



Service Above Self

## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

### The ROTOR

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January 28, 2016	Club Assembly, Elections, Membership Minutes—Doug Mortin, Laurel Mattison
February 4, 2016	Event of Events Competition with Tracy Fahlman, Regina Hotel Assoc.
February 11, 2016	NO NOON MEETING
February 13, 2016	THE ANNUAL EASTVIEW VALENTINE GALA ♥ ♥ ♥

**NEXT WEEK**  
**January 28, 2016**  
**Club Elections**

**Membership Minutes**

**January 28,**  
**2016**

**Registration: Wally Dressler**

**50/50: Jack Wozniak**

**Greeter: Leif Riesach**

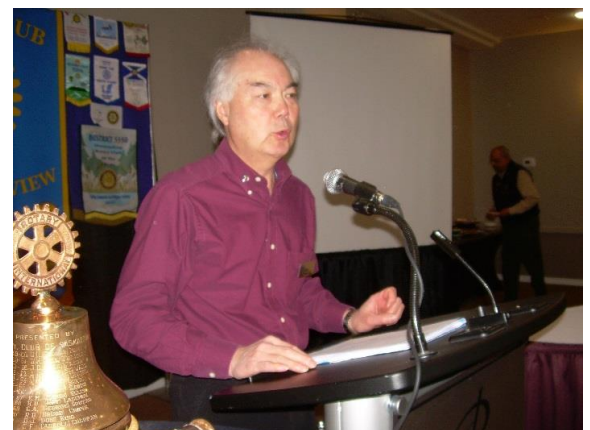
**Registration:** The very capable Gary Carlson was multitasking today in charge of registration and handling the 50/50 for the absent Pat Richards. New member, Laurel Mattison (below) was the Greeter, carrying out her duty of welcoming everyone to Eastview and wondered how she would ever remember all the names.



**Lead Table:** seated with President Ron today were Greg McNamara, Leif Riesach, Gary Carlson, Laurel Mattison, and Gord Wicijowski. President Ron welcomed everyone to Eastview on this pleasant January

day. Nelson Falkowsky was called to lead us in singing our national anthem. He commented that we sing very well but that at the end of the song we sing up one note rather than a half note—who knew! We have to fix that and find out who is responsible and perhaps arrange voice lessons!!

**Guests:** unfortunately no guests found their way to Eastview today.



**Philosophy:** *Philosopher, Doreen Pankowich, had the following thought for us from Dame Edna Everage (alias Barry Humphries), an Australian actor, writer and comedian, in an interview with Joan Rivers: "Never be afraid to laugh at yourself. After all you could be missing out on the joke of the century."*

**50/50 draw:** Zarin Zavery was the winner of half of the \$39 collected today and promptly donated it to Chili for Children. Thank you Zarin.

**Birthdays:** there were no birthdays to celebrate today.



**Sergeant at Arms:** Sergeant Pat Dell came to the podium ready to minister fines to those who had not yet paid for their hams. However everyone was paid up. She was happy about the warm weather and that in some spots it is actually melting. Then happy bucks were solicited. The Sergeant, herself, was very happy because she is leaving for Phoenix for a few days of golfing. Shreedhar was happy to report that he and Shashikala are now great grandparents. Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk was happy that there are still good samaritans in the world. In the extreme cold of the past weekend she became stranded out of town with a flat tire. Many vehicles passed her before a young family, passed her, turned around and came back and changed her tire. Allen Hillsden was happy as his family from The Pas visited recently and celebrated his grandson's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Laurel Mattison was happy because she was asked to join the President at the lead table. Happiness is different things to different people.



**Program:** Member Greg McNamara was our guest speaker today. Greg has been a Rotarian for twenty years. He is a Past President of the Regina South Club. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. He and wife Ann have been married for 41 years and they have four sons and four grandchildren. He is a bridge player and a curler. Greg is a passionate Irishman, a passionate Liberal and a passionate Rotarian. Greg is passionate about life. Greg came to the podium to discuss an opportunity for Rotary. He noted that he had been a Deputy Returning Officer in the recent Federal election and had a great time. There is an opportunity for Rotary to raise funds by assisting at the polls in the next provincial election. 10,000 workers are required for Election Day, April 4, 2016. Twenty Rotarians could work for \$180-200 per shift and donate the funds earned to Rotary. There are 3 easy steps to participate: pick a charity to support, indicate where to send your election pay and receive your charitable receipt. This would be a non-partisan involvement.



Greg will find out more information to some of the questions members had and return at a later date for further discussion. There was considerable interest among the members for this initiative. Thank you Greg, for bringing this opportunity to Eastview.



From the Saskatchewan Elections site, the responsibilities of a Deputy Returning Officer are: Set up, opening and closing of the polling station, process voters and issue ballots to eligible voters, maintain security of the ballot box and all ballots, administer oaths as required, supervise the voting process, conduct the ballot count after polls close, report results to RO or SDRO, complete appropriate records, maintain peace and order at the

polling place, return the ballot box and supplies to the returning office. For more information see <http://www.elections.sk.ca/workers/election-jobs/>.

**Sick and Visiting:** Takayoshi Ono continues his recovery and his medical leave has been extended to the end of February. We look forward to your return, Takayoshi.

#### **Announcements:**

- Doug Mortin reported on Gala plans and indicated that at this point in time only about 135 tickets have been sold. He urged everyone to sell and buy Gala tickets. This is our major fundraiser. There have been a number of donations and so far two Bronze sponsors. We can also think about donating prizes for the silent auction. The Gala Committee meets at least every week and is working very hard to make the event a success. Support the event as you are able.
- Gail Bradley announced that the Membership Committee, with Board of Director approval, has developed an information process for new members prior to their induction. Once a potential new member has completed an application for membership it will be forwarded to the Membership Committee. One or two Membership Committee members will arrange a short meeting with the prospective member to provide some details to them about Rotary e.g. attendance requirement, fees, the organizational structure of the Club and RI information. Following this process the application will be forwarded to the Board for approval. It is hoped that this will help the new Rotarian understand Club membership and enthruse them to become immersed in Eastview life.

#### **FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....**

*The Committee is focussed on increasing membership in Eastview and retaining current members. The following is to provide food for thought for members as to how each one of us can help to achieve this goal.*

##### **Checklist for Eastview members:**

- *Have you met and chatted with new members recently?*
- *Do you remember how you felt as a new member and how good it was to have an experienced member greet and talk to you at Club meetings?*
- *If you have to ask someone at a meeting, "Who is that sitting at that table?" you need to fulfill your role as a welcoming Eastview Rotarian.*
- *We take for granted that once a new member comes to a few meetings they understand the Club and feel welcome. In fact it takes several months for a new Rotarian to develop a perspective about the Club and understand the scope of Rotary.*
- *Are you doing your part to help new members in Eastview? Our Club is the best, however the Committee would appreciate your help in making Eastview an even better and more inclusive club.*
- *The Membership Committee: Chair Louis Browne, Doug Mortin, Alda Bouvier, Greg McNamara, Gord Wicijowski, Laurel Mattison, Gail Bradley*



#### **FEATURING NEW MEMBER.....**

*This week we feature our newest member, Laurel Mattison. Laurel joined Eastview in December. She has her own personal story. Please help Laurel to feel welcome and share our Eastview story. She is enjoying our Club and is anxious to learn more about Eastview and about Rotary beyond Eastview. She is now a member of the Membership Committee but is interested to hear about the work of other committees, Eastview's work abroad and so much more. Welcome Laurel. Next week at the Club meeting we will hear Laurel's "This is my Life" presentation.*



**"There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met." William Butler Yeats**



*Fun and conversation at Eastview on January 21, 2016*



It was a good day of food and fellowship. Until next week.....

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