

## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

### The ROTOR

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Service Above Self

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Feb 4	<b>“RYLA”</b> with <b>2015 Students</b> (to be confirmed)
Feb 11	<b>No Meeting in favour of Valentine GALA</b>
Feb 13	<b>“Valentine GALA”</b> Delta Regina
Feb 18	<b>“Fire Prevention and Safety in the Home”</b> with <b>Regina Fire Service</b>
Feb 25	<b>“End Hunger Now” and Rotary Awareness Day”</b> with <b>President Ron Okumura</b>
Mar 4	<b>“Update on the Wascana Centre Authority”</b> with <b>Bernadette McIntyre</b>

#### **NEXT WEEK**

**“RYLA”**  
with  
**2015 Students**

**February 4,  
2016**

#### **DUTY ROSTER**

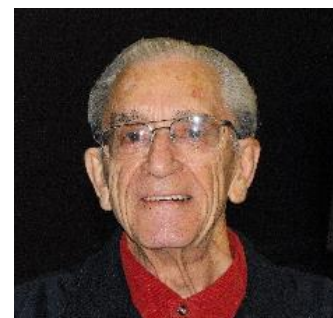
**Registration:** **Gail Bradley**  
**50/50:** **Charles Sadzamare**  
**Greeter:** **Ken Poon**

**Remembering Honourary Member Ted Gyles** - We were saddened to learn of the passing of Ted Gyles, an Honourary member of the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview. Ted, a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, joined Eastview in 1961 when the Club was two years old and served as President in 1980-1981. Rotary's Theme that year was “Take Time to Serve”, a principle Ted followed throughout his years in Rotary. Reading his profile in our Club's *Member Directory*, one senses Ted's appreciation for the fellowship component of Rotary as he attended many District Conferences, at least 4 International Conventions and had a strong commitment to

our District's annual *Goodwill* meetings. Ted served a one year term as President of an arm of the *Goodwill* event. I appreciated Ted's cheerful approach to life and the warmth of his welcome at Rotary meetings.

We were honoured to stand for a moment of silence in Ted's memory, where we could each be alone with our thoughts of how this man impacted our lives. Thank you, Ted, for making a difference!

Treasurer Wally Dressler was at the **Registration Desk** and did his best to supplement the treasury by \$30.00 because it is difficult to distinguish between green and orange bills – oversight was corrected.



Retired School Librarian, Leif Riesach was a dedicated honest **50/50 Ticket** seller and was thrown into a frenzy because a member threw all his change into the pot for a \$2.00 ticket. What's a Librarian to do??!!

The **Greeter** today was relatively new member Jack Wozniak. It was good to be welcomed by Jack with his firm hand and winning smile – made one feel very good about taking time for Rotary.

## CHILI FOR CHILDREN

### Duty Roster

Jan 29--- No School

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



**President Ron Okumura**, rang the bell and invited Nelson Falkowsky to lead us in O' Canada. In his preamble Nelson invited us to sing as if we were in competition to sing O' Canada during the official opening of the new Stadium. As the judge, Nelson did not mention this again.

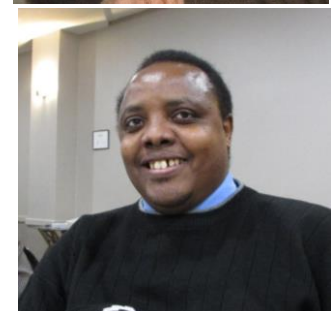


**Philosopher** Doreen Pankewich selected words consistent with Club Election which took place today. This observation is credited to the British politician, Sir Winston Churchill who said, *"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."*

Joining President Ron at the **Lead Table** were Leif Riesach, Jack Wozniak, Jizinge Mwela, Allan Hillsden, Shreedhar Jachak and Nelson Falkowsky.



Wally Dressler had the pleasure of introducing our lone **Visitor**, Joseph Mbugua (right) guest of Louis Browne.



Leif Riesach was responsible for the **50/50 Draw**, and as noted earlier, was troubled



by the mathematics of dividing an "odd" number by 2. Having consulted with Treasurer Wally, announced the winner today would receive \$19.75. President Ron was the declared winner and promptly donated this to *The Rotary Foundation*. Thank you, Ron.

The Strohan family will be celebrating Barry's birthday on January 30. However, in advance of that festive occasion, but to set the mood, Regina Eastview members joined in a very fine rendition of Happy Birthday.

In the absence of a **Sergeant-at-Arms**, President Ron invited Happy Dollar announcements. This caused Peter Neufeldt to draw attention to and read the “pay forward” article which appeared in the Keyway, the Rotary Club of Dryden Newsletter. The article appears as this week’s **COMMENTARY**. Peter “paid forward” with \$5.00; Allen Hillsden had a happy dollar in recognition of his son’s 45<sup>th</sup> birthday today; and, Greg McNamara had some cash as he and Anne will be spending 12 wonderful days in Palm Springs which he described with two very descriptive adjectives (Greg’s “big words of the day”).



### **PROGRAM (Part 1)**



Anne Grahame was in charge of the Program which consisted of presenting the report of the Nominating Committee in regard to the Club’s Officers and Directors for the Rotary year 2016-2017. In advance of

presenting the slate of candidates, Ann ex-pressed the appreciation of the Committee on the response received from the members. She indicated the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview will be in very good hands for the coming year and beyond. The Nominees are (**right**):

Ann noted Directors Lyle Gollnick and Mounir Bouchaibi (Community Service and Club Service respectively), will complete the first year of their 2 year term on June 30, 2016 and will continue in these roles for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

<b><u>OFFICERS (2016-2017)</u></b>	
<b>President</b>	<b>Greg McNamara</b>
<b>President Elect</b>	<b>Richard Schwan</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>John Van Koll</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Allen Hillsden</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Jizinge Mwela</b>
<b>Treasurer Mentor</b>	<b>Doreen Pankewich</b>
<b>Treasurer Support</b>	<b>Clarence Krause</b>
<b><u>DIRECTORS (2016-2018)</u></b>	
<b>Vocational Service</b>	<b>Jeff Barber (only 1 year)</b>
<b>International Service - IS Committee to Advance a Nominee</b>	
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Louis Browne</b>
<b>Public Relations</b>	<b>John Van Koll</b>



Members supported the slate presented by the Nominating Committee and as there were no nominations from the floor, Chairman Ann declared the slate of individuals elected, to lead the Club in 2016-2017. , with the exception of the International Service Director,

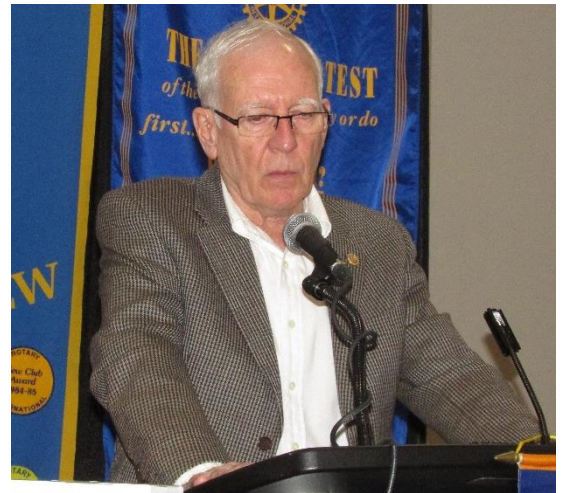
### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Valentine GALA Tickets** – Allen Hillsden reminded members that in 2 weeks **Valentine Gala 2016** will be here. It is time to get **really, really, really** 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 still required – let Allen know so he has the info by next week.

**Valentine GALA 2016** TV stars Louis Browne and Terry Simonson (Jays) were interviewed on *Talk of the Town*. Host Lisa Peters, advised this interview will be aired on Access Feb 3, 4 & 5. Please check this out if you have “Access”. Thank you, Gentlemen!

**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.



### **PROGRAM (Part 2)**

Just about the time President Ron was ready to close the meeting it was learned there was more. Two “This is my life” presentations were scheduled – first from a new Rotarian, Laurel Mattison, and, the second from a member with years of Rotary experience, Doug Mortin.

Laurel has her own employment agency, *Hiring Hands Employment and Recruiting Services*, supplying temporary workers to companies largely in construction. She has a number of clients and in her history in Regina has employed over 2000 people. The goal of her Agency is “That my clients will prosper”. Laurel speaks of having setbacks, but with each such event she receives further inspiration knowing God will see her through. 2015 was her best year and she is looking forward to bigger things in 2016 and beyond.



Laurel told us that Gord Wicijowski was her first boss, and she was delighted that after some 40 years she reconnected with one of her first mentors. She expressed her appreciation to members for their warm welcome into Rotary.

Doug Mortin told us that he was born and raised on a farm in Dilke, Saskatchewan. He shared about his years in the Insurance business, a business – mostly in Regina, but also a stint in Melville. After a time he and two colleagues left Co-operators and established their own Insurance Brokerage agency, MGP Insurance. After 20 years of dedicated service to clients, they sold the business to Scott Schultz, who we learned has become part of another well know Insurance Agency.

Rotary became part of the Mortin’s life in 1992 when their oldest daughter was selected as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. They spent many years providing support and leadership to the Club and District’s Youth Exchange program, which saw both their daughters involved in the program. Doug served as President of Regina Eastview in 1999-2000 and was selected as District Governor in 2005-2006.

His concluding advice was, “Say “YES” to opportunities in Rotary”, for these are experiences you will not regret.





## **ROTARY TIDBIT** **2016-2017 Rotary Theme**

**RI President-elect John F. Germ** chose *Rotary Serving Humanity* as his theme for 2016-17. Noting Rotary's unique ability to bring together committed professionals to achieve remarkable goals, Germ believes that "now is the time to capitalize on our success: as we complete the eradication of polio, and catapult Rotary forward to be an even greater force for good in the world."

### **COMMENTARY**

**Reprinted from RC of Dryden's Keyway**

## **COFFEE ON THE WALL**

I sat with my friend in a well-known coffee shop in a neighbouring town of Venice (Italy), the city of lights and water. As we enjoyed our coffee, a man entered and sat at an empty table beside us. He called the waiter and placed his order, saying, "Two cups of coffee, one of them there on the wall."

We heard this order with interest and observed that he was served with one cup of coffee but he paid for two. As soon as he left, the waiter pasted a piece of paper on the wall saying, "A Cup of Coffee."

While we were still there, two other men entered and ordered three cups of coffee, two on the table and one on the wall. They had the two cups of coffee but paid for three and left. This time also, the waiter did the same - he pasted a piece of paper on the wall saying, "A Cup of Coffee." It was something unique and perplexing for us.

We finished our coffee, paid the bill and left.

After a few days, we had a chance to go to this coffee shop again. While we were enjoying our coffee, a poorly-dressed man entered. As he seated himself, he looked at the wall and said, "One cup of coffee from the wall."

The waiter served coffee to this man with the customary respect and dignity. The man had his coffee and left without paying.

We were amazed to watch all this, as the waiter took off a piece of paper from the wall and threw it in the dust bin.

Now it was no surprise for us - the matter was very clear. The great respect for the needy shown by the inhabitants of this town made our eyes well up in tears.

Ponder upon the need of what this man wanted... He entered the coffee shop without having to lower his self-esteem. He had no need to ask for a free cup of coffee, without asking or knowing about the one who was giving this cup of coffee to him. He only looked at the wall, placed an order for himself, enjoyed his coffee, and left.

Probably the most beautiful wall you may ever see anywhere!



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