In last week’s Rotor you were challenged to identify an article in the February issue of The Rotarian featuring District 5550. Gary Carlson found the article on page 13, and as promised is recognized today. Gary, thank you for your interest, participation and response. In the same Rotarian, there was another article – if you found the article, let me know and you too could be on the “cover of the Rotor”.

Today’s Registration Desk was staffed various Rotarians. However, the assigned Rotarian was Hans Gaastra, who on arrival took on the role with focused clarity, and did a fine job of moving attendees through the sign-in line.
Also sitting at the Registration table was Wally Dressler, gathering in Valentine GALA ticket sales money and Allan Smith filling in for Laurence Vigrass and making sure all opportunities for 50/50 tickets were honoured.

Sadly, Greeter Nikki Langdon was unable to attend, so each of us had responsibility to make others feel welcome, which made the room a buzz of greetings – did you hear it?? Well maybe what you heard was Guitarist Mounir Bouchaibi sending music through the speaker system.

As soon as it was demonstrated to President Doreen Pankewich that turning on the mic was an ideal way of getting the attention of the throng of people in attendance, the meeting proceeded and was conducted without further delay.

Philosopher Leif Riesach wished that his Thought for the Day, would assist members to relate to the benefits of extensive travel to exotic locations. His offering is courtesy of American author, poet, philosopher, abolitionist, naturalist, tax resister, development critic, surveyor, and historian, the late Henry David Thoreau who said, “I took a walk in the woods and came out taller than the trees.” (Now having heard Alda Bouvier’s presentation you will better understand Philosopher Leif’s offering.)

Joining President Doreen at the Lead Table were (r to l): Mounir Bouchaibi, Shreedhar Jachak, Allan Smith, Doug Mortin, Wanita Johnson, Alda Bouvier and Pat Richards.

Hans Gaastra introduced our Visiting Rotarian Gina Neuman from the Rotary Club of Vancouver Yaletown; and Guest of Louis Browne, Joseph Mbugua.

Allan Smith invited new member Wanita Johnson to endear herself to at least one member of her new club by drawing the winning 50/50 ticket. This is applying a lot of pressure on a new member struggling to make a good impression to this “new family”. Wanita did the only reasonable thing, she drew her ticket, and took home $27.00 – nice move, Wanita.

CHILI FOR CHILDREN ROSTER

Jan 30 - NO SCHOOL – You are free!!!
SERGEANT–AT-ARMS

Pat Dell was focused as she came to the podium, conscious of the spontaneous applause that greeted her introduction. Having control of the room is critical and Sergeant Pat began by fining members at Allen Hillsden’s table, for they were deemed to “be unruly”; A member at the Sergeant’s table was fined for shouting “push the button” when the President was stumbling around not knowing what to do to make the mic work (seems shouting at the President is disrespectful); President Doreen was then fined for not knowing “to push the button”; Gary Carlson had to pay because he “upset” the Sergeant with his definition of “settling” as it relates to cows (another Rotary mystery); and, members who have not yet sold a ticket were each fined $5.00 (members warned last week).

Happy dollars came from Peter Peters, who wished to recognize Rotarian Gary Carlson for identifying an article in the February Rotarian which featured District 5550 (David Newman, Rotary Club of Winnipeg and the Museum of Human Rights); Pat Richards had a great traveling holiday with her husband; and, Ann Grahame spoke with pride about grandson Finn, whose Hockey Team returned from a tournament with a Gold Medal.

PROGRAM

Pat Richards was called on to introduce today’s Guest Speaker Alda Bouvier, a member of Regina Eastview. From Pat we learned that Alda born and lived a large portion of her life in Gravelbourg, SK. It is here that she became a Life Insurance Agent, and her success was such that she qualified for membership in the Million Dollar Club. Alda is a Chartered Life underwriter and a Certified Professional Consultant on Aging. In 1993 she moved to Regina where she set up a sales office for New York Life, which, on being bought out by Canada Life in 1994, provided Alda with the opportunity to manage the Agency, which she did for the next 3 years. During this time she was invited to join the Rotary Club of Regina. In 1999 she moved to Canmore Alberta, met her future husband Raymond Kuiper, joined the RC of Canmore and served as the Club’s President in 2007-2008. Alda, who works from a “home office”, has two children, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Alda shared with members a pictorial appreciation of her Central America Rotary experience of “installing stoves” in Guatemalan homes.

The initiative with which the Rotary Club of Canmore is involved in Guatemala is the Hearts and Hands Foundation. This organization has as its Mission, “to improve cross-cultural understanding through shared program delivery by volunteers and recipients. Our projects work to enhance the quality of life for indigenous peoples through education and health programs. As a result of our programs, residual economic and environmental benefits are realized.” Alda was part of a team from the Rotary Club which went to rural communities in Guatemala, a “third world country”, to install efficient wood burning stoves which are exhausted outside the house. Homes in rural Guatemalan communities had an indoor fire pit (three stone fires) over which food was prepared and smoke was left to find its own way out of the building.
The team was instructed on how the stoves are to be installed and move from home to home completing the installation which would include exhausting the smoke through stove pipes out the building’s roof.

The three stone fire is a health hazard, both from the smoke congestion and a potential fire trap, to a danger for children who stumble and fall into the fire. The ceilings of homes with these three stone fires were really “quite gross”.

The Hearts and Hands Foundation works with Helps International, who have developed an efficient and safe stove called the Plancha Stove. Through the good work of Rotary volunteers, each home that qualified would receive a stove for inside their house and a second stove for outside. The combined cost for the two stoves would be approximately $150.00. Team members raised all the money for the stoves and the cost of their individual participation.

Using her pictures, Alda introduced us to the Mayan people of Guatemala, their culture, customs and their physical stamina.

Thank you, Alda for sharing your story. Thank you for your spirit of volunteerism which has helped change the world and specifically some of the families in Guatemala.

**Family of Rotary** – It was reported that Dennis Butler’s mother passed away and her funeral was on January 28th. Members extend their condolences to Dennis, Joyce and their family as they remember a Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

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**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

President Doreen was pleased to announce and members were delighted to hear, that the District 5550 Nominating Committee have recommended that Rotarian Peter Neufeldt, Rotary Club of Regina Eastview, serve as District 5550 as District Governor for the Rotary year 2017-2018. CONGRATULATIONS, Peter and Janet.

Peter expressed his deep gratitude for the encouragement and support members have extended in advancing his nomination. The acceptance of his nomination sets in motion the beginning of an exciting 3 to 4 journey which culminates in hosting the 2018 District 5550 Conference in Regina. President Doreen reminded us all that this is a process Regina Eastview has experienced before and we are “up for the challenge”.

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**ORDINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mayor Michael Fougere** - Mayor Fougere is speaking to the Rotary Club of Regina on February 9, 2015. If you wish to attend please indicate this to President Doreen so she can advise President Ian Yeates.

**Rotary Club of Regina South** – Ann Grahame advised us that the speaker at the Rotary Club of Regina South tomorrow, January 30th is Rotarian Tim Cowan from Comox B.C.
Tim is a pharmacist and will share the highlights and challenges of doing surgery in Ethiopia with Rotaplast Canada - a Rotarian non-profit humanitarian organization. - See more at: http://portal.clubrunner.ca/993/Speakers#sthash.jVTYJhMk.dpuf

Membership Survey - Louis Browne reminded members to return their completed member survey distributed last week and e-mailed to members earlier this week. Completed survey’s must be returned by February 5th.

Valentine GALA 2015 – Valentine GALA Planning Committee Chair Ron Okumura reported on ticket sales to date. Teams have reported the following: Team Roughriders – 29; Team Bombers – 40; Team Stampeders – 60; Team Lions – 34.

GALA Prizes – Great prizes coming in and there is still a week to get the final prizes in to Allen. Please talk to your suppliers/friends/business associates for prizes and sponsorships for the GALA.

Valentine GALA Volunteers – This is our Club’s major Fund Raising venture and we need the support of each member. Volunteers will be needed at each of the 4 activity areas. If we each take a short shift, the evening will be enjoyable for everyone. Please say “where can I serve” when you get the call.

Banner Presentation – Gary and Jesse Carlson were out traveling and visited a Rotary Club in the process. Gary was so thoughtful as to bring back a banner from the Club visited – the actual name of the club will be reported next week, as the “editor” was asleep on the job. Thank you Gary for waving the Regina Eastview banner and retrieving one for our Club.

ROTARY TIDBIT
(From the Rotary Weekly – January 23, 2015)

President-elect urges Rotary members to ’Be a Gift to the World’

Rotary International President-elect K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran asked Rotary members to use their talents, expertise, and leadership to transform the lives of others when he announced his theme for the 2015-16 year, Be a Gift to the World, during the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

- Read more about the theme
- Read what incoming governors think of the theme
- View photos from the assembly
SHELTERBOX TIDBIT

Ten of our red and blue SchoolBoxes, containing enough school equipment for 500 children in all, have arrived in Port Loko, just north of Freetown in Sierra Leone.

Their final destination will be the ‘All as One’ orphanage, which is caring for children who have lost family in the Ebola outbreak.

COMMENTARY

When you

you will

Be a gift to the world

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters

At noon today Nelson Falkowsky was seen here getting Regina Eastview Members ready to “Rock through O’ Canada” with Mounir Bouchaibi – takes one back to the days when we sang O’ Canada and God Save the Queen accompanied by Len Antymnuik on his accordion. Those were the days!