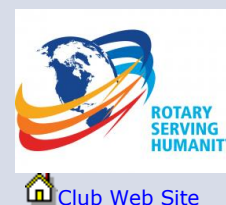




## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

# The ROTOR

June 22, 2017



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Jun 29	<b>"The Shania Project"</b> with <b>Tiffany Kearse</b>
Jul 6	<b>NO MEETING</b> in favour of Golf Tournament
Jul 7	<b>Lyle Pielt Memorial Golf Tournament &amp; Dinner</b>
Jul 13	<b>"Canadian Mental Health, Saskatchewan Division"</b> with <b>Rebecca Rackow</b>
Jul 20	<b>"The Matthew Project"</b> with <b>Keith Renaud</b>
Jul 27	<b>"Building Stronger Brands"</b> with <b>Catherine Bradbury</b>
Aug (TBD)	<b>"India's Dalit Population"</b> with <b>Sam Berg</b>

### PROGRAM

**"The Shania Project"**  
with **Tiffany Kearse**

**June 29, 2017**

### DUTY ROSTER

**Registration:** **Gord Wicijowski**  
**50/50:** **Leif Riesach**  
**Greeter:** **Gary Carlson**

**In Rotary June 2017 is "The Rotary Foundation's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" !**

Drawing



to a close and welcoming



was the order of the day

as it was Regina Eastview's **"Changeover Meeting"** at the Delta Regina, where members and guests took the evening to participate in changing "of the guard". In the July 2017 issue of *Rotary Canada*, which you just received in the mail this week, PDG Rod Thomson, Chair of the Advisory Board, wrote in his *View from the North*, "Business analysts would tell us that wholesale change of leadership is not conducive to success, yet our clubs continue to serve our communities." PDG Rod goes on to speculate why this works in Rotary. As I watched the changeover process unfold this evening, I believe he has it right – the key difference is "enthusiasm" – certainly this is true in Regina Eastview. Enthusiasm was a driver in the past and is repeated as we move from 2016-2017 to 2017-2018.

Club Service is in charge of this meeting and Committee Co-Chairs Pat Dell and John Van Koll headed up the organizers. This included responsibility for the **Registration Desk**. The Editor was so focused on the \$20.00 bill (and a goodly number of those were handed in) that most everything else is out of focus (Her Majesty may also be a bit "wavy")





It was opportunity to say “Thank You” to **President Greg McNamara**, and his “for 43 years” gracious partner, Anne, for an out-standing year. The specialness of the evening was extended as we had the good fortune to have in attendance District Governor Elect Peter and Janet Neufeldt. DGE Peter was flashing the “tie of the year” (**right**), which in and of itself is pretty classy and as you will note later makes the DGE look quite sophisticated.



## **PROGRAM**



Past President Pat Dell was MC and as programed, at 6:15 P.M. called us to “order” advising that we would be less formal – no identified **Lead Table** as all tables were special – no introduction of **Guests and Visiting Rotarians** – which meant we were individually responsible to welcome guests. The evening focused on recognizing and thanking the current year’s leadership and introducing and welcoming our 2017-2018 leaders.

After Dinner, MC Pat Dell introduced our **Entertainer**, her good friend and Regina Eastview member Jeanne Martinson. Combining her talent as a singer and speaker, Jeanne paid tribute to our Irish President Greg McNamara by inviting the audience to select from her 4 song repertoire “the essence” of President Greg. Was the essence of President Greg’s year, i) reflective of the Irish classic, *Danny Boy* (of which Jeanne sang the first stanza) – this fine Irish tale penned by some English Lawyer; or, ii) was it *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*, which is “bright and gay and happy”, somewhat like our President; or, possibly, iii) was it the Irish Lullaby - *Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral, Too-ra-loo-ra-li, Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral, Hush, now don't you cry!* (seems Jeanne did not think this applied to President Greg because of the reference to “*Hush now*” which might not be one of Greg’s most apparent characteristics; and, the option iv) was, *The Unicorn Song* with the Irish Rovers – and Jeanne sang:



There was green alligators and long-necked geese  
Some humpty backed camels and some chimpanzees  
Some cats and rats and elephants, but sure as you're born  
The loveliest of all was the unicorn.

Members of the Irish Rovers, who came from Ireland and Scotland, but formed in Toronto, have an enthusiasm which is reflective of our President. So the question remained for us to answer which of these reflect the essence of President Greg – you decide!

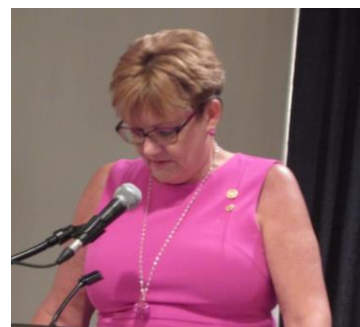
This gentle beginning set the stage for the traditional **Presidential Roast** which began with MC Pat calling on Past President Ann Grahame. Ann had the good fortune of being President Greg’s Regina Eastview Sponsor, and later as a member of the Club’s Nominating Committee, approached Greg about letting his name stand in nomination as President. The latter came to pass, but not before Greg consulted with his wife, Anne, and got her consent and support. Ann reminded us that as John Van Koll earned the title of King John; and she herself was dubbed Queen Ann; so Greg has earned the Title of *Saint Gregory*.





beneath the surface; great with figures; role model of a family man; strong father figure; and, caring person". Sounds like our man, **President "Saint Gregory"**. Thank you, Ann.

The second "Roaster" was our MC, Pat Dell. As the Sergeant-At-Arms, Pat praised President Greg for his dis-organization which was "money-in-the-bank" for a seeker of resources to meet an established budget. She intimated that with Greg at the helm, raising money was like taking money from a baby – following a well-established meeting Agenda seemed exceedingly difficult as things would be "overlooked", because of the many opportunities "to be blessed".



Pat then wandered into an overview of the Irish "McNamara Clan" which included a unique group of folk, some of which President Greg pride-fully acknowledged as good ancestors – others like the "castle builders" and "Fireball McNamara" received a shake of the President's bowed head, which suggested it would have been better if Pat had not delved so deeply into his "Saintly" ancestry.



From "Roaster" Pat, President Greg received what else but one of the famed blue insulated shopping bag – but wait, there is more. Inside the Blue Bag was a red "Pat Dell" Grocery Bag, most appropriate for picking up those more heat tolerant groceries. Thank you, Pat.



Having concluded the "roasting", MC Pat invited President Greg and Anne to the podium where she presented them with tokens of appreciation for their year(s) of service through Rotary and specifically the leadership during 2016-2017.

In response to the roasting and toasting our ever-humble President expressed his heartfelt thanks and acknowledged his and our level of being "blessed". He thanked the ROTOR's editorial "staff of Gail Bradley, Ann Grahame and Peter Peters for their weekly commitment to recording of events; to Ann for inviting him to step in to the President role and for the blessing received through this walk; to Doug Mortin and Joyce Butler's encouragement to include "This is my Life" talks, where we learn so much about the roles our members play and have played in society; to the Board for their ongoing counsel and support and specifically to PP's Ron Okumura and Gail Bradley for their kind and gentle tutoring over the year; to all members of the Club for providing this wonderful opportunity to be the Club's President; and, to Club Secretary Allen Hillsden, for his dedicated commitment to process and detail.



At this point President Greg called on PDG Doug Mortin to the podium to make a special presentation. Doug invited Allen Hillsden to join him. Doug explained that the Club's Board choose to step outside of established protocol and recognize Allen Hillsden for his nearly two decades of dedicated service as Club Secretary.

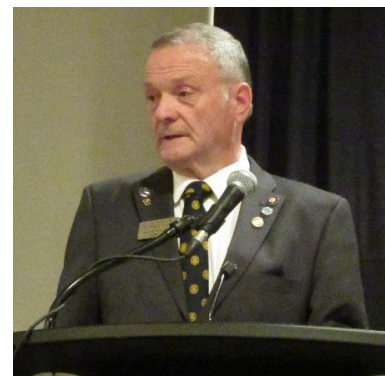




Through Allen's continuing attention throughout these years, his service has been a demonstration of consistency, credibility and continuity. For these gifts of time and dedicated service the Board were honoured to present Allen Hillsden with a "Paul Harris Fellow". Doug proceeded with the "pinning".

Allen, who not only serves as the Club's Secretary, he is also Secretary of the District 5550 Board and the recorder of a host of Committees and "Task Forces" associated with that role, expressed his deep appreciation for

this recognition, acknowledging that he has chosen to serve as Secretary as he deems this a most effective way of demonstrating and sharing his gifts and talents. Thank you Allen Hillsden for leading the way through your "service".



### **Presentation to the outgoing Board**



Each of the attending Outgoing Board members were invited to the Podium where our ever thoughtful, President Greg presented them with a beautifully wrapped gift that could not be opened and demonstrated until all were presented. Recipients Richard Schwan, John Van Koll, Ron Okumura and Pat Dell were so recognized and were then invited to open "their respective prize". The details cannot be revealed at this point. Additionally, President Greg colluded with Access Communications Channel 7 TV *Talk of the Town* host Lisa Peters, that her father-in-law Peter should be exposed to the "wild side" (whatever that means), so Peter too received the "gift" – which he already has learned to cherish.

### **Recognition of Perfect Attendance Awards**

– In keep with tradition the following members of Eastview were presented with Perfect Attendance Certificate: (r to l) Gary Carlson (34 years); Ann Grahame (14 years); Allen Hillsden (19 years); Greg McNamara (2 years); Doug Mortin (19 years); Peter Neufeldt ( 6 years); Peter Peters (28 years); and, Chris Hefner (1year – having joined 1 year ago). CONGRATULATIONS ALL!



**President's Pin Presentation** – As a concluding symbol of authority, President Greg invited President Elect Richard Schwan to the podium and pinned Richard with the "President's" pin, which effectively signals that at midnight on June 30, 2017 Presidential authority for the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview will be assumed by Richard Schwan and we move into Rotary year 2017-2018. (Sadly, no picture - will rectify next week).

### **President Elect's Presentation**



– With Regina Eastview's unique opportunity to be the home of the District Governor, DGE Peter Neufeldt and PE Richard shared the stage. DGE Peter expressed his delight in being part of this evening's celebration. A celebration which honoured the service of President Greg and his year of leadership where each meeting was topped off with a "Blue Bag". A year where we held high the banner of *Rotary serving Humanity*. Peter was "humbly proud" of Regina Eastview and its leadership over the years and the potential we have in leading *Rotary: Making a Difference* in our community, in District 5550, and the world. He then presented PE Richard Schwan with two banners. The first was a large theme banner, which will be proudly displayed at each meeting of our Club.

The second banner was one our Club will feature at each meeting during the coming year The *Home of the District Governor* banner, which will remind members and visitors alike of the status of the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview, a distinction we must honour with our commitment, vision and action. (These banners will be featured in a future ROTOR). PE Richard received the banners with his appreciated quiet confidence.



In addressing the gathering, President Elect invited members of the Incoming Board of Directors to join him on the stage and with Secretary Allen's assistance presented each with their appropriate pin. This included: (r to l) Greg McNamara (Past President and Director Rotary Foundation); Doug Mortin (Director Membership); John Van Koll (President Elect); Ron Okumura (Director Fund Raising); Pat Del (Director Club Service); Allen Hillsden (Secretary); and, Richard Schwan (President).

PE Richard shared a few thoughts regarding the past year and the goals he has for the coming year. In the regard to the former, Richard acknowledged the strong leadership Greg McNamara demonstrated over the past year – a year that was reflective of Greg's energy, passion, commitment, fun and fellowship. He and Sharon have just returned from a Rotary highlight – the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. This experience reminded him that while Rotary Clubs are all different, there is a sameness in their foundation and commitment to matters that are common.



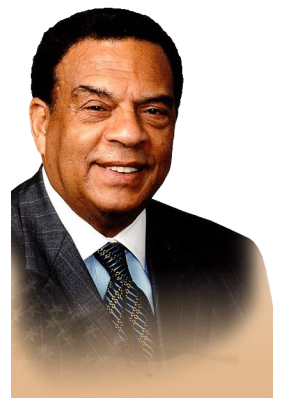
PE Richard identified three priorities:

- i. Strengthen and support our Club – the need to build on diversity – to attract more women, young professionals. To build a culture that welcomes uniqueness with its engagement of local and international activities and projects;
- ii. Need to be focused on Humanitarian Service – to remember we cannot do everything and so we should be focused on areas and projects that are sustainable and we can support effectively; and,
- iii. Enhance our Image – we must step out of our modest history stance and take every occasion to leverage media opportunities to ensure Rotary's work and effort is celebrated to the extent possible.

Richard concluded his remarks by referencing a presentation made by Andrew Young, an American politician, diplomat, activist, and friend of the late Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King, Jr., at the RI Convention, Young made the observation that Rotary is well positioned because it is recognized and appreciated by Government on the one hand and Business on the other. He suggested that Rotary is the "grease" between the two which brings out the best in both to the benefit of the communities both serve.

Thank you, Richard, for your vision and for stepping forward to lead Regina Eastview to ever bigger things.

And, with President Greg leading in reciting the Four-Way Test, the meeting concluded.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lyle Piett Memorial Golf Tournament:** Remember John Van Koll asked members to sign up for our great social and fund raising event on **July 7, 2017**. Please surround yourself with 3 others (hopefully non-Rotarians) and enter a team. Looking for silent Auction Items – let John or Allen know what you can “put on the table”.

**Canada 150** – John Van Koll just sent out a note to all Eastviewian Rotarians that London Drugs has joined with the Regina Open Donor Society to gather essential items as they welcome 150 new families to Canada during Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Support as you are able.

### ROTARY TIDBIT

*Rotary Weekly - June 16, 2017*

**At the Rotary International Convention, global leaders and key donors affirm their commitment to ending polio** - *By Ryan Hyland and Teresa Schmedding*

With polio on the brink of eradication, nations from around the world and key donors pledged more than \$1 billion on Monday to energize the global fight to end the paralyzing disease. [View Slideshow](#)

Bill Gates, co-chair of The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and RI President John Germ share the recent news about their partnership in the fight to eradicate polio.

The historic pledges of new funds at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, will go toward drastically shrinking the [\\$1.5 billion](#) gap in the funding that the partners of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) say is needed to reduce polio cases to zero worldwide. Just five cases have been reported this year, the lowest number in history.



Read the rest of the article at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/polio-pledges-2017-convention#Pledge>

## COMMENTARY

As we applaud the action described in the ROTRY TIDBIT above, we are reminded of the critical need for immunization program vigilance as we move to free the world of polio. President Greg shared the following story by [Rick Gladstone](#) in the June 20, 2017 issue of the New York Times - **Polio Paralyzes 17 Children in Syria, W.H.O. Says**. Gladstone draws to our attention to, “a recently confirmed outbreak of polio” in this war torn country. You can read the article at:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/20/world/middleeast/syria-polio-children-paralyzed.html?ribbon-ad-idx=4&rref=world/middleeast&module=Ribbon&version=context%20AEion=Header&action=click&contentCollection=Middle%20East&pgtype=article>

**Let us keep our eyes on the goal – End Polio Now.** You can track the Polio Global Eradication Initiative on the Website at: <http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-now/this-week/>



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

