



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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Service Above Self

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- Jan 21 **“Saskatchewan Election - Fund Raising Opportunity”** with **Greg McNamara**
- Jan 28 **“Club Assembly, Elections & Membership Minute”** with **Come and See!**
- Feb 4 **“RYLA”** with **2015 Students** (to be confirmed)
- Feb 11 **No Meeting in favour of Valentine GALA**
- Feb 13 **“Valentine GALA”** Delta Regina

NEXT WEEK

“Saskatchewan Election – a Fund Raising Opportunity?!”
with **Greg McNamara**

**January 21,
2016**

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: Gary Carlson
50/50: Pat Richards
Greeter: Laurel Mattison

The **Registration Desk** was a busy place, but as Pat Dell was in the Registrar seat, her efficiency cleared the masses through so expeditiously that there was time to become “palzy” with **50/50 Ticket** seller Sherry McKinnon – what a “team”!

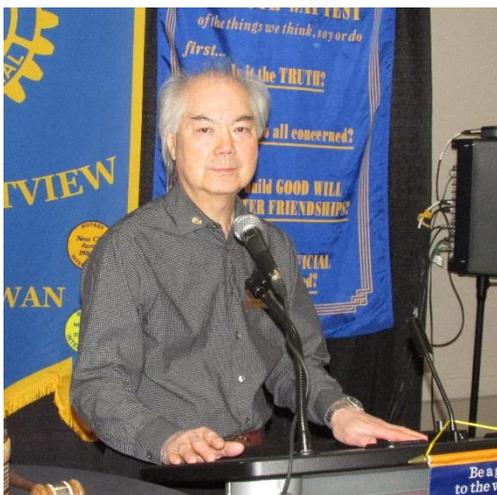
Clarence Krause was in **Greeter** position ensuring each one received a sincere welcome to Regina Eastview



CHILI FOR CHILDREN

Duty Roster

Jan 22—Ann Grahame, Tanya Woroby, Nelson Falkowsky
Jan 29--- No School



President Ron Okumura, now in the second half of his presidency, continues to quietly and efficiently conduct our weekly luncheon gathering.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

- 1) **Vice-President - Progress to President in Rotary year 2018 - 2019.**
- 2) **Treasurer**
- 3) **Director - Vocational Service (1 year to complete Jeanne Martinson's 2015-2017 term)**

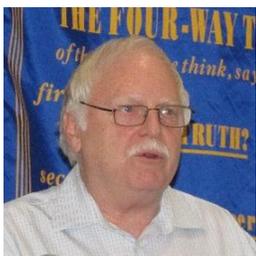
If you are interested in the above Officer or Director roles, please speak to a member of the Nominating Committee - Doreen Pankewich, Ann Grahame or John Van Koll.



Doreen Pankewich was **Philosopher** of the day for the second week in a row, and as encouraged by the “Grandfather Philosopher Leif”, selected words that parallel our speaker’s topic. This observation credited to American astronomer, cosmologist, astrophysicist, astrobiologist, author, science popularizer, and science communicator, the late Carl Edward Sagan who said, *“We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology.”*

Joining President Ron at the **Lead Table** were Jeanne Martinson, Leo Ell, Nelson Falkowsky, Ann Grahame and Guest Speaker Edward Mathie.

Introducing **Guests and Visiting Rotarians** was Registrar Pat Dell. Because there were no visiting Rotarians, her attention was focused on the following 3 guests: Edward (Ted) Mathie (below left) guest of the Club; Bim Pandya (below middle) guest of Mounir Bouchaibi; and, Joseph Mbugua (below right) guest of Allen Hillsden.



It was Ann Grahame’s Birthday on January 13, and the Eastview choir did a fine job of the **Happy Birthday** serenade

Sherry McKinnon was responsible for the **50/50 Draw**, which today was for the grand, ‘hold your breath’, sum of \$26.00. PDG Doug Mortin was the arm waving winner, who graciously directed the money be donated to *The Rotary Foundation*.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Pat Dell strode forward as the Sergeant-At-Arms and promptly accused one of our members of “shading the truth”, a frowned on personality trait in Rotary Circles. While it was unclear who was being referred to for having breached such a condition, Mounir Bouchaibi paid the fine.

Happy Dollars come from: Jeanne Martinson (\$2) who was happy because she was leaving for a 5 week holiday in Hawaii; someone (unidentified) at the back table had a Happy Dollar because Jeanne would be away for 5 weeks; The usually boastful, but today humbled curler, Leif Riesach spoke about Monday’s match where, “The lead stunk, the 2nd stunk, the 3rd stunk and the skip stunk – we got waxed 15 – 4”, (lots of stunking and waxing”); Doreen Pankewich was happy for the absence of snow this year; Mounir Bouchaibi was happy that he and his wife came together in Hawaii for some celebrative days; and, Leo Ell was thankful that they could spend a few weeks with their son, his wife and 2 granddaughters in Vancouver where they experienced the earth quake and endless amounts of rain.



Pat auctioned off a couple of tickets to a very exciting show at the Conexus Art Centre which featured, from the Sergeant’s description, a talented Ukrainian comedian and musician - but turned out to be **Ed Kowalczyk** – the legendary songwriter and former lead-singer of the multi-platinum rock band, **Live**, who is bringing his *Throwing Copper Unplugged –20th Anniversary* Tour to Regina. Jeff Barber had the high \$30.00 bid and Nancy gets a special Birthday evening with Jeff – how nice.

SPECIAL PAUL HARRIS PRESENTATION

Hans Gaastra, Co-Chair of the Club’s Rotary Foundation Committee, was invited to the podium to make a special presentation. Hans invited Leif Riesach to join him.

On behalf of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation Hans presented Leif, a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, with further recognition by pinning to his lapel a Paul Harris pin with 4 Sapphires – indication that Leif has contributed in excess of \$5,000.00 to TRF. Congratulations, Leif and Margaret.



PROGRAM



Ann Grahame was called on to introduce guest speaker Dr. Edward L. (Ted) Mathie. Dr. Mathie is a Physics Professor in the faculty of Science at the University of Regina and came to speak to us today about the *Canadian Wide Science Fair/Festival (CWSF) 2017* which will be hosted in Regina in May of 2017. He is also the Deputy Judge of the Regina Regional Science Fair.

From Dr. Mathie we learned Regina has a Regional Science Fair, one of 8 such Regional Fairs in Saskatchewan and the 100 in Canada. Across the country 600 of Canada’s brightest and most enthusiastic students prepare and present their projects to selected and revered judges in one of the regions.





Winners from the Region move to the provincials and on to the CWSF. Unlike an experiment, this is a process of education where students prepare and present a project of their choosing to judges (mentors) as part of a competitive adventure. Judging is undertaken by trained individuals in a science discipline such as medicine, nursing, engineering, pharmacy, etc. Judges must have a university level degree and it is helpful if they are bilingual.

Judges commit an entire day to this process where the forenoon is focused on one on one judging of projects presented by students in Grades 8 to 12. The afternoon is spent as a part of a team of judges considering nominated projects. Utilizing detailed criteria, the presenters are first judged on the scientific thought which went into the initiative, and then on the softer side of the learning process matters such as communication would be evaluated.

Funding for the CWSF comes largely from private industry with virtually no funding from governments. Awards are in specific disciplines, with only a few Awards that are of a general nature.

Dr. Mathie noted that there are opportunities for involvement, one of which is to be a judge. There is a regional fair this spring and persons with the required qualifications would be welcome to try out for these roles. There is a Regional Fair in Regina this spring, which would be excellent training for participating as a judge in the CESF in the spring of 2017.



Dr. Mathie concluded his presentation by praising these young innovators who bring their fresh minds to look at things from a new and uncluttered perspective.

President Ron thanked Edward Mathie for telling us about this interesting educational opportunity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valentine GALA Tickets – Allen Hillsden reminded members that in 4 weeks **Valentine Gala 2016** will be here. It is time to get real serious about selling 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!



Also, **Silent Auction items** are required, so let us get behind this project and make it really bigger and better than in previous years.



Nominations – See [display announcement on page 2](#). Remember John Van Koll request for nominations for various Club leadership roles for the 2016-2017 Rotary year and beyond. If you are interested in an Officer or Director role, please speak to one of the Nominating Committee John, Ann Grahame, Doreen Pankewich and Greg McNamara.

ROTARY TIDBIT

The joys and challenges of Polio Eradication

Two Stories. **The first** is the following clip is from a January 8, 2016 article in *Pak Tribune* of the *Pakistan News Service*, advancing a most encouraging development.

[Pakistan and Afghanistan will synchronise their polio campaigns together](#) - ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Afghanistan will synchronise their polio campaigns and a three-member delegation from the Afghan national polio team will arrive in Pakistan on Jan 10 to monitor the campaign beginning in Pakistan on Jan 11 following Pakistan's decision to support Afghanistan in establishing an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC).

This was decided at a video conference held between polio teams of Afghanistan and Pakistan to discuss the importance of strengthening cross-border coordination at the national and regional levels to eradicate the disease.

Dr Rana Safdar, the head of Pakistan's EOC, told reporter that one type of virus, R4B5C, had been travelling from Nangarhar to Khyber and onwards to other parts of both countries.

"As both Pakistan and Afghanistan have been declared one block, we have decided to make collective strategies for the eradication of the polio virus. Polio campaigns will be started on the same day on both sides of the border to ensure that every child is vaccinated even if he or she is travelling," Dr Safdar said.

Read the entire article at: <http://paktribune.com/news/Pakistan-and-Afghanistan-will-synchronise-their-polio-campaigns-together-275448.html>

The second identifies one of the challenges of polio eradication efforts in Pakistan in the following Tommy Wilkes article in the *Huffington Post* (January 13, 2016):

[Explosion Near Pakistan Polio Eradication Center Kills At Least 15 - Most of the dead were police officers.](#)

QUETTA, Pakistan, Jan 13 (Reuters) - A suicide bomber killed at least 15 people, most of them police, outside a polio eradication center in the Pakistani city of Quetta on Wednesday, the latest militant attack on the anti-polio campaign in the country.

Two militant groups - the Pakistani Taliban and Jundullah, which has links with the Taliban and has pledged allegiance to Islamic State - separately claimed responsibility for the attack.

The bomb blew up a police van that had just arrived at the center to provide an escort for workers in a drive to immunize all children under five years old in the poor southwestern province of Baluchistan.

For the complete article go to: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/pakistan-bombing-polio-center_56960779e4b09dbb4bad485e

COMMENTARY

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