



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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Service Above Self

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Mar 3	"Update on the Wascana Centre Authority" with Bernadette McIntyre
Mar 10	"Language Learning at Regina Open Door Society" with Margaret Hnidy, Director, RODS
Mar 17	"Our Experiences as Rotary Scholars" with Joanne Skidmore and Myra Zubot Mitchell
Mar 24	"Update on the Regina Pats" with Todd Lumbard
Mar 31	"My recent visit to Uganda with the Stephen Lewis Foundation" with Nola Ayers (Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers)
Apr 7	"TBA"
Apr 14	"TBA"

NEXT WEEK

"Update on Wascana Centre Authority"
with
Bernadette McIntyre

**March 3,
2016**

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: **Tania Woroby**

50/50: **Don Shindelka**

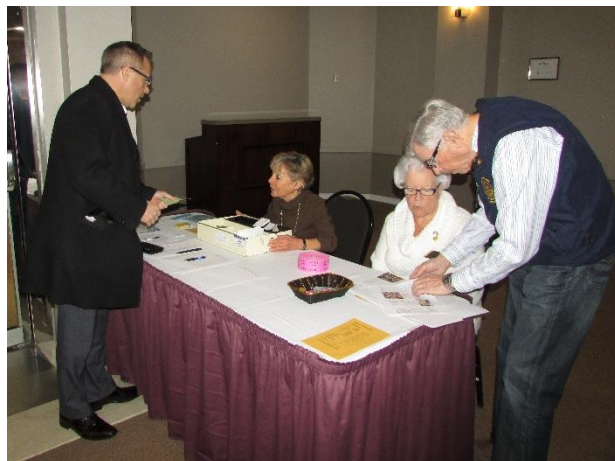
Greeter: **Jizinge Mwela**

Tania Woroby did a fine job of impersonating Jeff Barber (a planned impersonation) at the **Registration Desk**, ensuring we all made it through the line and into the Regina Eastview "inner sanctum".

The role of **50/50 Ticket** seller was a flexible arrangement, handled initially by Tania, then by Ann Graham, and finally by the assigned Richard Schwan.



Louis Browne, seen here with his guest **Chad Cunningham**, was **Greeter** and did not even have time to remove his coat, but moved directly to his "service above self" role – what a guy.



February is *World Understanding Month* in Rotary!

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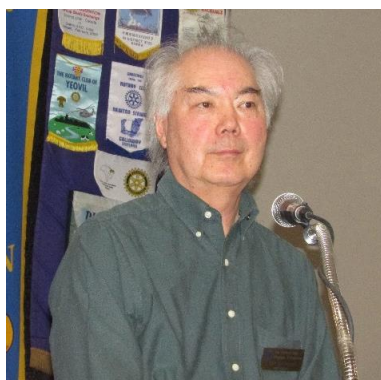
Duty Roster

Feb 26---- Ann Grahame, Tania Woroby, Tracey Schick-Sparrowhawk

Mar 4----Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Sherry McKinnon

Mar 11---No SCHOOL

Mar 18---Doreen Pankewich, Nelson Falkowsky, Doug Mortin



We were welcomed with the gonging of the bell by **President Ron Okumura**, who immediately called on Nelson Falkowsky to lead is in the singing of our National Anthem.

Philosopher Barry Strohan selected wise words from British author, naturalist, and ornithologist, William Henry Hudson, who said, "*Democracy means anyone can grow up to be President, and anyone who doesn't grow up can be Vice President.*"



President Ron selected this fine group to join him at the **Lead Table** – Richard Schwan, Gary Carlson, Carlyle Murray, Greg McNamara, and Wally Dressler.

Tania Woroby was invited to introduce our **Guests and Visiting Rotarians**. Tania noted Carlyle Murray (**left**), RC of Regina Industrial Parks was our only (but valued) visiting Rotarian. Guests were Chad Cunningham (**above**) guest of Louis Browne; Stewart Bellamy (**above**) guest of Jack Wozniak; Jason Westgate (**right**), guest of Pat Richards; Tim Graham (**lower left**), guest of Peter Peters; and, Hussein Ibrahim (**lower right**), guest of Doug Mortin.



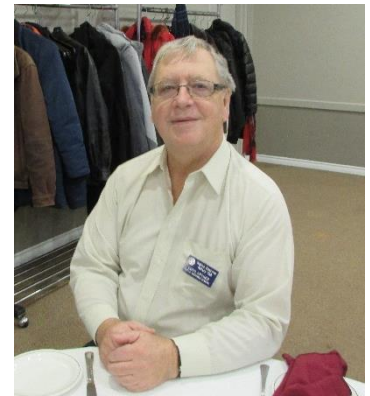
Richard Schwan orchestrated the **50/50 Draw**, advising that because of the hard "salesman" exercised by he and his colleagues, the winner would receive \$26.00. Everyone was happy to see visitor Jason Westgate walk home with the money (it almost looks like Jason and the Banker, are having difficulty figuring out what \$26.00 looks like).



Peter Peters was serenaded because he is celebrating a **Birthday** on March 1 (by recording it here Peter is hopeful Margaret will notice, and wild celebrative planning will begin).

As there was no **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**, President Ron opened the floor for Happy Dollars. Barry Strohan began with a "Sad Dollar" - he experienced a distressing situation at the dessert table – Richard Schwan took someone else's piece of dessert – Richard offered sound, albeit blubbery, defense – paid the money, after all the evidence was gone;

Doug Mortin had a few happy dollars – first, Leslie has been away and this morning he finished a home improvement initiative; (right – Doug Archer, looking really good) Joyce Butler advised that she and Dennis just returned from a wonderful cruise around the horn of Africa (nice to have you back, Joyce); Ken Poon was happy to tell us that he is going to have to work longer as his daughter-in-law has advised of her pregnancy; Peter Neufeldt saw a motor bike earlier in the week which means spring and “bike” season cannot be far behind; and, Allen Hillsden advised he delayed surgery on his left shoulder until last Friday and now has the good fortune of wearing his arm in a sling – because Grace has taken away his car keys, he is at the mercy of volunteers to take him where he needs to go, and he wants to go home (Peter P volunteered to be the driver).



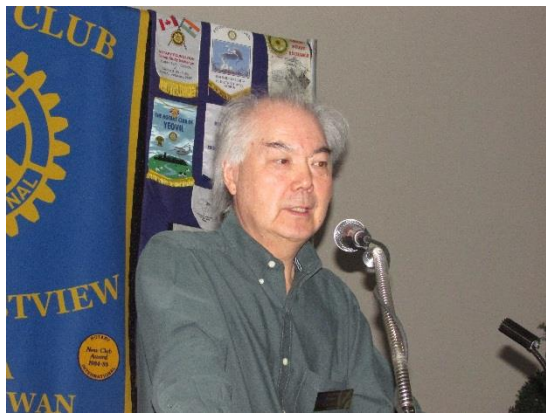
PROGRAM

President Ron advised the program presenter today did not need an introduction and so the man did not receive the customary intro because our speaker was Ron Okumura. Ron presentation related to the *Stop Hunger Now* initiative. Stop Hunger Now is an international hunger relief program committed to ending hunger. Their Website says: “*Stop Hunger Now gets food and life-saving aid to the world’s most vulnerable people, and works to end*



STOP HUNGER NOW.

global hunger in our lifetime. Established in 1998, we have provided over 225 million meals in 73 countries. We are based in Raleigh, N.C., and operate throughout the U.S. and through affiliates in developing countries.”



When the Okumura’s attended the Rotary International Convention in San Paulo, Brazil in the summer of 2015, Ron learned about and was impressed with this program which was featured at the convention.

Stop Hunger Now is a meal packaging program which started the packaging process in 2005. The Agency provides the packaging site with the dehydrated ingredients, all the packaging supplies and equipment and the necessary instructions. The Packaging site raises the funds for materials (\$0.50 per meal to prepare

50,000 meals), finds the venue, tables and volunteers.

Once packaged, the food is transported to depots for distribution to holding locations around the world. Locations receiving food includes school lunch programs in developing countries, orphanages, disaster sites and general feeding causes. At the feeding site the water is added to the dehydrated ingredients of the package, heated and the result is a nutritious meal.

At this point Regina Rotary Presidents’ Counsel has identified a venue (Living Hope Alliance Church) and an interest by at least some of the Rotary Clubs in the City. To package 50,000 meals we will need to raise \$25,000.00. It was suggested sponsors should be identified, other than sponsors Rotary currently approach for support on other initiatives in which Rotary Clubs are involved. There was “support in principle” to join the other Rotary Clubs in Regina to move this project forward.

Lots of information at: <http://www.stophungernow.org/learn/hunger-facts/>

“87.9% The portion of your donations that fund meal programs. We continually strive to be good stewards of the contributions we receive. In 2014, we carefully managed administrative and fundraising costs, allowing us to invest 87.9% of expenses in our programs.”

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION



This note from Krishan Kapila, 2015 "Service Above Self Awardee!"

I like to thank Regina Eastview Rotary Club for choosing me for the "Service Above Self" Award for this year.

I know that there are so many other individuals who provide the same kind of selfless service in our community.

I believe responsibility for self, family is important but beyond that we also have responsibility to our community and community at large. We are one big family.

Thanks again to the selection committee and to the president Mr. Ron Okumura

Sincerely
Krishan Kapila

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Election Day Volunteering – Greg McNamara advised that there is still opportunity to volunteer to serve during the Provincial election on April 4, 2016. A number of members indicated their willingness to take the 2 hour pre-election training and work on the day of the election. "Volunteers get paid – volunteers donate their "pay" to Rotary and get a charitable receipt – everybody wins. Do it now. Should you wish to volunteer, leave your name at: elections.sk.ca; or call [1-877-958-8683](tel:1-877-958-8683).



Director of International Services – On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Ann Grahame presented the name of Richard Schwan to serve a second term as Director of International Services. Not receiving further nominations after three calls, Ann declared Richard as the Director of International Services. Thunderous applause was an indication that the Club got this right. Congratulations, Richard.

The decorated Valentine GALA room



2016 Service Above Self Award

– Nelson Falkowsky encouraged members to think about nominating community citizens for the *2016 Service Above Self Award*. After a successful introduction of the program this past year we can now begin to look around for candidates for this year.

ROTARY TIDBIT

Rotary International / The Rotary Foundation 2014-2015 Annual Report

ERADICATING POLIO

“With Rotary, we made tremendous progress last year. If the world’s commitment to polio eradication remains strong, we will soon see a polio-free world.”

— Hamid Jafari, Director for Global Polio Eradication and Research World Health Organization

“Rotarians have played a key role in bringing the world to the cusp of polio eradication. Their efforts have not only ended polio in 122 countries but they’ve also created a roadmap for the world to tackle myriad other health priorities. This is something all Rotarians can be proud of accomplishing.”

— Michael K. McGovern, chair
International PolioPlus Committee

Please take 30 minutes to review the RI/TRF 2014-2015 Annual Report – you will be proud.

You will find it at:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/annualreport/2014-15>

COMMENTARY



In Rotary, and for that matter in other aspects of life, we find examples of what we Rotarians claim as our Motto. *Service Above Self* abounds all around.

In the hours before Regina Eastview’s Valentine GALA, members of the *Canadian Ripple Effect Committee* traveled from Dryden, Kenora, Winnipeg and Moose Jaw to join Peter Neufeldt, Doug Mortin and me for a 10 hour *Strategic Planning* exercise led by Peter Neufeldt. In Peter’s unassuming way, he convinced these people from afar that it would be worth their while to come because they could then stay for the Valentine

GALA – after all it was raising money for Eastview’s participation in the Ripple Effect Program.

Who could argue with such logic – take a bow Joanne Misner, Bruce Sloane, Deb and Gord LeMaistre and James Taylor. Service Above Self – you do this well.

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters

