



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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Service Above Self

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Jan 14	"The National Science Fair, 2016" with Dr. Edward Mathie
Jan 21	"TBA"
Jan 28	"TBA"
Feb 4	"TBA"

NEXT WEEK

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2016**

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: **Pat Dell**

50/50: **Jack Wozniak**

Greeter: **Clarence Krause**

Following the singing of O' Canada at today's meeting President Ron Okumura, asked us to remaining standing for a moment of silence in recognition of our former member, Al Yachne. Al passed away on December 23rd.

A number of Rotarians took the opportunity to attend the *Celebration of Life* at the Broadway United Church last Saturday where we remembered Al Yachne. While not a surprise, the celebration confirmed that Al Yachne supported, and was supported by three distinct, but intertwined communities. His love of his family, his commitment to his faith community, and his dedication and appreciation for Rotary. Members of Regina Eastview benefitted from a portion of Al's 25 years in Rotary, as he spent the last 4 years as a member of our Club. Al Joined the RC of Regina Industrial Parks in 1989, served as the Club's President in 2014-2015, and retired from Rotary on June 30 2014 when his health deteriorated to make attendance difficult. Al's commitment to the dictates of the *Four-Way Test* was worthy of mention as the "*Test*" was quoted from the pulpit by Rev. Jim Balfour. From the Reverend we also learned that, like in Rotary, Al had a clear sense of how worship should be structured and how the Church managed – it made me smile.



I thought it was fitting that today's **Greeter**, Laurence Vigrass, was welcomed to Eastview's luncheon at the July 3, 2014 by none other than Al Yaehne, one of his last service opportunities in our Club. The event was recorded as follows in that week's ROTOR, *"Friendly Al Yaehne was today's Greeter, and made it a point to extend the hand of friendship to all who ventured into the room. It just happened that Laurence Vigrass got the royal treatment when the camera person was around."*

Al Yaehne was good for Regina Eastview and, I like many, missed him when he choose to step down, but my life was enriched because for a time we walked together. Thank you, Al.

As usual the **Registration Desk** was staffed with effectiveness and efficiency, as we were greeted with the unique combination of the Attendance Coordinator, Joyce Butler and Treasurer Wally Dressler. Joyce took money for the meal and Wally took advantage of your gambling tendency and sold many a **50/50 Ticket**.



CHILI FOR CHILDREN

Duty Roster

Jan 8---Lyle Gollnick, Allen Hillsden, Sherry McKinnon

Jan 15—Peter Peters, Doug Mortin, Doug Archer

Jan 22—Ann Grahame, Tanya Woroby, Nelson Falkowsky

Jan 29--- No School

President Ron Okumura was in charge and moved the meeting and conversation in his quiet effective manner.

Doreen Pankewich was **Philosopher** of the day and recognizing our speaker is a Librarian, she chose this observation by Dave Kellett, creator and cartoonist of two webcomic titles, Sheldon and Drive,



"Nothing can do what a book can do. Lift you out of your life...to a whole new world, whole new perspective. A book is like a dream you're borrowing from a friend."

Joining President Ron at the **Lead Table** were Jeff Barber, Doreen Pankewich, Charles Sadzamare, Gary Carlson, Ted Kent (left) and Jeanne Martinson.



Introducing **Guests and Visiting Rotarians** was the responsibility of Registrar Joyce Butler, who drew our attention to two Guests; **Ted Kent** (above) guest of Jeff Barber, and **Brian Smith** guest of Nicholas Robinson (left).

It was also a pleasure to welcome Rotarian Doug Keam, a member of the RC of Regina, the subject of a warm welcome by Eastview table hosts Doug Archer, Doug Mortin and Gord Wicijowski.



January
Vocational Services Month
In Rotary

Complete the sentence: "And this means _____!"

Wally Dressler managed the **50/50 Draw**, inviting President Ron to draw the “lucky ticket”. The purchaser of the first ticket drawn must have put it in an imaginary pocket, and in the absence of its’ presentation, a second ticket was drawn. Allan Smith, fearing a third ticket would be drawn, jumped to his feet waving the correct numbered ticket. Allan asked that his winnings of \$27.50 be donated to *Chili for Children* (right). Thank you, Allan.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



Pat Dell, (who with her table colleagues Barry Strohan and Clarence Krause shifted a table to the right) responded to the call for a Sergeant-At-Arms and took her familiar stance behind the podium (as though she has been there all the time). Being a welcoming club is important and first the Sergeant wanted to know who had chosen to not shake the Greeter’s hand on coming to the meeting – four members of the Club missed fulfilling

this requirement and each paid \$2.00 for the oversight. Switching tactics with amazing speed, Pat needed to know how many of us had taken down our Christmas tree – seems a number jumped the gun and were rewarded by each receiving a Rotobuck. Happy dollars came from Doug Mortin who recounted in detail their surprize to open their door at 3:00 AM in response to the insistent doorbell ringing, by the surprize arrival of their Hong Kong children and grandchildren singing *We Wish you a Merry Christmas* (in English); Laurence Vigrass was proud to tell us that Volleyball guru Grandson Rick, will be playing with the Canadian Team in the Olympic Qualifying trial in Edmonton, January 8, 9 and 10 – only the January 9th game (Canada vs Puerto Rico) will be on CBC TV (15:30 EST); Joyce Butler had happy dollars because Wally Dressler switched Registration duties so she and Dennis can go on vacation; Jeff Barber thanked Pat once again for her encouragement and support to increase the RPL opportunity to increase their ESL Tutor volunteer base; and, Peter Peters wanted members to know that Christmas celebration at the Peters’ house on December 28th was wonderful.



PROGRAM

Eastview Rotarian and Past President, Jeff Barber, Library Director & CEO at Regina Public Library (RPL), was our guest speaker and was introduce by President Ron who wisely saved a lengthy introduction leaving the time to our guest. The focus of Jeff’s presentation was rather twofold; Mamaweyatitan Centre & George Bothwell Branch of the RPL.



Mamaweyatitan (Let's be all together) Centre - this initiative began is the North Central Shared Facility (NCSF), as a large shared partnership which flowed from the “yellow cover report” authored by former Regina Eastview member Jeremy Parnes over a decade ago. The original concept began as a larger group of partners and a much larger sized facility, but over time and faced with resource realities resulted in a manageable 100,000 sq. ft. facility.

The North Central Neighbourhood is comprised of 10,200 residents with 29% under the age of 18. 44% of the population is aboriginal; 45% are single parent families; and, 30% have less than a grade 12 education. The average annual household income is \$27,000.

The project partners include the City of Regina, Community Association, Health Region, RPL, Police Service and the School Boards.

Included in the facility, scheduled to open in 18 months, will be a library for both the school and the public, many shared spaces, with the second floor largely designated for school use. Broad corridors provide space for multiple uses, e.g. program initiatives, displays, activities, etc. while leaving sufficient space for “transportation.

The facility function is managed by three district structures; An Ownership Committee; A Community Advisory Committee; and, an Integration Planning/Implementation

Committee. These three structures will be coordinated a Central Staff role, a position that was recently filled and began work on January 4, 2016. In response to the question, “Why does this matter?” Jeff noted that combining these components in a single facility achieved agreed to common ends, i.e. Literacy and education = health and employment. Over the 10 years of planning the sense of collaboration has been refined to such a degree that each component of the organization understands that by working together, boundaries are stretched, appreciation for each other and the common good is enhanced, so the many have become “one”.



George Bothwell Branch of the RPL Service – this branch in the Southland mall is going through an expansion. This expansion, to be completed this fall, will introduce current library concepts into this facility including spaces where “work can be undertaken”. Jeff reminded us that a “library” is no longer a “quiet” place and silence is an out aged concept to the chagrin of some.

Jeff Barber did the City of Regina proud by his presentation today. We are fortunate to have this community supporter in Regina Eastview. Thank you Jeff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valentine GALA Tickets – Allen Hillsden reminded members that in 5 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 – John Van Koll reported that the Club Nominating Committee of himself, Ann Grahame, Doreen Pankewich and Greg McNamara met to start the process of developing a slate of candidates for the 2016-2017 Rotary year. If you are interested in an Officer or Director role, please speak to one of the Nominating Committee.



How Rotary Youth Exchange changes lives

Gabriela Vessani, a high school student from São Paulo, Brazil, recently spent a year in Canada through a Rotary Youth Exchange. On our blog, Rotary Voices, Gabriela explains how youth exchange gives you a chance to create a new life and become whoever you want to be.

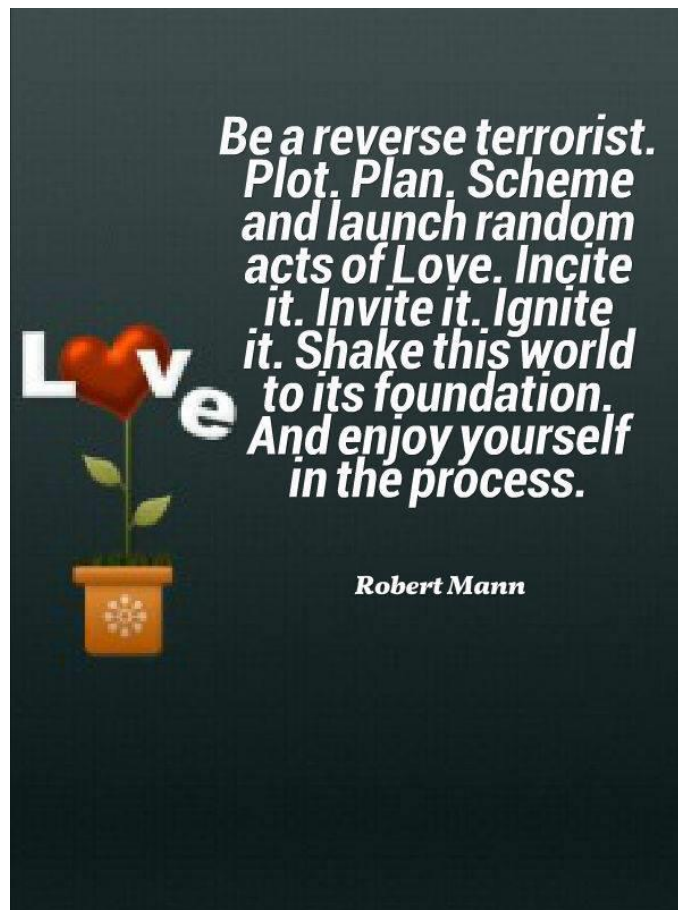


[Read more of Gabriela's story](#)

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COMMENTARY

In a world rife with war and strife consider this for your New Year's Resolution!



Thank you for choosing to “do good in the world”.

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters