



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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| Jul 9 | NO MEETING in favour of Golf Tournament on July 10 |
| Jul 10 | “Golf Tournament & Dinner” at Tor Hill -Tee Offs start @ 9:45 : Cocktails @ 5:30 : Dinner @ 6:30 |
| Jul 16 | “District Governor’s Official Visit” with DG Ken & Donna Krebs |
| Jul 23 | “Co-housing - Prairie Spruce Commons” with Dave Lareau |
| Jul 30 | “RI Convention San Paulo, Brazil” with President Ron Okumura |
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NEXT MEETING

“Golf Tournament & Dinner”
with
Club Service

**July 10,
2015**

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: Zarin Zavery
50/50: Ann Grahame
Greeter: Nicholas Robinson

It was a day of impersonation. Allen Smith, impersonated Jeanne Martinson (either at Jeanne’s request or his early arrival at the meeting and his service obsession), was at the **Registration Desk** taking in the cash and cheques thereby allowing access to Eastview’s inner sanctum. The gracious Tania Woroby was impersonating Leif Riesach and sold **50/50 Tickets** with what would be considered enthusiastic abandon.



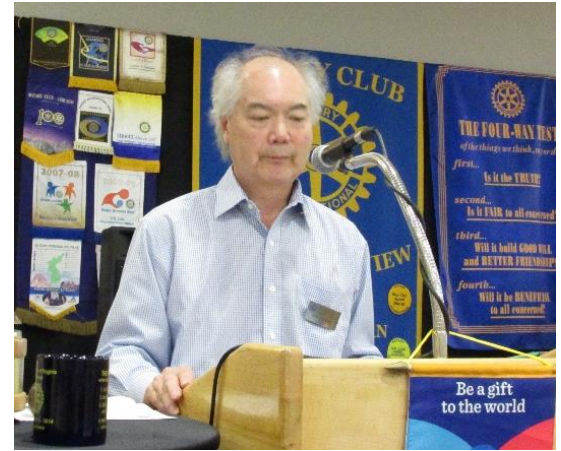
And last but not least, Ann Grahame was **Greeter**, filling in for Mounir Bouchaiba who was mucking around ensuring A/V facilities were up and running for his “program presentation”.



Having studied the actions of his predecessors, **President Ron Okumura**, confidently strode to the podium, grabbed the gavel, gonged the bell and called the jabbering mass of Eastviewians to attention.

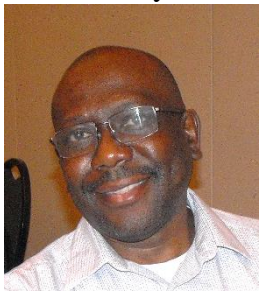


Adhering to protocol is our lot, and as one, we rose to sing the national anthem, joined in reciting Rotary grace and prepared mentally for the forthcoming wisdom – but from whom shall we learn.



Then behold, even when he is not in attendance Philosopher Leif Riesach is prepared to philosophize. Leif sent this **Thought for the Day** from the Dalia Lama which was conveyed to us by the deputized and equally wise Charles Sadzamare, *“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.”*

President Ron introduced his first **Lead Table**, which was an impressive group of Eastview Rotarians (mindful the room was full of “impressive” – probably a biased, albeit true, perspective. As can be seen, this included, in addition to President Ron, Adrienne Heron, Mounir Bouchaibi, Doug Mortin, Lyle Gollnick, Richard Schwan and Gail Bradley.



Allen Smith was called on to introduce our one guest, but deferred the privilege to Charles Sadzamare, who Allen suggested would more accurately pronounce his guests name. Charles

Guest was Jizwge (sounds like “Jay-zing-gay” says Charles) Mwela (left - file photo).

Tania Woroby, as the seller of **50/50 Tickets** was also the draw master. Tania solicited President Ron’s “objective” hand to draw the winning ticket. There were \$20.00 at stake, so tension in the room was palpable. The lucky ticket holder was Greg McNamara, who earlier in the day suffered a head wound from an abusive metal structure, was the winner. The undue pressure from gambling caused more bleeding, so as a way to relieve clotting mechanism Greg donated his winnings to The Rotary Foundation. Thank you, Greg!



“Happy Birthday” was directed to Adrienne Heron and Lyle Gollnick, who in the past month had the good fortune to celebrate an important event in their lives.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

In the absence of a Sergeant-At-Arms, President Ron invited expressions worthy of “happy dollars”. A great opportunity to connect member stories/happenings with “gifts” to Rotary which today looked like this: Gail Bradley jumped to her feet with some “happy-hippy” dollars –



she expressed her appreciation for all the cards, calls, letters, etc. during her hospitalization, surgery and convalescence – should you have a need for such, she is prepared to share “hip” jokes; Doug Mortin was happy to tell us their 5 out of city grandchildren and their parents are visiting at 391 Habkirk Drive – seems quiet tranquility has been put aside for a time; Joyce Butler was happy to tell us that she and Dennis have just returned from 5 weeks on the Mediterranean; Alda Bouvier had a great 12 days in France – a time of sightseeing and painting; Ann Grahame told us: i) our former inbound Exchange Student Leticia who has Graduated with a BSc in Bio-Veterinary Sciences from the prestigious

Royal Veterinary College in London; ii) her grandson Paul is continuing to hold and achieve ever greater and noted lead acting roles; Peter Peters drew attention to the 3 poster boards which were featured on a display table at the District Conference in Nipawin – he gave specific credit to Sherry McKinnon who developed the poster “proto-type” and John Van Koll and London Drugs for their donation in preparing the finished posters.

(Right – Two happy Rotarians demonstrating that while we might not “always be on the same side”, when it comes to Rotary there is only one side. Thank you, Allen and Ralph, for putting your shoulders to the Rotary wheel!

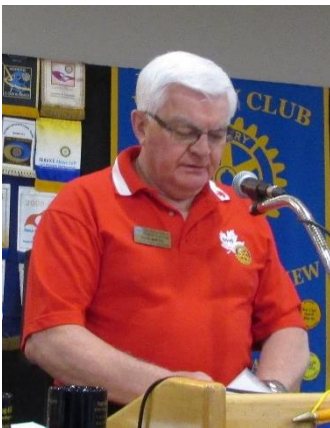


FAMILY OF ROTARY



Allan Smith reported that Takayoshi Ono is under quarantine with a severe cases of shingles. Although visitors are out of the question, Takayoshi would welcome telephone calls from his Rotary friends.

PROGRAM



PDG Doug Mortin was asked to introduce our guest speaker, our own Mounir Bouchaibi. From Doug we learned that Mounir was born and raised in Morocco, receiving a BA in the Hospitality Industry in his Country. He then went to USA and obtained an MBA in Hospitality Administration with a major in Marketing from the Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island. Upon returning to Morocco he established a broad career foundation in the hospitality industry in a variety of roles in a number of cities in his home land. Mounir is currently employed as the Director of Sales and Marketing at the Best Western Seven Oaks in Regina. Today

Mounir spoke to us about his life in Morocco.

With the use of expanded Power Point technology Mounir introduced us to his family, his prowess in competitive individual and team sports and the sights and sounds of his homeland. Seems he had a keen interest in acquiring various coloured belts” in the martial arts.

Morocco is a North African country bordering the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea (a feature it shares with Spain and France).





Morocco has a population of over 33.8 million and covers an area of 172,410 sq. mi. (by comparison, Saskatchewan covers an area of 251,700 sq. mi.). Its political capital is Rabat, which is one of the City's in which Mounir was employed. The largest and best known city is Casablanca and is where Mounir worked with a Travel Agency. Another major City where Mounir gained experience in the hospitality industry was Marrakesh.

“A historically prominent regional power, Morocco has a history of independence not shared by its neighbours. Its distinct culture is a blend of Berber, Arab, Sub-Saharan African, and European influences.” (From: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morocco>)

We learned that while there is limited land suitable for agriculture, their economy relies



heavily on tourism and the cinema industry as there are many movies shot in Morocco (even some where it is not acknowledged).

We are fortunate to have in the Club such a youthful, gifted and enthusiastic international connection.

President Ron expressed our appreciation not only for his presentation but his influence in making arrangements to provide us with a “Moroccan” meal.

Banner Exchange – President Ron presented the Club with a Banner from the International Convention in San Paulo Brazil. We can expect to hear more from Ron on the Convention at our meeting on July 30, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Golf Tournament and Dinner at Tor Hill Golf Course on Friday, July 10, 2015. John Van Koll advised that he has just about all the volunteers required for the event. However, if you want to assist please call John. The Entry Fee for golfing is \$150.00 (includes rental of a golf-cart). An Income Tax receipt for \$25.00 will be given. The cost of the Dinner will be \$30.00. You still have a few days to register for golf and/or dinner.

John promises a sunny smokeless day with temperature around 25 degrees Celsius.

ROTARY FRIENDHIP EXCHANGE

Applications for the District 5550 Rotary Friendship Exchange to District 9980 in New Zealand close on July 31, 2015. An exciting mid-winter 2016 opportunity.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM (VTT)

Vocational Training Team (VTT) from our district, to Ethiopia in northern Africa, District 9212, is being arranged. Need information call Peter Peters (306-781-2231)

Looking to send a team of teachers (retired or working). Team will be led by Rotarian Chris Clinton, Rotary Club of Prince Albert. This trip would occur **this fall (2015)**

A ROTARY TIDBIT

In a Facebook post today John Hewko writes, “Farewell to a great Rotarian and a great man. Sir Nicholas Winton has passed away at 106. During his lifetime he rescued more than 600 children from the Holocaust and was one of the oldest active Rotarians.”

The Story begins, “Nicholas Winton, a Briton who said nothing for a half-century about his role in organizing the escape of 669 mostly Jewish children from Czechoslovakia on the eve of World War II, a righteous deed like those of Oskar Schindler and Raoul Wallenberg, died on Wednesday in Maidenhead, England. He was 106.

[The Rotary Club of Maidenhead](#), of which Mr. Winton was a former president, announced his death on its website. He lived in Maidenhead, west of London.

It was only after Mr. Winton’s wife found a scrapbook in the attic of their home in 1988 — a dusty record of names, pictures and documents detailing a story of redemption from the Holocaust — that he spoke of his all-but-forgotten work in the deliverance of children who, like the parents who gave them up to save their lives, were destined for Nazi concentration camps and extermination.”

Please read “the rest of the story” at: <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/02/world/europe/nicholas-winton-is-dead-at-106-saved-children-from-the-holocaust.html? r=2>



And that is all the COMMENTARY for today.

You will be pleased to know that this year editorial responsibilities for the Regina Eastview ROTOR will be shared by Gail Bradley, Ann Grahame and Peter Peters.

This group can be expanded at any time, please let me know if you are interested.

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR I am Peter Peters