



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

Friday, February 10, 2017



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Feb 16	“The Caring Place” with Gwendolyn Friedrich
Feb 23	“Club Assembly” with President Greg McNamara
Mar 2	“Electronics Products Recycling Association” with Gaylene Creelman
Mar 9	“Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada” with Lisa Smith
Mar 16	“State of the City” with Mayor Michael Fougere
Mar 23	“Electronic Products Recycling Association” with Gaylene Creelman
Mar 30	“From Away” with Author Jeanne Martinson
Apr 06	“Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board” with Becky Wock
Apr 13	“Parkinson Awareness Month” Speaker to be confirmed

THIS WEEK

“The Caring Place”
with
Gwendolyn Friedrich

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2017**

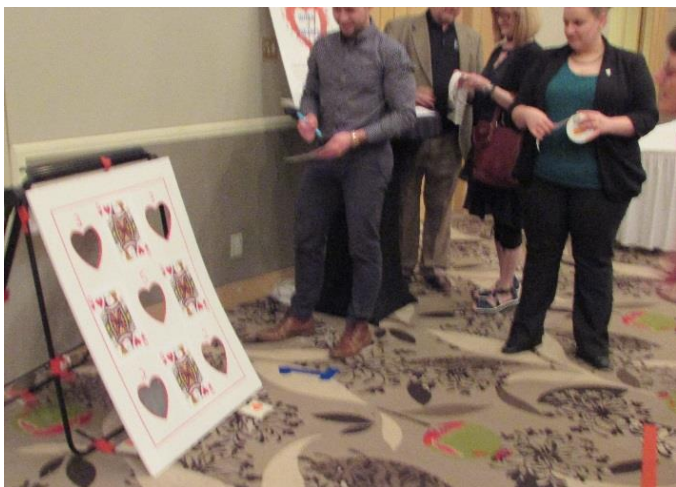
DUTY ROSTER

Registration: **Vern Hoyt**
50/50: **Doug Archer**
Greeter: **Chris Hefner**

It was not Thursday, and it was not 12 noon. It was Friday, and it was evening. It was Valentine’s Day evening! The Rotary Club of Regina Eastview took it upon themselves to roll out Valentine’s Day earlier in 2017, and it was a great event. Before we opened the “Delta Doors” to the event it looked like this – quiet and serene.

**In Rotary, February is:
Peace & Conflict
Prevention/Resolution
Month!**





There were four activity centres which provided a chance on a significant prize. Games like the *Queen of Hearts* bean bag toss; the *Straight Line Pillow Fling*; the *Circle the Pylon* with a heart; and, the ever popular *Mining for Diamonds*.



Chili For Children Duty Roster

Feb 17 - Allan Hillsden, Doug Mortin, Takayoshi Ono

Feb 25 --- NO SCHOOL

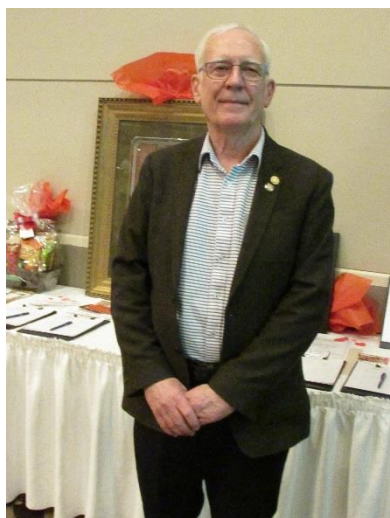
Great support from the community generated a broad selection of choice from the 79 Silent Auction Items.



Once patrons made it past the Registration desk, staffed at this moment by Doreen Pankewich and Kell and Kim Sloan) it was a spectacular evening – actually the desk experience was extra fine.



The Rotaract Club of Regina Auxilium were a great help to Regina Eastview. In this instance they were serving as the “coat check” staff, however when things got busy on the “floor” with the games, these young enthusiasts were dispatched to the action centres.



Of course the evening's control was in the hands of President **Greg McNamara**, who served us well in his usual enthusiastic gracious manner and even stopped for a moment.

The evening was MC'ed by Arielle Zerr from CJME/CKOM and did a fine job of controlling the brief program and presentations. PDG Doug Mortin expressed the Club's appreciation for the support we received from our Sponsors. The GALA's Title Sponsor for at least the past 6 years has been Jay's Transportation Group Ltd. And in recognition of this significant support Regina was honoured to recognize **Terry Simonson**, President of Jay's with a Paul Harris Fellow. Sadly, neither Ann nor I have a photo of the presentation but we will get one from our official photographer in due course.

A second Community Paul Harris Fellow award was presented by Past President Pat Dell to **Maria Hendrika**. Maria served the Regina Community for three decades as Executive Director of Regina Transition House.

A portion of the funds raised at this event are used to support the **Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Regina Branch** and Executive Director **Stacey Carmichael** (3rd from left)



attended and in her remarks acknowledged the work by her trusted staff who were in attendance.



District Governor Rod Riopel and his partner **Barb** came from Kenora, Ontario to enjoy Regina Eastview hospitality and share a few minutes of the Ripple Effect story. This international service project of building schools and strengthening the elementary school education in Guatemala has captured the imagination and support Rotarians in District 5550 and beyond.

A highlight of the GALA evening was the presentation of the *Service Above Self Award*. This Award recognizes a non-Rotarian member in the Community who in the assessment of the Award Committee, personifies the meaning



of Rotary's Motto. Lee Beck, a dietitian by profession and a volunteer by vocation was this year's Awardee. She is seen here (right) with Rotarian Nelson Falkowsky, a keen member in the *Service Above Self Award* initiative.

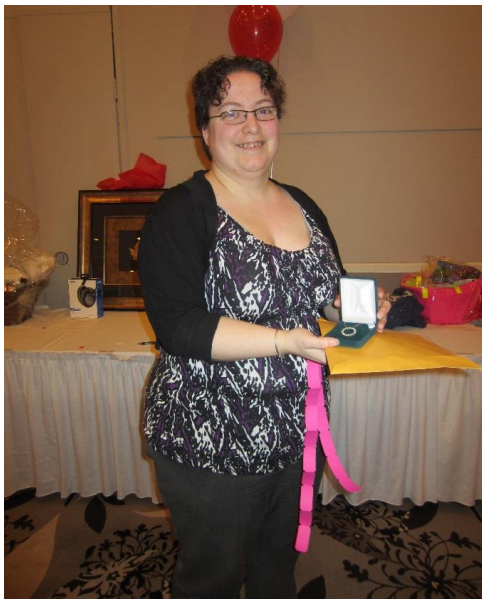
Congratulations, Lee Beck!



Before turning the masses loose on the Silent Auction bidding sheets, there was a special surprise opportunity to participate in what could be the first ever Regina Eastview Valentine GALA **LIVE AUCTION**. Rawlco Radio Marketing Guru, our own Eastview Rotarian Chad Cunningham, announced that all the way from Ottawa, Rotarian and MP, The Honorable Ralph Goodale was able to provide a bottle of the “Speaker’s Special Scotch” to be auctioned at our GALA event. Serving as “Auctioneer”, not his first calling, Chad Cunningham, quickly employed the importance of “gab” while auctioning. Starting



with a cry for \$250.00, what some might think was already a little “pricy”, Chad’s chatter did not stop until “they were all in at \$1,600.00”. The purchaser was our Louis Browne’s favorite Conservative, John Styles.



Mining for Diamonds – Left, is the very excited, “I still can’t believe I won”, Digging for Diamonds winner of the pendant. This game was an activity which required “miners” to invest to play. As in all games of chance it does “pay off” for some. Congratulations!!

Tip of the hat to our Volunteers -

In some instances you had to purchase tickets from these volunteers (right), and just looking at this pair, one realizes people must really want to play to step up to this table. Thank you Dennis Butler and Doug Richards.



Volunteers come in all ages and we were blessed to have this team of Rotaractors partner with us so together we demonstrate *Rotary Serving Humanity*. Selling 50/50 Tickets was Regina Oskaya’s Rotary Exchange Student from Sweden, **Anton Liljefors**. Anton raised \$900.00 walking around with his little bucket – Take a bow, Anton – your picture will show up soon.



A very big thank you to Ron Okumura and Doreen Pankewich who co-chaired the **Valentine GALA Co-ordinating Committee** and together with their Team did one marvelous job. Thank you all.

Have a great week everyone!

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters