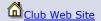


# **Rotary Club of Regina Eastview**

# The ROTOR

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Jul 30 "RI Convention San Paulo, Brazil" with President Ron Okumura

Aug 6 "RotaryHIP" with Ann Grahame

Aug 13 To be confirmed

Aug 20 "Mental Health Services in Saskatchewan" with Byrna Barclay

Aug 27 To be confirmed

Sep 2 "All Clubs Picnic in Rotary Park" 5:30 gathering; 6:30 "dining"

Sep 3 NO MEETING - We met in the park yesterday, remember

Sep 10 To be confirmed

Sep 15 "Rotary Clubs of Regina Rotary Awareness Day" It's a Tuesday at the Delta

## **NEXT MEETING**

"RI Convention San Paulo, Brazil" with

**President Ron Okumura** 

July 30, 2015

## **DUTY ROSTER**

Registration: John Van Koll

50/50: Mounir Bouchaibi

Greeter: Don Shindelka

Pleased to see Tania Woroby expanding her sphere of accomplishments by serving at the **Registration Desk**, a first time opportunity at this role. Jeff really wanted to sell **50/50 Tickets**, but until he arrived, which was about the time the last ticket was sold, Alda Bouvier looked after this task. Good job all around (sorry about the hair/head cut, Mounir).



Meeting got off to a good start, as seen here with President Ron



at the podium – it may look like he is moving but this was the photographer.

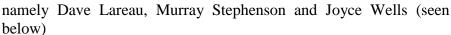
**SECOND NOTICE** - Clarence Krause again reminds members to pay their Membership dues. Thank you.

It is a new Rotary year and it is hard to keep up with the changes. Allen Hillsden was the pinch-hitting song leader. As if that is not enough Doreen Pankewich was guest Philosopher and shared this **Thought for the Day** from Sir Winston Churchill, who observed, "You have enemies? good, that means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."



The **Lead Table** was seven strong consisting of President Ron Okumura, Dave Lareau, Murray Stephenson Doreen Pankewich, Wally Dressler, Mounir Bouchaiba, and John Van Koll.

Tania Woroby had the good fortune of introducing our **Guests** who were all asso-ciated with Prairie Spruce Commons Co-Housing,



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While not the seller of **50/50 Tickets**, Jeff Barber did handle the draw component of this weekly awaited event. Jeff assigned the draw for \$17.00 to guest speaker Dave – Mounir Bouchaiba was happy to take home the money (or at least the portion that remained after he paid for his Birthday "gift".

No sooner had Mounir received the \$17.00 when he and Lloyd Rogers were recognized as "**Happy Birthday**" celebrants. We sang, they smiled, it was good.

## **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

It was Mounir Bouchaibi again, this time as the Sergeant, a role he has coveted for some time. This required each table to nominate a representative for what would be a skill testing challenge. Seven Rotarians (left) were selected, each was directed to spell "Bouchaibi", who knew this would be so difficult. All the losing tables had to gather up \$5.00. Then Mounir did a magic trick where he made a coin disappear into his elbow - at the end of the day the



coin wound up in his hand – again we "losers" had to fork out another \$5.00 per table (participants checked their wallets at the

end). Doug Mortin was fined \$1.00 just because; Happy dollars came from Jeff Barber who was happy Alda filled in for him at the 50/50 counter; Mounir was happy just because he was happy. So ended the Bouchaibi reign.



## **PROGRAM**

John Van Koll was called on to introduce Dave Lareau who presented the story of Prairie Spruce Common, the first cohousing initiative in Regina.

Following are some of the things we learned from Dave:



- -Cohousing is not a cooperative, but rather a "collaborative" housing initiative where many things are held in "common";
- -Cohousing was founded in Holland in the 1920's and came to the North American continent in the 1980's;
- -There are 11 cohousing communities in Canada, with Regina being the newest endeavour;
- -Cohousing includes:
- A common house for community activities and meals;
- o It is pedestrian friendly;
- o It is designed, managed and maintained by residents;
- Is governed by residents using a refined collaborative decision making process;
- -Cohousing shares the skills of neighbours thereby making effective use of the individual abilities;
- Each housing development has a broad range of cultures;
- The Common House kitchen is where residents will determine the frequency of their "together" meals;
- It is a high density building which reduces the overall foot print, where residents will share their "stuff";
- Current plan is to construct a 27 Unit complex with units ranging from "studio" to multi bed room units;
- 14 Units are sold and construction start is set for the spring of 2016 with construction being 15 to 18 months;
- For additional information Google Prairie Spruce Commons.

President Ron expressed our collective appreciation to Dave for his informative presentation and presented him with a "secure" business car holder.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MS Society 2015 Bike Tour – Peter Peters made his annual appeal for funding to support the work of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The *Peters Pedalers Plus* Team will field 14 cyclists and 4 volunteers in this year's ride ride which will take place on August 15 & 16 (right - 2014 *PPP* Team). Pledge sheets were on the tables and donations were welcomed and appreciated. Donors can access Peter's on line page at:



http://mssoc.convio.net/site/TR?px=1867496&pg=personal&fr\_id=3811&s\_locale=en\_CA&et=PwgOC6T2-K\_9WamyzkJf-g

**Pancake Breakfast** – Greg McNamara reminded members of Regina Industrial Parks 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast on July 29, 2015 on Gaebel's Brewhouse Parking Lot (Park and MacDonald) 6:30 to 9:00 A.M. A great morning time! Also, Ann Grahame needs a couple of able bodied persons to help set up the ShelterBox Tent in the early morning of the 29th – best call Ann to confirm the time.

**Rotary Club of Regina Eastview Facebook** - Please to go to this Facebook page, to see photographs of Leticia, who recently received a degree in Bioveterinary studies from the prestigious Royal Veterinary in London, UK.



Ann Grahame also posted photographs of Camilla, The Duchess of Cornwall, who is Patroness of ShelterBox, UK, with a ShelterBox.

# Nigeria on the brink of becoming polio-free

Nigeria has gone almost one year — longer than ever before — without a case of wild poliovirus. The last case was reported on 24 July 2014 in Kano state. Once the gateway to polio in Africa, Nigeria is paving the way to eradicating the disease on the continent.

But reaching the milestone is only one step on the final road to ending polio and it is too soon to celebrate victory. Until polio is eliminated everywhere, it can return to Nigeria and the rest of Africa. Less than a decade ago, in 2006, polio paralyzed 1,000 people in Nigeria.



Valentine GALA Primer – Peter Neufeldt, Adrienne Heron and Doug Mortin representing the Sponsorship Sub-Committee challenged us to think bigger as we prepare for future Valentine GALA events. This will require vision, enthusiasm and collective commitment to grow this major fundraiser which will more than quadruple the amount raised in 2015. It needs all of us to be on board and dedicated. "Let's do this!"

## **COMMENTARY**

"Tip of the Hat" to Wally Dressler, Peter Neufeldt and Margaret and Peter Peters who responded to the Regina Food Bank's call for volunteers to pack some 5000 food hampers. Actually this crew made set up the cardboard boxes. These hampers (boxes) were filled with good stuff and sent to Evacuees from Northern Saskatchewan to assist them in transition back to their homes in these fire devastated areas. What is the "Theme" again.......



