



Service Above Self

## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

# The ROTOR

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**July 23 “Co-housing—Prairie Spruce Commons” with David Lareau**

**July 30 The 2015 RI Convention in San Paulo, Brazil with President Ron Okumura**

**August 6 “Rotary Honoring Indigenous People” with Ann Grahame**

### NEXT WEEK

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### DUTY ROSTER

Registration: **Tania Woroby**  
50/50: **Jeff Barber**  
Greeter: **Clarence Krause**

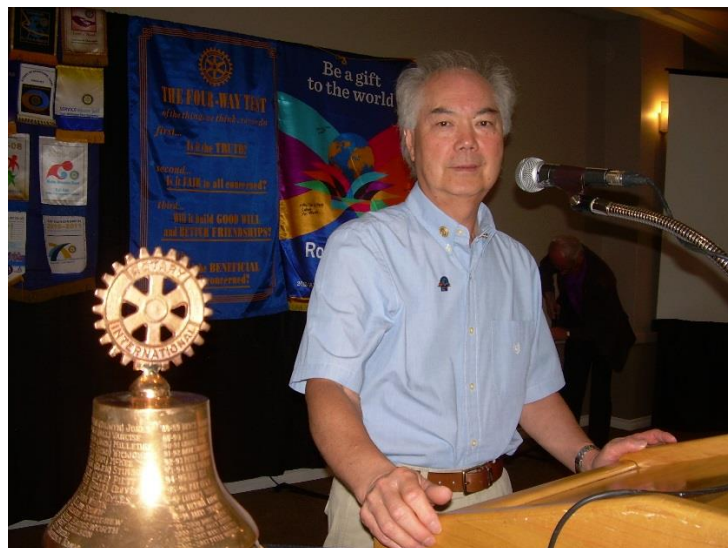
**Registration:** Zarin Zavery was in charge of registration today, while Wally Dressler was gathering funds for the 50/50 draw. We greeted each other in typical Rotary fashion, glad to see one another on this fine summer day.



Today, President Ron Okumura had invited DG Ken and Donna Krebs to join him at the lead table. Also included in this fine company of Rotarians was ADG Father Lorne Crozon, Past President Doreen Pankewich, President Elect Greg McNamara, DG Nominee Peter Neufeldt and Eastview Treasurer Wally Dressler.

**Visiting Rotarians:** in addition to DG Ken and Donna Krebs, both members of the Rotary Club of Gimli, and Father Lorne Crozon from the Rotary Club of Regina Oskaya, Doug Keam was visiting from the Rotary Club of Regina.

**Visiting Guests:** Margaret Peters, guest of Peter Peters, Grace Hillsden, guest of Allen Hillsden, and Jizinge Mwela, guest of Charles Sadzamare.





DG Ken and Donna Krebs

**Philosophy:** Philosopher Jeanne Martinson offered words of wisdom from Mark Twain, an American author and humorist who died over a century ago: “When in doubt, what the heck, tell the truth”. Not a problem for Rotarians!!

**50/50:** Treasurer Wally Dressler announced he had collected \$50 and invited President Ron to draw the winning ticket. It was Nelson Falkowsky who took home his winnings of \$25.

**Birthdays:** Jeanne Martinson celebrated her birthday on July 5. The President’s gift to members celebrating birthdays this year is a secure metal credit card holder. Nice idea President Ron.

**Sergeant at Arms:** in the absence of a Sergeant today, President Ron called for happy bucks. There was much happy news at Eastview today. Jeanne Martinson was happy because she had returned from a trip to Kelowna, where she visited with her husband, who is there working on a project. Peter Neufeldt was very happy as 50 years ago today, he and Janet were married. Congratulations to you both. How fortunate you are! Hans Gaastra extended thanks to the Eastview Golf Committee for organizing a great event and, by the way, his team came in 6 under par. Sam Berg was happy to no longer be the acting Executive Director of his organization as a new person has been appointed to the role. Peter Neufeldt is happy to be one of the Rotary Motorcycle Riders who are raising funds for the children of Guatemala. The ride is on July 25 and your support of this initiative on behalf of the District 5550 Ripple Effect program is very much appreciated. Good luck Riders on your journey! Last year the Riders raised over \$10,000. The children of Guatemala thank you. Travel safe Riders! Allen Hillsden was happy to have Grace at the meeting today and enjoyed the golf game even though his team did not win. Charles Sadzamare was happy to have sold his house.



President Ron invited Nelson Falkowsky to lead us in our national anthem. He encouraged us to sing as if we were preparing to sing at the next Rider game. Our efforts were rewarded by our choir leader with a rating of 8 out of 10. Following the introduction of guests Nelson led us in the Welcome song.



**Program:** Father Lorne Crozon (below left) came to the podium to introduce our guest speaker, DG Ken Krebs. Ken grew up in St. James which is now a suburb of Winnipeg. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force after



high school and enjoyed the technical side of the F-104 fighter while stationed in Cold Lake, Alberta. After leaving the Air Force he attended United College, now the University of Winnipeg. He enjoyed the atmosphere there and became the founding member of what is now the Technology Solutions Center at the University of Winnipeg.



He served on many University committees. Ken also served as scoutmaster for the First Crestview Scout Troup for twenty-five years and as an adult trainer with Scouts Canada for 23 years. In 2000 he and Donna moved to Gimli where he left the scouting movement and joined the Rotary Club of Gimli. He has

served in many roles at both the Club and District level. He feels strongly about Rotary's six areas of focus, but holds Polio Plus, Literacy and Peace close to his heart. Ken and Donna have been married nearly 50 years and have one son and three grandchildren.



The DG came to the podium and told us of a story relayed by the RI President Ravindran that demonstrates the power of giving. DG Ken reminded us that we have many gifts that we bring to Rotary—time, talent and knowledge. To succeed in the eradication of polio will be Rotary's greatest gift to the world. He also advised that we need to be ready to meet new challenges in the area of attracting new members and retaining current members. Membership in District 5550 decreased by 45 members in 2014-15. Now more than ever, we need to grow and, to attract new members in this busy world, we need to change how we do things. We may need to change our meeting format or attract more members online. There is a wealth of information online at My Rotary and Rotary Central. The District will help clubs grow and become vibrant. The community will benefit. Rotary has many gifts within its membership. DG Ken closed his presentation, inviting the President to sign his Rotary banner. At the end of the Rotary year he will have 47 signatures.

President Ron thanked the DG for his message and presented him with a secure card holder and advised him that a donation will be made in his name to Polio Plus.

**Announcements:** Greg McNamara announced that the annual Industrial Parks Rotary Club Pancake breakfast will be held on July 29 in the parking lot at Gaebel's Brew Pub. Tickets may be purchased from Greg.

Peter Neufeldt reminded members to give as they are able to the Rotary Motorcycle Riders fund for the children of Guatemala.

President Ron announced that a Gala Committee meeting will be held today following the meeting.

Ann Grahame advised after the meeting that former exchange student, Leticia, has graduated from the Royal Veterinary College in London, a very prestigious college. Congratulations to Leticia.

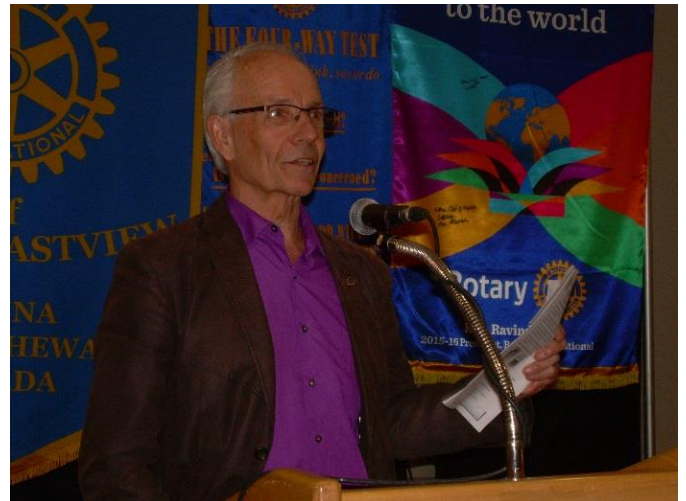
Clarence Krause reminds members that annual Club fees are due NOW. If you did not receive your invoice by email from Clarence please email him and get your cheque in as soon as possible. These fees were due July 1.

The meeting adjourned with members reciting the Rotary 4-Way Test.

More images from the meeting.....



*Past President Doreen Pankewich & DG Ken Krebs*



*Peter Neufeldt—excited to be married for 50 years to Janet*



*Doug Keam, Rotary Club of Regina*



*Jizinge Mwela, visitor to Eastview*

### **COMMENTARY**

*You have seen this theme before and will see it many times during the year. It is a beautiful image visually and for what it represents. This year DG Ken and Donna Krebs will be inspiring all Rotarians in District 5550 to do just that—Be a gift to the world. It was good to have them visit our club and remind us of the work that has to be done and just how important our gifts are to the world.*

*Thank you to DG Ken and Donna for visiting Eastview and all of our guests attending today's meeting.*



**Be a gift to the world**

*Filling in for Rotor Editor Peter Peters, I am Gail Bradley—enjoy your week.*