



## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

# The ROTOR

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Service Above Self

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Feb 11	<b>No Meeting in favour of Valentine GALA</b>
Feb 13	<b>"Valentine GALA" Delta Regina – 6:00 P.M.</b>
Feb 18	<b>"Home Fire Safety" with Angela Prawzick &amp; Candace Giblett, Regina Fire Service</b>
Feb 25	<b>"End Hunger Now" and "Rotary Awareness Day" with President Ron Okumura</b>
Mar 4	<b>"Update on the Wascana Centre Authority" with Bernadette McIntyre</b>
Mar 10	<b>"Language Learning at Regina Open Door Society" with Margaret Hnidy, Director, RODS</b>
Mar 17	<b>"Our Experiences as Rotary Scholars" with Joanne Skidmore and Myra Zubot Mitchell</b>
Mar 31	<b>"My recent visit to Uganda with the Stephen Lewis Foundation" with Nola Ayers</b> (Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers)

### NEXT WEEK

**"Valentine GALA"**  
Delta Regina – 6:00 P.M.

**February 13,  
2016**

### DUTY ROSTER

**Registration:** GALA Committee  
**50/50:** Rotaract Students  
**Greeter:** All Eastview Rotarians

It was the first Thursday in February and Eastviewians and visitors gathered at the Delta for a time of fellowship, food and fun. The **Registration Desk** was staffed by Past President Gail Bradley, and Charles Sadzamare was the **50/50 Ticket** seller. Today's ROTOR Editor was a bit lax when they appeared really quite relaxed.



Ken Poon was **Greeter** and completed the three member front door welcome team.



We were officially welcomed to the meeting by **President Ron Okumura**, who before the meeting, made it a point of speaking with our guest speaker, Tracy Fahlman.

**Philosopher** Doreen Pankewich selected these words from the address the late Steve Jobs gave at the Stanford Commencement Exercise in 2005, “Remembering I will be dead soon is the most important tool I’ve ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life.” (go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1R-jKKp3NA> for the complete address).

## CHILI FOR CHILDREN

### Duty Roster

Feb 5-----Nelson Falkowsky, Hans Gaastra, Doug Martin

Feb 12----Allen Hillsden, Peter Peters, Doug Archer

Feb 19---- NO SCHOOL

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 Martin



Joining President Ron at the **Lead Table** were Doug Martin, Tracy Fahlman, Nelson Falkowsky, Gail Bradley, Charles Sadzamare and Mounir Bouchaibi.

Gail Bradley was called on to introduce today’s **Guests and Visiting Rotarians**. The job was made easier because there were no visiting Rotarians. However, we had the good fortune of singing our Welcome Song and extending the hand of friendship to our guest speaker Tracy Fahlman (**left**); Allen Huber (**middle left**) guest of Ken Poon; and Chad Cunningham (**immediate left**) guest of Louis Browne.



It was Charles Sadzamare’s opportunity to win the favour of at least one person in the Club as he was the orchestrator of the **50/50 Draw**. Picking on our Guest Speaker to draw the lucky ticket and thereby shifting the “loser wrath” from himself to our guest, Charles was smiling. The \$20.00 up for grabs was won by Barry Strohan, who kindly donated the money to *The Rotary Foundation*. Thank you, Barry.

### SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.



Sergeant Pat Dell was her usual gentle self, having just returned

from a wonderful excursion to Phoenix. However, once she had opportunity to gain the podium and see with her own eyes the dearth of name tags on member apparel, she saw the potential for resource building. \$2.00 if you could not be identified; Wally Dressler paid a toonie for, suggesting Pat’s Signature was, “like a doctor’s”.



Happy dollars came from Mounir Bouchaibi, who was 4 time’s happy and each time he paid with a Rotobuck – i) because he was



born happy; ii) because Richard Schwan treated him nice at some time; iii) because Tracy Fahlman was in our midst; and, iv) because Sergeant Pat was, “So lovely today” (Mounir, is one smooth dude – caused the Sergeant to blush); Richard Schwan was happy because he is taking on a national role with his employer, and equally important the Schwan’s will continue to reside in Regina; Peter Neufeldt had a Happy dollar because when he arrived all tables were full and he sat alone but only for a moment as Barry Strohan left his table and joined Peter – welcoming fellowship; Pat Richards was happy to be back from a great family time in Dallas.

Thank you Pat Dell, for drawing out the good.

## **PROGRAM**



Nelson was called on to introduce guest speaker Tracy Fahlman. Tracy is CEO of the Regina Hotel Association, a position she has held since 2009. She was born in Saskatchewan and is a long-time resident of Regina. She is a graduate of the University of Regina and has Academic credentials in Business Administration. The Regina Hotel Association is an organization that promotes Regina Hotels but also an advocate for the City of Regina as a great place to have conventions and special events.

In her opening remarks Tracy Fahlman referred to the Regina Hotel Association as the “Voice of Hotels” in the City, a City that has 3,000 hotel rooms and employs over 1,300 staff. One thousand hotel rooms have been

added in recent years, which has since 2006 seen the addition of almost one new hotel added each year. Tracy noted the opening of the Comfort Suites in northwest Regina in December 2015; a new Marriott Hotel on Pasqua Street will open shortly; as will the Sheraton Four Points Hotel on Dewdney; and the new hotel on the corner of Albert and Parliament, which is scheduled to open in December 2016.

Tracy reminded us that the Delta is now the Delta by Marriott; the City now boasts a Hilton presence with the opening of the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel & Conference Centre. Additionally the Saskatchewan Hotel, part of the Marriott group, has become part of the prestigious Autograph Collection by *Marriott*, and is undergoing renovations which will include a significant renovation to their restaurant dining area.



The Regina Hotel Association focuses on three strategies: Sponsorship; Marketing; and, Capital Infrastructure. In regard to “Sponsorship”, the Association looks to bringing 60 significant events to Regina over the course of a year. In the area of Marketing, the Association has developed powerful partnerships with Tourism Regina,



Events Regina and Convention Regina. They have collectively established a Creative Team which is responsible for packaging Regina in a manner that makes Regina competitive with the likes of Whistler and Niagara Falls. Using words like “Crown”, “Royal”, RCMP, etc. and reminding people they are and will be treated “royally” when they come to Regina, sets the City in a very special league. Thirdly, investing in capital infrastructure like the Little League ball park, and the “Finishing Line Facility on Wascana Lake, is a clear indication that the Association is an important corporate citizen.

Tracy concluded her presentation by playing a video advertising the *Event of Events* Competition which invites applications on an “Event Dreams” you have for the City of Regina. This begins with an application and interviews which will lead finalists to present their “Event Dream” to a panel in a “Dragon’s Den” format. The closing date for applications is February 26<sup>th</sup>. Check this opportunity out at <http://stayinregina.com/>.



Having Tracy Fahlman advocating for Regina, has to make the citizens exceedingly proud of their City, and thankful for the leadership provide by this eloquent lady. Tip of the hat to Tracy Fahlman!

President Ron thanked Tracy for her presentation on the Hotel Association and the role they play in making Regina a great place.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Valentine GALA Tickets** – Allen Hillsden reminded members that in 1 week **Valentine Gala** 2016 will be here. It is time to get **really, really, really** serious about selling tickets – just days left to sell your tickets. We each have the allocated 4 tickets and it is our responsibility to sell these to our friends, family and neighbours – more tickets are available – check with Wally Dressler! Finally, **Silent Auction items** need to be to Allen tomorrow morning.

**Wally** would like money for your sold tickets by Friday next week – **PLEASE!**

**Election Day Volunteering** – In following up to his presentation last week, Greg McNamara advised that the Rotary Club of Regina would be prepared to provide charitable receipts to members of Regina Eastview who elect 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.

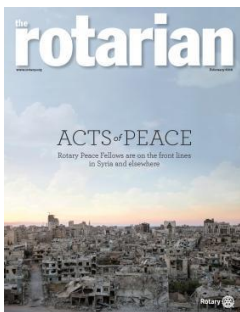
Should you wish to volunteer, leave your name at: [elections.sk.ca](http://elections.sk.ca); or call 1-877-958-8683.

### **ROTARY TIDBIT**

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There are some “must read” articles in the February 2016 issue of *The Rotarian* – you will be “awed” by the commitment and courage of our Peace Fellows.

**Crossing the lines** - Refugees make their way across Europe, terrorist attacks dominate headlines, and war rages on in Syria. In this issue, we explore Rotary's long-term response to conflict – the Rotary Peace Centers. Peace fellows are already working on the front lines of the current crisis: Read on to learn their stories and to see how investing in the peace fellowships pays lasting dividends - **Cultivating peace: Our peace fellows dig in to Rotary's areas of focus**



- [Adrien Lokangaka: Saving mothers and children, fighting disease](#)
- [Sachin Rane: Promoting peace](#)
- [Summer Lewis: Growing local economies](#)
- [Muyatwa Sitali: Providing clean water](#)

- [Rabia Raja: Supporting education](#)

[Give peace fellows a chance to change the world: Recruitment tips \(PDF\)](#)

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