



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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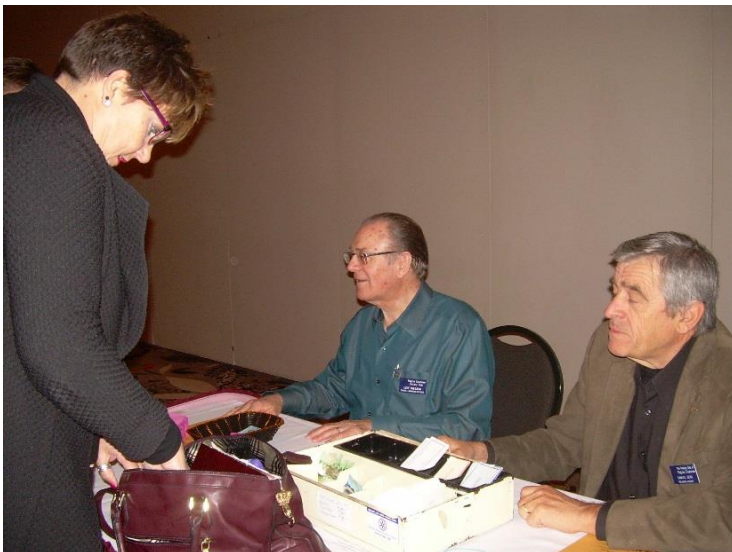
Feb. 25	"End Hunger Now" and "Rotary Awareness Day" with President Ron Okumura
Mar. 3	"Update on the Wascana Center Authority" with Bernadette McIntyre
Mar. 10	"Language Learning at the Regina Open Door Society", Margaret Hnidy, Director
Mar. 17	"Our Experiences as Rotary Scholars" Joanne Skidmore, Myra Kubot Mitchell
Mar. 24	"Update on the Regina Pats" with Todd Lumbard
Mar. 31	"My Recent Visit to Uganda with the Stephen Lewis Foundation" Nola Myers (Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers)

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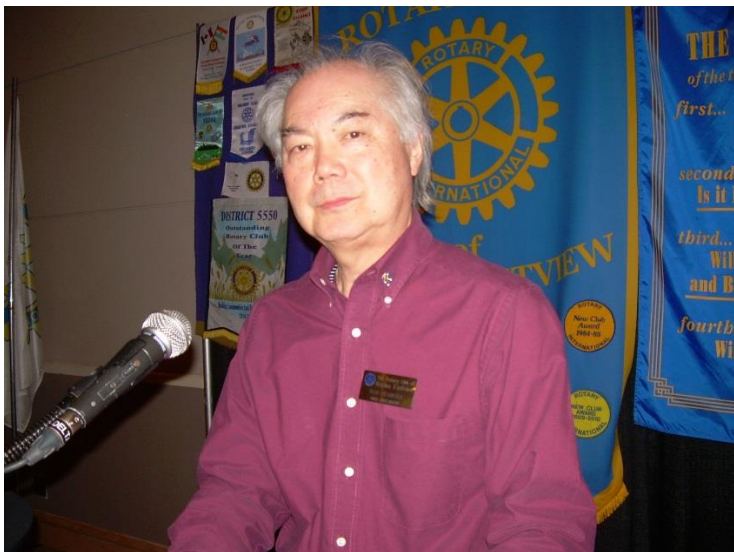
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50/50: Richard Schwan
Greeter: Louis Browne

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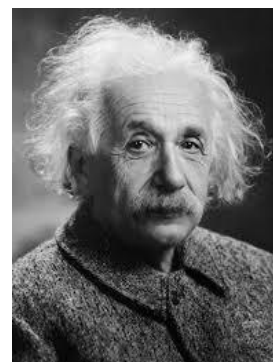


Registration: today Sam Berg was in charge of registration with Leif Riesach looking after the 50/50 draw. Seen above is Pat Dell, winner of the diamond/ruby ring at the Gala, searching for the fare for entry. Meanwhile Doug Archer took his greeting duties very seriously and went in search of people to greet—he found Shreedhar who indeed felt welcomed.



President Ron welcomed us to Eastview, followed by the singing of our National Anthem, led by Nelson.

Club Philosopher today was Barry Strohan. He left us with a philosophy credited to Albert Einstein: “Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory.” There is a ring of truth to this statement. (Left Albert Einstein, a German born theoretical physicist who developed the general theory of relativity.)



Lead table guests seated with President Ron were: Angela Prawzick and Candace Giblett, guest speakers from Regina Fire and Protective Services, Doug Archer, Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk, and Wally Dressler.

Guests: Sam Berg advised us that guests visiting the Club today in addition to the guest speakers were: Chad Cunningham, guest of Louis Browne and Leta Atkinson, guest of Laurel Mattison. Welcome guests.

50/50: Tracey called for the winning ticket and realized she was the lucky winner! Congratulations Tracey. Her winnings were \$24.



President Ron was made to realize that today was Delta Server Helen’s last day. Best wishes were conveyed from the Club to Helen who is starting out retirement in Hawaii and then returning home to her grandchildren. All the best Helen. A collection was taken and \$132 was collected. Helen came to the podium to thank Rotarians and indicated we were one of her favorite groups over the years. She saw a lot of us and always knew who wanted tea, or decaf!! Helen graciously donated the funds back to Eastview for one of our many projects. Thank you Helen for your generosity and for your wonderful service over the years.

Happy Retirement, Helen, from the members of the Eastview Rotary Club.

Sergeant at Arms: Sergeant Pat came to the podium and promptly fined those not wearing both their pin and name tag.

- Rotobucks were handed out to the members of the Gala Committee who organized the wonderful Gala this past weekend. Well done!
- Gail Bradley was given a Rotobuck for selling Sergeant Pat the ticket that won her the diamond/ruby ring at the Valenine Gala. Congratulations Pat. Better luck next year, Mounir. One feels for Mounir who bought many tickets this year and last and who was seated at the same table at the Gala as Sergeant Pat. Mounir badly wanted to win the ring for wife, Fatima.



- Sam Berg had happy bucks and a banner from one of the two clubs he visited while on vacation in Kauai, the Garden Isle.
- Greg McNamara had happy and sad bucks—he was sad he missed the Gala but happy that he and wife, Anne, had a wonderful vacation in Palm Springs where he also visited a Rotary club.
- Allen Hillsden had happy bucks because the Gala is over. It was a lot of work but a huge success.

Program: Doug Archer and Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk came to the podium to introduce our guest speakers. Doug introduced Angela Prawzick, Public Education Officer, with the Regina Fire and Protective Services. Angela has worked with many community groups, including Rotary, since she was hired in October 1994. She says that over the years she has been trying to work herself out of a job by showing people how to prevent fires from happening in the first place. Tracey introduced Candace Giblett, public education officer, who works with many community groups to educate about fire prevention.



Angela showed pictures of the Paddock fire about 15 years ago which was the first fire where the fire personnel used the thermal imaging cameras that were donated by Eastview. The camera has changed over the years but is a key component in the fire fighting equipment used today.

Candace noted that in addition to fighting fires, Regina Fire and Protective Services (RFPS) provide investigative services at all fires; attend to medical emergencies; operate the Jaws of Life when needed in accidents; water and ice rescue services; chemical emergencies; and regular

inspection services in public buildings. Each member of the RFPS goes into the community one day a year to provide public education.

Regina has one of the best response teams in North America which is within 4 minutes or less of a 911 call. It takes 3 minutes for a house to become unlivable due to fire. While the RFPS is there to help us we are in charge of our own safety from fire. There are many causes of fires including: deliberately set fires, electrical fires, fires due to smoking which is the leading cause of fatalities due to fire, and careless cooking which is the leading cause of fire in Regina. Fires are also caused by inappropriate use of space heaters, barbecues, electrical cords, clothes dryers, and Christmas trees.

In 2001 there were 257 structural fires while in 2014 there were 167 structural fires. The Department attributes the decline in fires to their public education program. In 2003 there were 42 house fires started by children playing with matches or lighters and in 2014 only 4 fires were caused in this same way. Again the Public Education program is working.

RFPS tells us that we need to remember the following:

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking and do not cook when tired.
- Slide a lid over a pan that is being used on the stove.
- If you have a fire, GET OUT OF THE BUILDING, and then CALL 911.
- Keep the stove and furnace areas clear of flammable materials.
- Keep children away from the stove.
- Test your smoke alarm regularly. They have a life of about 10 years.

- When you leave a building due to fire, shut the door behind you.
- Have a meeting place outside.

President Ron thanked the women for their presentation and presented each with a small gift in appreciation.

Sick and Visiting: Lillian Pettigrew, widow of former member, George Pettigrew is in hospital. Best wishes, Lillian, for a speedy recovery.

Announcements: Allen Hillsden thanked the Gala Committee and the volunteers for their work over the past year. He also announced that the Harvest City Church will be holding a silent auction from 7-9 PM on Saturday evening (Feb. 20) in support of the work of the Church.

President Ron also expressed his thanks to the Gala Committee and volunteers who worked hard to make the Gala a success. 260 people attended the Gala.

President Ron announced that Joseph Mburu has been approved by the Board for membership in Eastview. Joseph is a Professor at the University of Regina. If anyone has any concerns please speak to President Ron. It is anticipated that Joseph will be inducted in the next few weeks.

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February 26 Ann Grahame, Tania Woroby, Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk
March 4 Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Sherry McKinnon
March 11 NO SCHOOL
March 18 Doreen Pankewich, Nelson Falkowsky, Doug Mortin

MORE ABOUT REGINA FIRE & PROTECTIVE SERVICES



affected municipalities.”

Their website notes the following: “Regina Fire & Protective Services is a dynamic, highly-trained and competent team that responds to more than 9,000 service incidents annually, including: fire suppression; technical rescue; hazardous material (hazmat); and emergency medical services (EMS). Other key services are fire prevention; public education and information; and emergency preparedness and awareness. Our staff members are dedicated and knowledgeable and this transfers into a safe community for residents. We operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our team responds to an area of 187 sq. km., going beyond civic boundaries, covered by service agreements with



History of the Regina Fire Department: In 1882 First public meetings were held for the purpose of forming a fire brigade. A collection was started to buy fire fighting equipment and John Cottingham was

appointed the first fire chief. A fire brigade was vital to the survival of the small community - wooden houses heated by wood or coal were very susceptible to fire. Read more at <http://www.regina.ca/residents/fire-services/fire-services-history/>

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VALENTINE GALA COMMITTEE



Once again, on behalf of club members, we say thank you to the Valentine Gala Committee and volunteers who assisted the Committee. Committee members who met regularly throughout the year were: Co Chairs Ron Okumura & Doreen Pankewich, Peter Neufeldt, Peter Peters, Doug Mortin, Allen Hillsden, Sherry McKinnon, Nelson Falkowsky, Ann Grahame, Wally Dressler and Greg McNamara. Take a bow ladies and gentlemen. Thank you to all others who assisted the Committee. Canadian Mental Health Regina Branch and the children of Guatemala thank you. The committee spent countless hours attending to the many details involved in putting on the Gala. In deep appreciation of your time and effort.

Filling in for Rotor Editor Peter Peters, I am Gail Bradley