



# Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

## The ROTOR



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Jun 28 **Networking/Fellowship meeting PLUS “This is my Life” with Ron Okumura**

Jul 5 NO MEETING IN FAVOUR OF GOLF ON JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>

Jul 6 **“Lyle Piett Memorial Golf Tournament” at Tor Hill**

### PROGRAM

Networking/Fellowship meeting &  
“This is my Life”  
with  
Ron Okumura

Next Week

June 28, 2018

### DUTY ROSTER

Registration: Peter Peters

50/50: Shannon Windrim

Greeter: Chad Cunningham

Student: Greg McNamara

## **In Rotary June is Rotary Fellowships Month!**

The **Registration Desk** was staffed by Shannon Windrim, supported by Doreen Pankewich, who was also impersonating Jeanne Martinson, the assigned **50/50 tickets** salesperson. Filling her variety of tasks, Doreen was not always at her station and so in this instance, Shannon had “full table” responsibility. As the assigned **Greeter** was not

present, members took responsibility of welcoming each other.



### Chili for Children Duty Roster

June 22—Jack Wozniak, Shannon Windrim, Greg McNamara



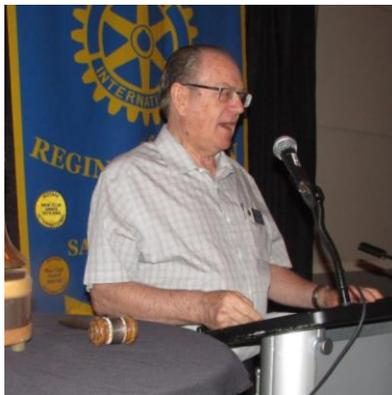
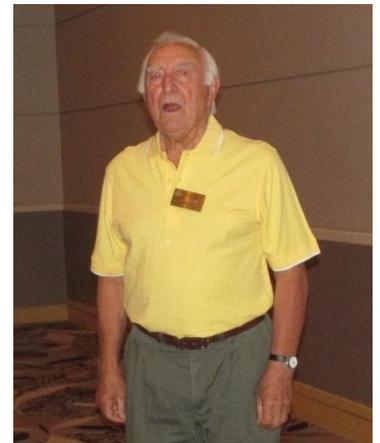
**President Richard Schwan** was in his casual mode a week ago when he spent a moment (or two) sharing the anxiety associated with hitting, first a moose and then on his very next trip to Saskatoon, running into a deer with his car. Today he was back at being his cool, in charge Executive self. Either way President Richard makes me feel good to be in his company.

In calling the meeting to order, President Richard, reminded us that June 21<sup>st</sup> is **National Indigenous Peoples Day**,

“National Indigenous Peoples Day (French: *Journée nationale des peuples autochtones*) is a day recognising and celebrating the cultures and contributions of the [First Nations](#), [Inuit](#) and [Métis Indigenous peoples in Canada](#).<sup>[1]</sup> The day was first celebrated as **National Aboriginal Day** in 1996, after it was proclaimed that year by then [Governor General of Canada Roméo LeBlanc](#), to be celebrated on 21 June annually. 21 June was chosen as the statutory holiday for many reasons-including its cultural significance as the [Summer solstice](#), and the fact that it is a day on which many Indigenous peoples and communities traditionally celebrate their heritage.” (Selected from:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_Indigenous\\_Peoples\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Indigenous_Peoples_Day))

**Nelson Falkowsky** got the call to lead in O’ Canada, and he encouraged us all to try and keep up the intended tempo – it was cranked up from 2 weeks ago for sure. From a search of the gathering it was concluded that Shreedhar Jachak was not in attendance and so the President led us in Rotary Grace.



Leif Riesach shared this **Thought for the Day** from American stand-up comedian, actor, writer, and Oscar-winning film producer, Steven Wright, who said, “*Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until they speak.*” Surely Leif was not referring to today’s presenters, or was he?

President Richard introduced the individuals who joined him at the **Lead Table**. This consisted of Guest Speaker Leroy Berndt, Louis Brown and Rob Schmidt.

Shannon Windrim introduced our **Guests** for this *Bring a Friend to Rotary Day* which consisted of: Leroy Berndt guest of the Club; Lisa Peters guest of Perter Peters; Mawien A Kot and Tunde Adeieran guests of Laurel Mattison; Ken Klein guest of Doug Mortin, Rob Schmidt guest of Richard Schwan; Gaylene Spence quest of Greg McNamara; and, Tim Keen and Jollen Smadu guests of Jack Wozniak.

Doreen Pankewich managed the **50/50 Draw**, first advising us that \$44.00 was raised today which means \$22.00 less \$2.00 gets added to the pot creating a balance to be won of \$243.00. It was President Richard’s guest Rob Schmidt, who got the nod to dip his hand into the box of marbles searching for green among the blue. Both Doreen and Rob appear puzzled as to the color, until the green marble is seen in the box. Rob goes home with Host Richard’s \$2.00 investment in his pocket – winners all around – almost!



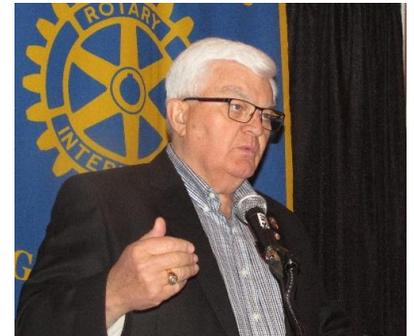
## SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Greg McNamara was welcomed as the Sergeant-At-Arms and started by humbly suggesting that begging money and or embarrassing people is not his favoured approach to winning friends, started gently by recognizing all members who brought a friend and awarded each of those members with a Rotobuck (8 Rotobucks handed out to 6 people); then “nasty”, or penalty, came into play and all members who did not bring a guest were fined #1.00. Happy dollars came from Nelson Falkowsk whose 12 year old Grandson Benjamin, has been invited to attend school in the Canada Olympic Park School this fall. Students enrolled in this school spend the first half day in academics and the afternoon is spent in sports, and in Benjamin’s case this would be focused on hockey; and, Leif told us that “his Margaret” celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday and he is finding it difficult to keep up with her.



## PROGRAM

President Richard called on the Club’s Membership Director PDG Doug Mortin to introduce today’s program titled “Bring a Friend to Dinner”. In his introductory comments Doug identified the members of the Membership Committee which included Laurel Mattison, Kell Sloan, Louis Brown, Chris Hefner, Gord Wicijowski and Joyce Butler. The Committees twofold responsibility is to provide leadership in attracting new members and to keep members in the Club, so retention is an important component of their work. Having a “Bring a Friend to Dinner” was Laurel’s idea, which centred around inviting prospective members to a regular meeting and providing visitors and Club members with a capsuled

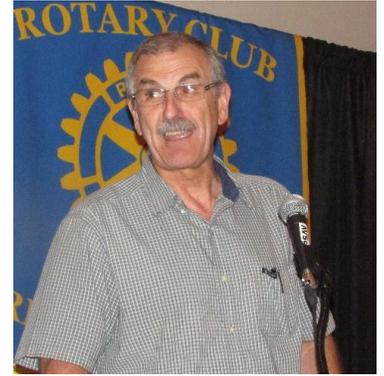


view of the kinds of projects in which Regina Eastview is involved. Doug touched on the various fund raising initiatives in which the Club is involved in the raising of \$38,500.00 which are dedicated to local and international projects.

Doug called on Louis Brown to provide an overview of the local projects in which Regina Eastview is involved and to introduce a guest who will speak to one of our signature projects. Louis listed the areas of focus for local initiatives which included the Canadian Mental Health Association Regina Branch, which serves as signature project. Chili for Children is both a hands on opportunity in addition to providing financial support.

The Regina Open Door Society and Student Energy in Action for **Regina** Community Health are agencies Eastview supports. In addition Louis indicated Rotary has a strong commitment to youth evidenced by our commitment to the one year Rotary Student Exchange as we hosted Runa Yamaguchi from Japan since last August; our Adventures in Agriculture Program which our Club hosts during Western Canada Agribition in November each year; and, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) which occurs in August each year for both junior and senior campers. Having personal knowledge of the program because both his son and daughter have attended, and describe it as “an amazing best experience ever”. To speak to the impact of our support on their organization, Louis introduced Leroy Berndt, the new Executive Director of the CMHA Regina Branch.

Leroy is from South Africa and admits, that even though he lived in Winnipeg for a number of years, he has still not mastered speaking “Canadian” – although we could understand most of what he said. From Leroy we learned:



- Although he is new to CMHA Regina Branch, he has learned that the success of the Branch is largely dependent on the partnerships developed in the community;
- He is familiar with what Rotary does and is thankful for the partnership they have developed with Eastview;
- More organizations are coming to the Branch and are looking to develop a partnership;
- The Branch is receiving increased interest in the services CMHA can provide and are looking to CMHA to present a program to their employees – recently they were invited to an agency with over 400 employees;
- Today their staff were at the Farm Progress Show providing an educational session;
- Last year their staff made 41 presentations in schools – in the last 2 months they have made 13 presentations - so their exposure is increasing significantly;
- They have 220 cyclists registered for the *Ride Don't Hide* challenge this Sunday.

Leroy concluded his presentation by thanking the Club for the ongoing financial support which continues to open doors where they can share their mental health expertise.



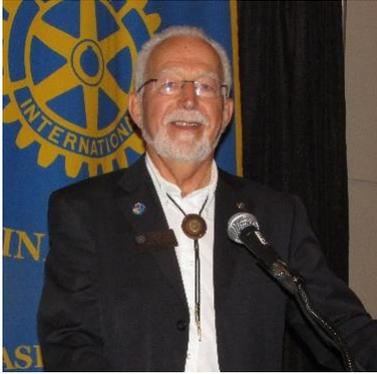
Doug next invited Laurel to speak to the International Projects in which the Club is involved and to introduce Peter Peters. Laurel provided an overview of the PolioPlus program initiated by Rotary International in 1988 and which Regina Eastview has supported from its outset. In partnership with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Rotary proposed the eradication of polio, and were joined in 2007 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, who matched donations received from Rotarians. While eradication is not complete it is now confined to 3 countries – Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. Rotarians have raised in excess of \$1.2 Billion US.

Laurel also spoke about ShelterBox, a program focused on providing “housing” for people who have lost their home due to manmade or natural disaster. ShelterBox was begun by a Rotarian in 2000 and the organization now has 18 affiliates around the world including ShelterBox Canada. She referred to a number of the disasters around the world where citizens have had their dignity restored because they were provided with a ShelterBox “home”.

Laurel then called on Peter Peters to speak of the impact of the Ripple Effect Program in Guatemala.

From Peter we learned:

- Regina Eastview has, beginning in 2007, been involved in the construction of 6 schools in Guatemala serving a student enrollment of 600 plus students;
- Schools provide students with a clean safe place to learn;



- Washrooms have not only a cleanliness feature but improve attendance, particularly of girl children;
- Schools are built when the community forms a partnership with teachers, parents and Civic officials;
- Communities have come to realize their own ability and their sphere of potential influence;
- Computer installation in schools have shown to i) reduce the dropout rate by 50%; ii) increase attendance by 24%; and, iii) see 26% more students pass on to the next grade, in schools where computers were installed;

- The Ripple Effect Program is about making dreams come true

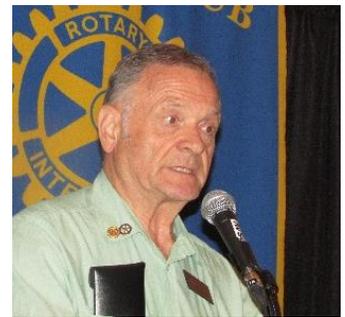
To access the Ripple Effect video we could not show at the meeting please go to:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B51Xh35A5xhNdVIBOER0UGo0UJW8>

President Richard thanked the Membership Committee for their leadership and preparing today's program.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lyle Piett Memorial Golf Tournament** – Allen Hillsden reminded us of John Van Koll's promotion of the Golf Tournament - Tor Hill - July 6, 2018. Invite friends and family to participate in this "celebration fund raiser". Looking for golfers, prizes, dinner guests and volunteers. Get details from Allen and Pat Dell as John is basking in Toronto at the RI Convention.



**Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) to Australia** – Nearly the final reminder - Shreedhar Jachak earlier told us about the RFE to Australia is from March 7-21, 2019. The closing date for application is **June 30, 2018**. The Australian RFE Team return visit is planned for September/October 2019. Contact Shreedhar for information.



**District Conference Videos** – During the District Conference 2018, Lisa Peters videoed the Ripple Effect Interview with Gord and Debra LeMaistre as well as Stephanie Christensen, Executive Director of ShelterBox Canada. Both these videos are now available to be viewed by going to: <http://lisapeters.ca/interviews/>

### COMMENTARY

I received the following from OXFAM Canada yesterday – thank you for what you do to make a difference.

Today, on World Refugee Day, we acknowledge the strength, courage, and perseverance of the millions of refugees who have fled their homes to seek safety in neighbouring communities, in new countries, and even on new continents.



Nearly 66 million people around the world are currently displaced as a result of conflict, persecution and natural disaster. From Bangladesh to South Sudan, from hurricanes to famine, there are now more people around the world who are displaced than at any other time in recorded history.

Half of those experiencing displacement are women and girls, who also face the threat of discrimination and violence while they flee, and in the refugee camps where they settle.

Get more on this story at: <https://www.oxfam.ca/>

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

