



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

Thursday, June 2, 2016

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Jun 9 **“Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)” with 2 Students and their Counselor**

Jun 16 **No Noon Meeting**

Jun 17 **“President's Social and Changeover Meeting” at the Regina Delta**

Jun 23 **“SOFIA House” with Sarah Valli, Executive Director**

NEXT WEEK

“Model United Nations Assembly”

Featuring
Two Students

June 9, 2016

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: Jeanne Martinson

50/50: Leo Ell

Greeter: Pat Richards

New member Laurel Mattison was being oriented to the **Registration Desk** today – actually reference to “orientation” might be stretch. This was Laurel’s first assignment to Registration and it was more like, “sink or swim” – and a credit to Laurel she choose to swim. Good Job!

Close by selling **50/50 tickets** was veteran Rotarian and Past President Pat Dell and right next to Pat, with her own wee round table was Past President Doreen Pankewich selling tickets to the



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June 3---Peter Peters, Sherry McKinnon, Jack Wozniak

June 10--Ann Grahame, Tanya Woroby, Allen Hillsden

June 17--NO SCHOOL

June 24--Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Doug Mortin

President’s Social and Changeover Meeting – once you paid your way passed this group of three, it was pretty much “free” sailing.

There were many Past Presidents assigned this week, as once the club relieved you of your money, Past President Gail Bradley extended the warm hand of welcome in her **Greeter** capacity. Gail uses the two handed approach.

President Ron Okumura welcomed us to the meeting at the prescribed time and challenged us with his usual, “first Thursday of each month question” - **June is “what” Month in Rotary?** Last



week’s ROTOR warned members to be ready for the question – the Editor got it right – because he read the ROTOR and searched out the answer on Google.



Philosopher Doreen Pankewich was back and shared this **Thought for the Day** from English Author (of Winnie the Pooh fame), the late Alan Alexander Milne, “*One of the advantages of being disorderly is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries.*”



The **Lead Table** had a balance of maturity and youthful vitality consisting of Laurel Mattison, Fakhra Shahid (left), Doreen Pankewich, Richard Schwan, Hans Gaastra, Nelson Falkowsky, Chelsea Grumley (right) and President Ron Okumura.

Fakhra Shahid and Chelsea Grumley were our **Visiting Rotarians** both members of the Rotaract Club of Regina Auxilium – two of the fine young Rotaractors who provided excellent service at Regina Eastview’s Valentine GALA as 50/50 ticket sellers and game managers



Family of Rotary - President Ron advised members that Past District Governor (PDG) Doug O’Brien, from the Rotary Club of Flin Flon, passed away on May 27, 2016. We were invited to stand for a moment of silence.



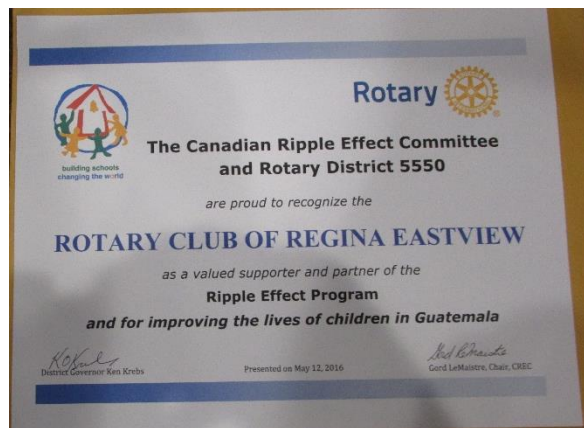
PDG Doug and Dona served District 5550 as Governor and First Lady, with special distinction during the 1998-1999 Rotary year. Jim Lacey of Cookeville, Tennessee, President of Rotary International that year selected **Follow Your Rotary Dream** as Rotary’s theme. On reflection, for Doug and Dona to visit each of this District’s 47 Clubs, waving the Rotary flag and serving as *Follow Your Rotary Dream* advocates, was a perfect match. They were doing exactly what the theme stressed, and each year as Past District Governors gather for a dinner, Doug would remind us of their task and how their “dream” continued. Margaret and I were most privileged because we followed Doug and Dona in the District Governor capacity. They were our reference point on the how’s, what’s and when’s of proceeding along this Governor road. A

gracious gentleman of the finest order, Doug O’Brien led by example, and I will miss his quiet, supportive friendship and the firmness of his handshake.

Happy Birthday wishes were sung to Gary Carlson (May 28), Gail Bradley (May 29) and Ron Okumura (June 4) – we would have included Gord Wicijowski in our serenade, but he choose to be away and will face the choir on another day. “Easy come – easy go” had a correct ring as Gary Carlson won \$27.50 from the **50/50 draw**, which paid for the gift!



Sergeant-At-Arms Pat Dell strode to the podium, smiled for the cameras and reminded us that this is a Rotary meeting and Rotary pins and name tags are required attire – should one or both of those Rotary “identifiers” be missing folks so adorned paid \$2.00 for each offense. Happy dollars rolled forth from: Laurel Mattison who expressed appreciation to those



members and their partners who introduced her to District Conference 2016 –



because she was successful in acquiring one of the Silent Auction items at the Conference she presented the item (which resembled Allen Hillsden – look at the eyes) and a card signed by all the Eastview members present today to Allen Hillsden for his attention to the needs of all Eastview members; Peter Neufeldt was happy to present President Ron with the Certificate of Appreciation from the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee; and, Richard Schwan read a letter of thanks Ann Grahame received from Gem Munro, Amarok Society for the Club’s \$1,000.00

contribution to the Society’s program in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nigeria.

PROGRAM

President Ron introduced our Guest Speaker, Regina Eastview member and soon to be “President Elect” Richard Schwan. Richard was invited to speak about a special project undertaken by RBC titled the RBC Blue Water Project.



In his introductory comments, Richard noted this water initiative is consistent with many of Rotary’s inter-national service projects in that it addresses a resource which has become an increasingly important to humanity around the world. From Richard we learned that Canadians, per capita, use more water than any other country in the world. We blindly “flush” away 50 gallons of water a day.

RBC has committed to spending \$100 Million annually to assist communities around the world meet the needs of their people. Using these stated resources and the volunteer efforts of some of their 78,000 employees RBC is in the business of supporting communities in keeping rain water and snow melt as close to where it falls and/or flows as reasonably possible.

RBC divide their grant opportunities into three categories: Community Action Grants (\$1,000.00 to \$10,000.00); Leadership Grants (\$10,001.00 to \$100,000.00); and Blue Water “Makeovers”. It is this latter group which includes Employee efforts and financial support.

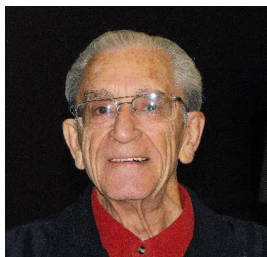


Attention to water availability in the next 34 years is significant when one considers that at present 50% of the world’s population live in an urban setting. By 2050 urbanization is expected to increase to 85%. This massive shift requires greater collective attention must focus on safe and sustainable water sources.

For more details on the RBC initiative please visit:

<http://www.rbc.com/community-sustainability/environment/rbc-blue-water/index.html>

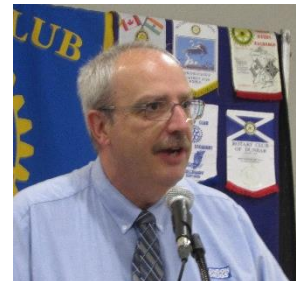
President Ron expressed our collective appreciation to Richard for his message and the focus of RBC on water for the future.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration of Life for Ted Gyles – The Gyles family are having a celebration of life for Ted, our fellow Eastview member, on Saturday, June 4th (12 noon to 2:00 P.M.) at the All Saints Anglican Church, 142 Massey Road, Regina. Eastviewians are considered family and Mary Gyles phoned to extend any invitation for members to join the celebration.

Lyle Piett Memorial Golf Tournament – The Rotary Club of Regina Eastview 9th Annual *Lyle Piett Memorial Golf Tournament* is scheduled for Friday July 8th 2016 at Tor Hill Golf Course. John Van Koll reminded us that event is a short month away. There are still holes to purchase, golfers to register, prizes to be collected. Members will receive registration information from John again this week. Seems an early sign up will benefit your score.



Rotaract Fundraiser – Chelsea Grumley told us about Rotaract Club of Regina Auxilium's *Sixth Annual Polio Awareness Night!* The Rotaract will be hosting a prom themed fundraiser with great music and dancing! **Prom dresses and tuxedos optional.** The event is Saturday, June 11th from 7-11PM, at the Artesian on 13th Avenue. Tickets are \$15 each! Just a little reminder - every dollar donated equals five - so each ticket sold is donating \$75 to PolioPlus (if I'm doing the math correctly!) For tickets and information call Chelsea at 306-530-8561 or by email at rotaract.regina@gmail.com!

President's Social and Changeover Meeting – Doreen Pankewich was selling tickets for this “must attend social event of the Rotary year”. **Friday, June 17th – Delta Hotel – Cocktails at 5:30; Dinner at 6:15; Entertainment at 7:20.** See details e-mailed via ClubRunner May 31st.



Canadian Mental Health Association Regina Branch Fund Raiser – Nelson Falkowsky told us about this event sponsored by CMHA Regina Branch. They are looking for riders and volunteers of many descriptions June 26th. Please Call Nelson and Wanda for details (306-565-2288). Check out the event at:

<http://ridedonthide.com/ab/about-the-ride/>

ROTARY TIDBIT

RI President K.R. Ravindran closed the convention in Korea on Wednesday, 1 June, with a poignant story about his mother's fight to survive polio at age 30.

When Ravindran was 11 years old in his native Sri Lanka, his mother awoke one day feeling weak and short of breath. Sitting down to rest, she found herself unable to move. The polio virus had quickly invaded her nervous system, resulting in paralysis.



RI President K.R. Ravindran shares a personal story of triumph over polio at the closing session of the 107th Rotary convention.
Photo Credit: SJ Cho

She was placed in an iron lung at the hospital to enable her to breathe, and was told that her chances of walking, or even surviving without a ventilator, were slim. But most Sri Lankan hospitals were not equipped with ventilators in 1963. Ravindran's grandfather, a Rotary member, hosted a club committee meeting in his living room the evening after his daughter was rushed to the hospital. Rather than simply offer consolation, his fellow members went to work, using their business acumen and professional connections to find a ventilator.

One of the members was a bank manager who called a government minister to facilitate a quick international transfer of funds. Another member, a manager at SwissAir, arranged to have a ventilator flown in. The next day, it arrived at the hospital.

"There was so much red tape at the time in Sri Lanka, but somehow, those Rotarians made it all fall away," Ravindran told the packed audience at the KINTEX Convention Center in Goyang city.

You will appreciate the rest of the story which you can access at:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/ravindran-moves-audience-personal-story>

COMMENTARY

Rotarians have the highest regard for Bill Gates and the Gates Foundation and rightly so. My friend, and former Regina Eastview member Roger Currie, who now resides in Winnipeg, advanced something Bill Gates might wish to undertake to help we who rely on "Windows". This is ***Currie's Corner 419 – June 2, 2016***, enjoy!



Bill Gates now enjoys a well deserved reputation as one of the world's outstanding philanthropists, as he and wife Belinda have used their Billions to help many worthwhile causes. They have also done their best to 'shame' others who are super rich to do the same. But if Mr. Gates still has any ongoing interest in the little software outfit he started years ago, could he please do something about the horrid 'bullying' that surrounds Windows 10.

As a Windows 7 user, myself and millions of others continue to be bombarded with an increasingly annoying campaign by Microsoft to install this latest version of their operating system. The upgrade is free until the end of July, but their latest bag of tricks is getting more and more dishonest and disruptive. If you're not very careful, or might be easily led down the wrong digital path, before you know it, the install of Windows 10 is already done.

It's a situation that adds new meaning to the word 'panic', especially for us Baby Boomers who did not go easily into the digital night after the age of 40.

I've talked to a couple of Millennials' who tell me that 10 is indeed a wonderful system that we should welcome into our lives, but it's hard to imagine that happening after the poisoning of the well that has been carried out by the folks in Seattle. We should never forget that Microsoft was not what you would call well-loved before they came out with this operating system.

All by themselves, the software giant has managed to create an entire other industry bent on helping computer users to NOT do business with Microsoft. If you are among those who would like the bullying and insanity to end, just Google the words Never 10. You'll be helped to install a device that will prevent the digital demons from installing 10 when you're not looking. It will also thankfully block the messages from Microsoft.

I'm Roger Currie

I feel better, how about you?

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters