



## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

# The ROTOR

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Jul 27 **“Building Stronger Brands”** with **Catherine Bradbury**

Aug 3 **“This is my Life ”** with **Lee Beck**

Aug 10 **“India’s Dalit Population”** with **Sam Berg**

Aug 17 **“TBD”**

### PROGRAM

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with  
**Catherine Bradbury**

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### DUTY ROSTER

**Registration:** **Pat Dell**

**50/50:** **Shreedhar Jachak**

**Greeter:** **Chris Hefner**

While those of you at today’s Regina Eastview meeting already know that the meeting was in the room at the top of the escalator in the Delta Regina - this is mentioned for those not at the meeting who might still be looking for the gathering. At **Registration**, was Barry Strohan (sitting in for Dave Edwards who was unable to be at the meeting), while Vern Hoyt was the seller of **50/50** tickets.

Hans Gaastra, was the **Greeter**. Although, he may not have received the memo.



**President Richard Schwan** is obviously a quick study in his



Eastview leadership role, having learned it is good to consult with Rotarians, “who know”. Checking with PDG Doug Mortin is always a good start. Hence, “learn early and survive happy”.

### Request from Clarence Krause – Club Finance

**Annual Club Membership Fee (\$285.00) was due July 1, 2017.**  
**Please make arrangements to look after this immediately.**  
**Clarence thanks you – the Finance Committee applauds you.**

Song leader, **Nelson Falkowsky**, surveyed the group before him and recognizing the beauty of the faces and mindful of the quality of their voices suggested we would do the National anthem ample justice. He made no further declaration following our presentation so we surmised we met his expectation.

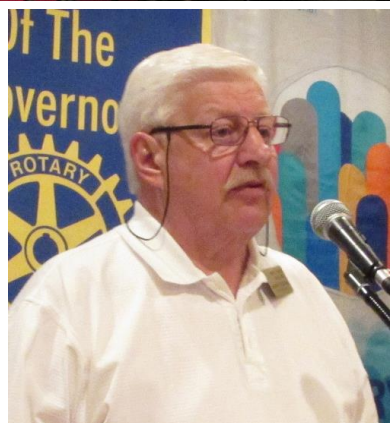
Taking responsibility as Club Philosopher for the second week in a row, Leif Riesach chose to share this Irish Proverb as our **“Thought for the Day”**, “*A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything.*”



**President Richard** introduced the following individuals who were joining him at the **Lead Table** – (L to R) Shannon Windrim, Doug Mortin, Gary Carlson, Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk, Guest Speaker Keith Renaud (absent from the picture was Peter Peters).



Barry Strohan was invited to introduce our **Guests and Visiting Rotarian**. This consisted guests: Shannon Windrim (**below middle**), guest of the absent Doreen Pankewich; and, Keith Renaud (**below right**) guest of the Club. Visiting Rotarian was Samson Bwaya (**below left**) from the Rotary Club of Kampala West (District 9200 Uganda).



Having an international visitor is an infrequent but most welcome happening in our Club and today it provided President Richard with the opportunity to exchange Rotary Club flags with Samson. Welcome to Regina, Samson!

Vern Hoyt orchestrated the **50/50 Draw**, which according to his calculation raised \$47.00 in the sale of \$2.00 tickets – a phenomenon which puzzled even retired City Bus Driver, Vern. Never-the-less, a ticket was drawn to identify the lucky purchaser who would be invited to seek the green marble in “the box of blue marbles”. Lucky ticket holder, Doug Mortin, drew “blue” and in the process won back his \$2.00 investment. So the pot should grow by \$21.50.



We sang **Happy Birthday** to Pat Richards, who will be celebrating this event on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Pat demonstrated appreciation for being sung too, but enthusiastic acceptance of a 2<sup>nd</sup> insulated shopping bag was “absent”.

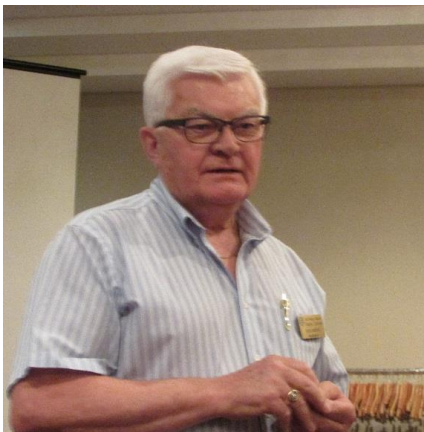


**PP Greg McNamara did a “make-up” at the Rotary Club of Sarasota Sunrise. He had his picture taken with the Club’s President, Bhuvan Unhelkar, during the Club Banner Swap – the photo made it into the Club’s bulletin *The Riser*. Greg was smiling!**

### **SERGEANT –AT-ARMS**

Sergeant Pat Dell seemed sceptical about verbalized expressions about her being a “favorite Sergeant”, suggesting she was surprised members of the Club would be as low as to “suck up to the Sergeant”. To add credence to her being a “favorite”, Sergeant Pat gifted each attendee at the meeting with a Rotobuck (no, if you were not at the meeting, it is unlikely you are eligible to receive one, although you could ask).

There was another left over prize from the Golf Tournament put on the auction block. Pat’s week of auctioneering practice paid off as she skillfully cranked the value of the basket of goodies to \$40.00 – successful bidder, Barry Strohan.



Happy dollars came from: Doug Mortin, who with biking buddy Floyd Manz, biked to Southy for breakfast, and then on to Cupar to visit with Honorary Eastview Rotarian, Art Foster (Art would appreciate visits from members of the club); Doug reminded members that on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, he and Peter Neufeldt will be participating in the Ripple Effect Motor Bike fund raiser (if you have delayed making your donation please contact Peter and/or Doug directly); Allen Hillsden rose to tell us that Grace is celebrating a birthday today and he is delighted that they will be enjoying a roast beef dinner at their dining room table – way to go, Grace: Jeff Barber was pleased to advise the RPL will have the unofficially opening of their

Albert Branch at māmawêyatitân centre on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – (Albert branch is currently in North Central on Robinson) and, Sam Berg told us that 6 years ago he retired from his Counselling role at Briercrest, now his replacement has resigned and the organization is inviting him back – Sam is excited about being back in the classroom. Congratulations, Sam.

By way of announcement Sergeant Pat advised the Annual Past Presidents Picnic will be held in Pat Dell’s back yard (247 Hasting Crescent, Regina) on the afternoon of Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge for Rotarians and members of their families to attend as the cost of the event is born by the Past Presidents.

### **PROGRAM**

President Richard called on Peter Peters to introduce our guest speaker, Keith Renaud. From Peter’s introduction we learned that Keith was born in Regina, but had the good fortune to live in many of the Canadian provinces. He returned to Regina in the late 1990’s and it seems their “nomadic” life style came to an end. Keith, a letter carrier with Canada Post, has three children, a daughter and two sons. Keith was here today to tell us about the “Matthew Project” a program of Victory Church in Regina.



From Keith we learned that the Matthew Project is based on the Bible’s New Testament, Gospel of Matthew scripture Chapter 25:35-40. The project started when two members of Regina’s Victory Church, unknown to each other, choose to take water and food to the homeless people in Regina. This effort to develop a relationship with persons who do not have a home is a challenge and not one for the faint hearted. Once Church leadership became aware of this activity, work was undertaken to amalgamate their individual effort and energy.

In response to Keith's question, two people in the room had experienced personal homelessness, for the rest of us it was an unknown. It is difficult to understand what, "home is where the heart is" means when one does not have a home. Living one day at a time without any change in sight leaves one "empty".

The Matthew project is based on the pillars of love, trust and respect, and treats people as persons with an interest in improving the individuals current situation and future prospects. This leads to focusing on accessing a "home" while caring for them in their current circumstance.

Every Thursday evening at 6:30 the program meets at their Rupert Street building (1815 Rupert Street) to prepare food and drink to take to the homeless people in Regina. They pack their bus with sandwiches, soup, coffee, juice, and clothing to hand out to homeless persons downtown. In the process of meeting some of the immediate personal needs members sit to listen to these friends building a relationship based on their three pillars. 75 to 100 people attend these meetings 3 out of 4 Thursdays each month.

The project is run by volunteers and is funded by donations and church friends. The goal is to move their "clients from the lost and homeless to "home dwellers with purpose in life". The project is looking to develop a partnership with Phoenix House and their "housing first" initiative.

From their project it would seem there are a minimum of 20 people in Regina who are permanent street dwellers, with many more temporary street people, whose lives are interspersed with couch surfing among friends. Matthew Project's hope is to one day establish a temporary lodging facility for homeless people which can be used as a "crash" place while searching for a more permanent arrangement.

President Richard thanked Keith for his presentation and wished the Matthew Project much success as they continue their important work in making "home" real for all Regina citizens. Keith also received an insulated bag.



### **THIS IS MY LIFE WITH PATRICK MASVOSVA**

Patrick grew up in a family of four in what is now Zimbabwe. He suggested that his parents were "strict" and that this meant "discipline" was well understood. Following completing elementary school in his community he was sent off to a "secondary" Methodist school. Sadly the student body in the school had an "initiation" process that for boys required going to a specific place where a quantity of beer would be consumed. The intention was to get back into the school without detection. This did not work well for Patrick as his drunken state was immediately detected by the staff, and as such behaviour would not be tolerated he was expelled from school and sent home.



Patrick had a clear understanding of what would happen when he arrived at home and interestingly his parents merely ignored his presence all afternoon and evening, not inviting him to the table for the evening meal. Before retiring the parents told him that he could have something to eat, he could sleep in his room and in the morning he could return to his favoured beer drinking practice by going to the liquor store down the street. It seemed that all members of his family were aware of his indiscretion and referred to his desired beer drinking lifestyle. Obviously, this approach had a lasting impact on our new Rotarian and he vowed not to drink another beer until a certain goal had been achieved.



Many goals have since been achieved because of his focused approach and he presents as a wise determined individual, who is a great asset to our Club and the community of Regina. Thank you Patrick for opening this portion of your life story to us. We are honoured to have you as a member of Regina Eastview.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New Member Proposal** – President Richard advised that the Directors at their meeting on July 13 approved the publication of Shannon Windrim as a member of the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview. Shannon is sponsored by Doreen Pankewich. If any member of Regina Eastview has a reason why Shannon should not be admitted to membership, you must bring your concern to the attention of President Richard or any Club Director within the next seven days.

**Membership Dues are Due** – Clarence Krause's appeal seen earlier was reiterated by President Richard.

**President Council Matters** – Richard will confirm the date of the RC of Regina Industrial Parks *Pancake Breakfast* and the *Annual All Clubs Picnic in the Park*.

**Volunteers Required** – For the Pancake Breakfast Ann Grahame will require a number of volunteers: i) to pick up the ShelterBox Tent boxes from her residence and take them to the Breakfast site; and ii) help set up the tent and take it down after the breakfast. Please contact Ann with your offer of assistance.

### **ROTARY TIDBIT**

Rotary International President-elect Sam F. Oworu died unexpectedly on 13 July due to complications from surgery. Sam was a member of the Rotary Club Kampala, Uganda, for 38 years.

“Rotary has become a way of life for me – with the intrinsic value and core belief in mutual responsibility and concern for one another as a cornerstone,” Sam said when he was nominated last year. “I feel immense satisfaction knowing that through Rotary, I’ve helped someone live better.”

Sam's term as Rotary's 108th president would have begun on 1 July 2018.

“Please remember Sam as the outstanding, hardworking Rotarian he was,” said Rotary International President Ian Riseley. “In this difficult time, I ask you to keep his wife, Norah, the Oworu family, and Sam's millions of friends around the world in your thoughts.”

Under Sam's leadership, the number of clubs in Uganda swelled from nine to 89 over the course of 29 years.

Sam saw in Rotary members "an incredible passion to make a difference," and wanted to "harness that enthusiasm and pride so that every project becomes the engine of peace and prosperity."

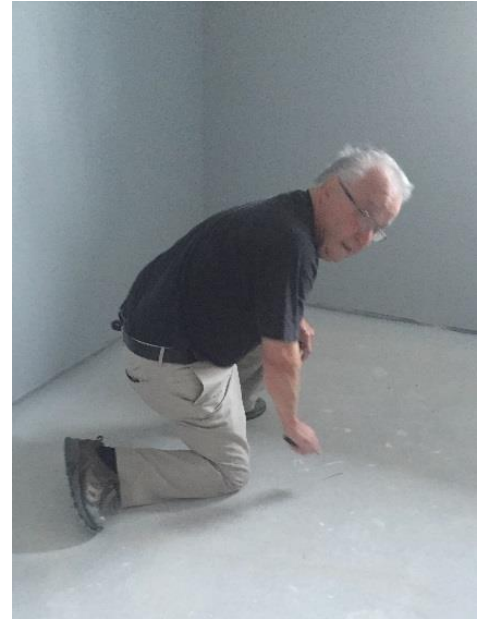
See the entire story at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/president-elect-sam-oworu-dies>

Today President Richard invited us to stand for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of RI President Elect Sam Oworu – this is a sobering moment in the world of Rotary.



## COMMENTARY

Special thanks to the members and friends of Regina Eastview who volunteered for the Habitat for Humanity build last Saturday. Sadly, only 5 of the 13 individuals who volunteered were able to work, because the site only had one “supervisor” and they had failed to advise Doug of this restriction for our work day. However the five who work enjoyed a dusty three unit cleaning day. Thanks to Doug Mortin who made the arrangements and stayed to work along with Pat and Doug Richards, Jim Powell and Peter Peters. Photos courtesy of Pat Richards.



Left - Jim Powell tearing cardboard into pieces and sweeping out units; Centre - Pat Richards window and bathroom cleaner; Right, Doug Richards assigned (along with Peter Peters) to scraping putty and mudding off 2000 square feet of floor with 2 inch scrappers; and, below lunch break, with Jim focused on donut consumption. It was a good day (wasn't it)!



**For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters**