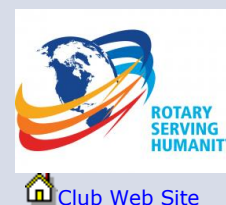




Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

Thursday, January 5, 2017



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Jan 12	“Regina Public Library” with Wanda Blake, Development Officer
Jan 19	“Learning Disabilities Association” with Shelly Mitchell
Jan 26	“Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada” with Lisa Smith
Feb 2	“Canadian Mental Health Association – Regina Branch” with Stacey Carmichael

NEXT WEEK

“Regina Public Library”
with
Wanda Blake

**January 12,
2017**

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: **Doug Mortin**

50/50: **Shreedhar Jachak**

Greeter: **Jack Wozniak**

Leo Ell was at the **Registration Desk** and was quite adept at sharing dinner tickets for the right amount of cash (cheques were also acceptable). Next down the table was the amicable Director of Community Service, Lyle Gollnick, allowing persons interested in purchasing a **50/50 tickets** to change in their \$2 (or multiples thereof) for one of the tickets spread out on the table – thereby taking exactly no responsibility for one not winning (retired Pharmacists – who knew).

Assigned **Greeter Chad Cunningham** was not able to serve in this role today, so welcoming visitors and others fell to each of us, so thank you for doing your part.



District Governor Elect Peter Neufeldt was responsible for today's program which focused on preparations underway to host District Conference 2018. Peter's stance is appropriate as he and Janet prepare their year as DG and First Lady.

**In Rotary,
January is:
Vocational
Service
Month!**

Although it has become a weekly occurrence, President Greg McNamara apologized for telling us we had 5 more minutes to chow down dinner before he would gong the bell. He was right, in 5 minutes he gonged and we were on our way. We acknowledged our Land through song, offered “Thanks” for the food and the wonder of Rotary friends, led by Nelson Falkowsky and Doug Mortin respectively.



Having dealt with those two components we were ready for Club Philosopher Doreen Pankewich to lay out our **Thought for the Day**. So off to see Australian Comedian, Dame Edna Everage, who observed the following when interviewed by Joan Rivers, *“Never be afraid to laugh at yourself, after all, you could be missing out on the joke of the century.”*

President Greg was pleased to note that some of his very best friends were joining him at the **Lead Table**. Today these spots were assigned to Peter Neufeldt, Chris Hefner, Doug Mortin, Doreen Pankewich, Jeff Barber, Richard Schwan, and Bridgett Malloy (left).



Leo Ell was called on to introduce our **Guests and Visiting Rotarians**. On the list were two visitors, Regina Eastview Outbound Rotary Exchange Student Bridgette Malloy, and Francois Brien (right), a friend of Chad Cunningham, both guests of the Club.



Special Presentation – It was a special day for Lyle Gollnick as we were pleased to recognize him for his 15 years of service through Rotary. President Greg shared our collective appreciation to Lyle for his commitment to the success of our Club.



We were pleased to sing to song leader Nelson Falkowsky as we recognized that on December 27th he celebrated a **Happy Birthday**. Congratulations, Nelson, and thank you sharing your gifts.

Lyle Gollnick was invited to try and give away what visitors would conclude is



“million” dollars via the **50/50 Draw**. means \$31.00 less \$2.00 (so \$29.00) \$ 715.95. All purchasers held their breath by Bridgette, asked her hand to search for, was not lucky and so the search for



something in the neighbourhood of a Today’s ticket sales raised \$62.00 which would be added to the pot making the win as Gail Bradley, whose ticket was drawn and secure, the green marble. Sadly, Gail “green” goes on to next week.

Chili For Children Duty Roster

Jan 6 - Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Doreen Pankewich

Jan 13 - Takayoshi Ono, Jack Wozniak, Ann Grahame

Jan 20 - Nelson Falkowsky, Hans Gaastra, Allan Hillsden

Jan 27--- NO SCHOOL

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

With a degree of trepidation (mindful of the last week's challenges), President Greg called Pat Dell to work her magic in raising funds for the club.

There was a clear indication at this point the President had not screwed up sufficiently to warrant a fine. Pat Dell noted she was in a good mood and had no fines

– which changed within the blink of an eye when there was a loud audible “Huuurrrruummmpppp” from Jeff Barber – presto \$2.00 fine; Louis Browne's class tie won him a Rotobuck; and, all “snow birds” paid \$2.00 for the privilege.

A happy dollar bonanza came from Shreedhar Jachak whose, i) oldest granddaughter got engaged and is moving into a fine new house; ii) the second granddaughter passed her Chartered Accountant Exams; and, iii) he and Shashikala just returned from wonderful sunny holiday with their son and grandchildren in the Dominican Republic (and the man was smiling). Get ready for next week.



This is My Life – It was Chris Hefner's opportunity to introduce himself to the Eastview Membership. Chris took the unique approach by telling us that he was born in Colorado, USA, spent his early childhood in the US and moved to Canada as a youngster because his father was lured to the great white north to obtain his PhD. With that background, Chris shared the fact that he was attracted to Rotary because of the strength and importance of the Four-Way Test. He then provided personal examples of where Rotary's four simple questions were not practised in various business and personal he encountered which were costly from a financial perspective but were not consistent with his moral and ethical standards. His simple challenge was that the dictates of the Four Way Test must be embodied in all thoughts, word and action.



PROGRAM

President Greg invited Peter Peters to introduce the Program and specifically our guest speaker. District Governor Elect Peter Neufeldt hardly needs an introduction to his own Club, so Peter P. chose not to introduce the Speaker but rather the focus of District Conference 2018 which would be on the theme of “peace”.

In his presentation Peter Neufeldt used power point slides to weave in *The Object of Rotary* and the six *Areas of Focus* and how these pillars of Rotary International contribute to the organization's commitment to world understanding and peace. He suggested, “*War is a game where all players lose. Peace is a game where all players win.*”



Peter drew attention to the country of Costa Rica, where the country does not have a military, rather they use their financial resources on education and health services. This financial realignment has resulted in this Central American Country having one of the highest literacy rates in the world and a health care system which ranks high in comparison to its neighbours.

*"War is a game
where all players
lose.*

*Peace is a game
where all players
win."*

Recognizing Rotary's commitment to peace as reflected in its history, Peter noted the Conference Planning Committee have selected *Building Peace Through Rotary* as the theme for District Conference 2018. Peter shared a R.I. video which speaks to the impact Rotarians have, and can have, on building peace in the world. You can access the video at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50004/Stories/rotary-building-peace-video>

One of the first tasks for which the Planning Committee must prepare is a presentation at the District Conference in Kenora in May 2017. As a component of this presentation, Richard Schwan prepared a "draft" video of what could be presented. Peter shared the video which resulted in enthusiastic applause.

In conclusion Peter provided a draft overview of the Planning Committee structure and the Rotarians involved representing all Rotary Clubs in Regina. As this undertaking will require the effort of all members, Peter invited members to consider where they would like to serve and encourage them to speak to himself or Doreen Pankewich, Chair of the Planning Committee.



Rotary Youth Exchange Program - President Greg introduced Bridgette Malloy who is proof that Regina Eastview is getting back into the Youth Exchange. This delightful young lady was interviewed for this Exchange program opportunity by Doug Mortin and Doreen Pankewich and she come today to tell us a little about herself and what she expects from the experience.



From Bridgette we learned that she was born and raised in Regina and is the youngest of four children in her family. She attends Le Bouldus High School where she is in the French immersion program. From the time she was a child, she loved to travel and has had many opportunities to experience new places, new cultures, and new people. She has been to Greece, Cuba, Dominica, France, Spain and many places in the USA. Last year she traveled to Quebec alone and had 6 weeks to explore this province. Her interests are in dance, music and art as these activities allow her to share her expressive side.

Her expectations of this Rotary experience is to learn a new culture in a new country while gaining a deeper appreciation for Canada. She is excited about learning a new language, while being an ambassador for Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada and Rotary.

Bridgette Malloy – remember this name!

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

President Greg invited Hans Gaastra to the podium to present to a number Members Paul Harris Fellow recognition.



Hans came to the podium and presented first time Paul Harris Fellows Sam Berg, Richard Schwan and Jack Wozniak with a Certificate and Paul Harris Pin.

Hans presented Allen Hillsden with a Pin which contained 2 sapphire stones indicating Allen has donated US\$3,000.00.

He presented Clarence Krause with a Certificate (and pin) in the name of Clarence and Donelda's son, Geoffrey Dean and presented Clarence with a Paul Harris pin with 3 sapphire stones (indicating US\$4,000.00 contributed to TRF)



Hans then presented Peter Neufeldt and Jeff Barber each with a Paul Harris pin containing 3 sapphire stones (indicating US\$4,000.00 contribution).

Gentlemen, you make us proud to be in your company.

Thank you for your significant support of The Rotary Foundation which in turn enhances the lives of people you will never meet while building peace on the planet we share. Take a bow!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valentine GALA – **Allen Hillsden** reminded us that it is time to approach our contacts for Silent Auction items. Ticket selling teams are encouraging their team members to sell those tickets. **Doug Mortin** advised that we are on track with sponsor donations, but encouraged members to consider contributing in addition to selling tickets or in place of buying tickets if you will not be at the GALA.

Club Constitution & Bylaws – Gail Bradley advised that in the next few weeks we are going to have opportunity to review these documents and approve the revisions that she and Ron Okumura have worked at over the past few months. This is exciting stuff and you will want to read the documentation which you will receive.

Expression of Appreciation to Government of Canada – Peter Peters rose to express our club's appreciation to M.P. Ralph Goodale, and through Ralph, to all members in the House of Commons for Canada's continuing financial commitment to polio eradication in the World. Peter noted that Canada has been a consistent and major supporter of this initiative and Rotarians in Regina, District 5550 and across Canada are proud of our government for their leadership in this effort

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Presidential theme: Rotary Serving Humanity

RI President 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



Late this afternoon 17 members of Rotary in Regina joined District Governor Elect Peter Neufeldt to work on District Conference 2018. Four Clubs were represented while representatives from the other 2 Clubs were unable to be at the Seven Oaks today. The support and enthusiasm reflected by attendees made me proud to be part of this group of dedicated individuals who personify "doing good in the world". Thank you all for making this year's Presidential Theme real.

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters