESENTATIONS



SEARCH - Regina Eastview's Community Service Committee are doing great work in the City and today we had opportunity to present cheques in support of the work being undertaken by three agencies. Director of Community Service, Lyle Gollnick presented a cheque for \$1,000.00 to Kelly Husack, Executive Director of SEARCH (Student Energy in Action for *Regina* Community Health).

Regina Open Door Society (RODS) – Donna Lee is the Manager of the Child Care centre for RODS, and spoke briefly about the busy year they experienced as Regina welcomed many Syrian families.

Lyle presented Donna Lee with a cheque for \$500.00 which was dedicated to purchasing a quantity of picture dictionaries.



The Caring Place – The third presentation Lyle Gollnick made was to Gwen Friedrich, Executive Director of *The Caring Place*. The Community Service Committee identified this service as one with which we like to be involved as the services provided parallel the Club's work with CMHA Regina Branch. Lyle presented Gwen with a Cheque for \$1,200.00 which Gwen graciously acknowledged.

In each instance President Greg expressed the hope that each of the recipients would return and share more of their service story with the Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regina Eastview Christmas Dinner – Please let Pat Dell know as soon as possible and certainly by next Monday, December 12, how many folks will be joining you at this great **family festive occasion**.

Vocational Services "Service above Self Award" – Thank you for getting on with your nomination – time is running out!

Salvation Army Kettle Volunteers Required – President Greg's note from **D. Strubble (Telephone # 306-757-4600)** indicates they require volunteers for the **Costco site from December 19 to 24**. There are some morning and some afternoon shifts that needed to be filled. **PLEASE!!**

ROTARY TIDBIT

An exciting opportunity for the “Adventurer”!

ShelterBox Canada's Post December 1, 2016 - Our ShelterBox response team members are at the forefront of what we do. They don't just distribute aid off the back of a truck. They give tailored support to individual families, as well as the training and skills needed to help communities become more resilient in the future.

Apply today to be a ShelterBox response team member! We are looking for people who can commit long-term to help us deliver aid straight into the hands of families who need it: <http://bit.ly/SRTApp>

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Do you have the skills, personality and compassion to help us carry out our work? This is an exciting time at ShelterBox as we grow our reach and the impact of our work.

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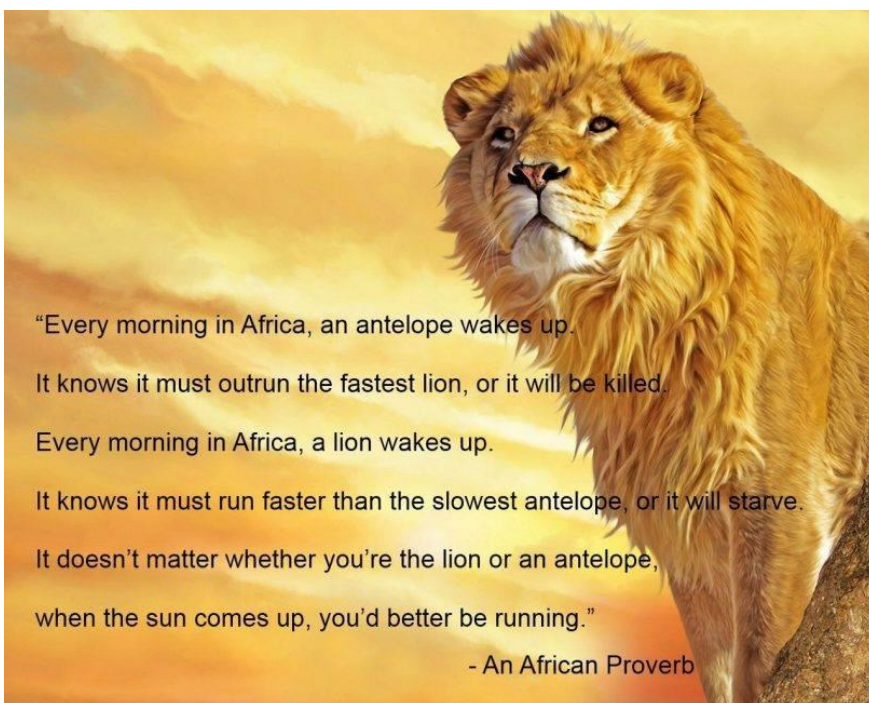
COMMENTARY

There is no question that Regina Eastview has a large number of dedicated, hardworking members. Last week we acknowledged the leadership Jack Wozniak and Lyle Gollnick provided to the Adventures in Agriculture program. Before we sang O' Canada at today's meeting President Greg invited John Van Koll to the podium so we could express our appreciation to him for taking us through another Christmas Ham season.



In his humble way, John expressed his thanks, reminding us that there was a team at work. But some ran faster, and so I believe this African Proverb applies to our friend, John. Thank you for setting our pace.

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



"Every morning in Africa, an antelope wakes up.

It knows it must outrun the fastest lion, or it will be killed.

Every morning in Africa, a lion wakes up.

It knows it must run faster than the slowest antelope, or it will starve.

It doesn't matter whether you're the lion or an antelope,

when the sun comes up, you'd better be running."

- An African Proverb