



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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 [Club Web Site](#)

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Jul 6	NO MEETING in favour of Golf Tournament & Dinner
Jul 7	Lyle Piett Memorial Golf Tournament & Dinner
Jul 13	"Canadian Mental Health, Saskatchewan Division" with Rebecca Rackow
Jul 20	"The Matthew Project" with Keith Renaud
Jul 27	"Building Stronger Brands" with Catherine Bradbury
Aug 3	"TBD" it could be "A" or "B" stay tuned
Aug 10	"India's Dalit Population" with Sam Berg
Aug 17	"TBD" it could be "B" or "A" stay tuned

PROGRAM

**Lyle Piett Memorial Golf
Tournament & Dinner
At Tor Hill**

July 7, 2017

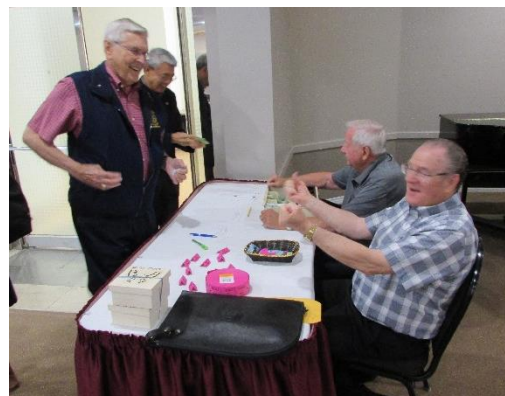
DUTY ROSTER

Registration: Volunteers
50/50: Volunteers
Greeter: Volunteers

In Rotary June 2017 is "The Rotary Foundation's 100th Anniversary" !

One immediately recognized that we were in good hands today as we were greeted by an Auditor and Librarian. Gord Wicijowski was at the **Registration**, while Leif Riesach was advocating investing in a million dollar prize through the selling of **50/50** tickets.

Garry Carlson (below left) was our very attentive **Greeter** today, and seated himself close to the door so he could jump up to greet those who came in a little late. This photo was taken in the early stages of our gathering when Gary was trying to ensure everyone would receive an appropriate portion of his time – it would appear Leo Ell had received has "portion".



In Rotary JULY is:
"Start of New Rotary Officers Year of Service"

It was **President Greg McNamara** last meeting of his Presidency and he called us to order by thanking members once again for the privilege we had bestowed on him; for the opportunity of going to the Rotary International Convention in Seoul South Korea; and, for the wonderful President's Social Celebration held for he and Anne last Thursday. President Greg had "swag" to present to Eastview Directors who had not attended last Thursday's Social and with that he called up Jeff Barber, Director Vocational Services; Louis Browne Membership Director; and, Lyle Gollnick, Director of Community Services and presented them each with a wrapped gift (purchased in Bankog) of appreciation for great service.



Then, because, "We have a full dance card" it was on with the show – such a guy!

Nelson Falkowsky led our singing, Past President Gail Bradley led in Rotary grace and Club Philosopher Doreen Pankewich, called on to share her, "**Thought for the Day**". Doreen chose a Pastor observation about living in a small town, "*The nice thing about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you are doing, someone else does.*"



President Greg introduced us to the individuals joining him at the **Lead Table** - this consisted of Gail Bradley, Guest Speaker Tiffany Kearse (**left**), Ann Grahame, Ron Okumura and Tania Woroby.

Gord Wicijowski was called on to introduce our **Guests**, which today included guest speaker Tiffany Kearse, guest of the Club; Shannon Windrim (**below left**) guest of Doreen Pankewich; Agnes Semey-Akorli (**below middle**), guest of Laurel Mattison; and, Awelana Akeriwe (**below right**) guest of Louis Browne.



Leif Riesach managed the **50/50 Draw** and did this with a clear understanding of expectations - \$66.00 was raised which means \$33 (less the \$2 refund to the lucky winner) or \$31.00 dollars will be added to the increasing pool. Chris Hefner's ticket was drawn, because "lightening" rarely strikes in the same spot, Chris came up "blue". Thanks for playing in the game, Chris.

We sang **Happy Birthday** to Lyle Gollnick, and because Lyle knows the drill he had his \$10.00 out before he got the podium – this paying for your gift does catch on after a time. For clarification President Greg is singing and not talking!

Special Presentation – 25 year pin of service as a member of Regina Eastview was presented to Rotarian Ralph Goodale. At such a prestigious moment President Greg felt it important to involve the most appropriate people in the process and he selected Louis Browne to "pin" Canada's Minister of Public Safety (no pun intended), the Honourable Member from Regina – Wascana. It was a struggle for their collective four hands to "unpin" the pin for the card, let alone attach it to the Safety Ministers attire.



REMEMBER

REGINA EASTVIEW DOES NOT MEET NEXT THURSDAY



SERGEANT –AT-ARMS



Pat Dell Sergeant-At-Arms, selected Jim Powell as the collector of moneys raised, and President immediately recognized this combo was not going to bode well for him on the last meeting of his presidency. There seemed a momentary reprieve when all incoming Board members were invited to indicate if they had adorned themselves with their **new Director pin** - President Greg had, few others were so prepared so it cost them \$2.00; being true to the Four-Way Test all members who had taken **3 pieces of dessert** were invited to contribute \$1.00. Happy Dollars came from **Jeff Barber**, who told us that his daughter has moved out of the family home and into her new place of residence – also she just started a new job, an important component when you “move out” – life is good: **Clarence Krause** told us their

Calgary Granddaughter just received a major Academic Award; **Peter Peters** conveyed **Art Foster’s** sincere thanks for the cards and well wishes he has received from members – Peter also encouraged members to attend Canada Day Breakfast (7:30 to 10:00 AM) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fort Qu’Appelle (call Peter 306-781-2231 for details); **Peter Neufeldt** indicated they will be taking the Syrian family their Church sponsored to the family’s first Canada Day Celebration; and, **Doug Mortin** announced their Grandson Nathan graduated from Campbell Collegiate this past week.

Should he have had the agility to leap, President Greg would have clicked his heels as he made it through the Sergeant’s report without having to pay – WOW!!

PROGRAM

President Greg introduced our guest speaker Tiffany Krease, Lead Program Manager of Shania Kids Can in Regina. In 2015 Shania Twain came to Regina and launched her Kids Can Clubhouse at the Judge Bryant Elementary School. Today we had the good fortune to have Tiffany as our guest to tell us about this challenging initiative.

In her introduction Tiffany indicated that Shania Twain had a challenging childhood and in the process of facing those challenges, she committed herself to helping students that were in situations similar to some she experienced in her home and community. The Program is made possible through the work of and support of [The Dilawri Foundation](#).

In keeping with the founder’s vision, students come from troubled homes with a low socio-economic status. Staff work directly with students providing help working on academic, social and personal goals. Geared toward underprivileged kids, “the program is a kind of last step before social services intervention. It provides before and after school support and activities, fresh food, life and personal skills training, and academic support.”



Here are some of the things we learned about the Program:

- The Program has a 4-point “Solution”: i) Provide students with **SKILLS** to overcome challenges and improve student ability to function in school; ii) provide a **SAFE PLACE** to go for help; iii) Maximize students **OPPORTUNITY** to obtain multi-level support; and iv) Implement the “**SKC CLUBHOUSE**” idea to provide a safe confidence building environment where learning and growth are achieved.
- The Program overview has four components
 - Selection of an appropriate school for the SKC Program
 - Transform a classroom into a new SKC Clubhouse
 - Kids receive support in the Clubhouse – academic, nutritional, therapeutic and extra-curricular

- Kids are given a chance for success in life (because of support from the Program)
- Educators have credited the SKC program with behavioural turnaround and 100% improvement in many children from start to end of the school year
- Patricia Chertow, Principal of the Shumacher Public School In Shania's home town of Timmons, Ontario observed " Our Students that participate in the Shania Kids Can program benefit greatly from the support they receive on a daily basis. The program is an essential part of their school dayin fact it's a lifeline for many of our students."
- In addition to Regina, SKC schools now exist in Brampton, ON; Calgary, AB; Las Vegas, NV; Surrey BC; and, Timmons. ON.
- The top 10 issues SKC Students face are:
 - Difficult socializing with peers;
 - Lack of funds for extra-curricular activities and field trips;
 - Anxiety or sadness;
 - Difficult with school curriculum;
 - Arrive at school hungry, or without lunches or snacks;
 - Single parent home;
 - Lethargic;
 - Bullied or stigmatized;
 - Little supervision outside of school;
 - Disregard for hygiene.
- Faced with these challenges the Program can boast the following improvement statistics from September 2015 to June 2016:
 - 72% increase in positive attitude towards school;
 - 65% improved Mental Health;
 - 60% Physical Health Improved;
 - 65% Decrease in Poor Hygiene;
 - 75% Improvement in Social Behaviour.
- Financial support goes toward a host of initiatives including:
 - Full time staff support;
 - Furnish and equip program space;
 - Food & hygiene supplies;
 - Recreation program and equipment;
 - Support various specialists;
 - Teach kids practical life and social skills;
 - Provide mentorship opportunities;
 - Support plans to assist students transitioning between schools.
- Participation in the program is voluntary;
- Focus is on children in grades 3 to 6;



- Regina was selected in response to the demographic and Dilawi understanding of the situation.

Tiffany concluded her presentation with this quote: "Children in the Shania Kids Can program are more confident, happier, and healthier and participate more in class. They are finding new passions, developing new goals and envisioning brighter futures thanks to the help and caring support of SKC."

President Greg thanked Tiffany for her presentation and presented her with the gift of the year.

2017 Regina Afro Fest – Louis Browne was called on to introduce Awelana Akeriwe a spokesperson for the Regina Afro Fest which will be held in Victoria Park on July 8, 2017. The following from their Website at: <http://reginaafrofest.com/about-us/>

Regina AfroFest is an annual outdoor community event that celebrates Africa's diverse cultures through live music performance, drum & dance, arts & craft, African food and workshops.



The very first Regina AfroFest was held in downtown Regina at Victoria Park on July 5, 2014 and featured both local and international artists with roots in Guinea, Cameroon, Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, Belize, Cuba and Canada. Other performances included a fusion of choreographies from Zambia, Liberia, Kenya, South Sudan and the Caribbean.

See poster and Event schedule circulated with this ROTOR.

Concert Admission - \$10.00 children 12 and under free;

Awelana provided this warning – “you will experience uncontrollable dancing and joy.”

Ripple Effect Video – Peter Neufeldt showed the short Ripple Effect Program video prepared by John Berringer, a member of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee, with assistance from the Guatemala Ripple Effect Committee.

You can access the Video at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B51Xh35A5xhNdVIBOER0UGo0UW8/view>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lyle Piett Memorial Golf Tournament: John Van Koll will circulate information on the **July 7, 2017** Golf Tournament this evening including list of golfers and volunteers – check over the list and advise John of any corrections and/or omissions. Weather will be fantastic – close to a +31 degrees (John has inside information)

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 150th Birthday. Support as you are able.

ROTARY TIDBIT *Rotary Weekly – June 23, 2017*

Follow up to last Week's - **Polio Paralyzes 17 Children in Syria, W.H.O. Says**. In the June 23, 2017 issue of *Rotary Weekly* the following article provided useful understanding of these “outbreaks”.

[Understanding the recent polio outbreaks](#)



Outbreaks of vaccine-derived polio have been reported this month in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Syria, according to the World Health Organization. Why do these happen? Vaccine-derived cases are rare, and differ from polio cases caused by the virus living in the wild. Here is what you need to know about these outbreaks. <https://www.rotary.org/en/understanding-vaccine-derived-polio-outbreaks>

MESSAGES FROM OUR 2017-2018 LEADERS

President Elect Richard Schwan came to the podium to make three observations. The first was to express appreciation to President Greg for a “Banner year” thanking for enthusiastic leadership and dedication to fun. Secondly, he reminded members that the year, while one of transition, will be built on the foundation of previous Presidents and Boards on whom he will rely.; and finally he reminded the new Directors and their respective Chairs to attend the next Directors meeting which will be held at t 5:15 PM in Thursday, July 132017 at Access Communications.

District Governor Elect Peter Neufeldt expressed his appreciation to the Club, and while he will miss a number of noon Luncheons this summer and fall, his thoughts will never be far from Regina Eastview. He will attend whenever possible. As he and Janet journey around to the District’s 46 Clubs he will, in each instance, bring greetings from Regina Eastview. It will be a year of “Making a Difference” and they are excited about waving this banner.

Best wishes to you both – we are cheering you on!



COMMENTARY

Each year the incoming President of Rotary International identifies a “Theme” for the year. At midnight on June 30, 2017, Rotarians will put aside **Rotary Serving Humanity** as we raise the **Rotary: Making a Difference** banner. I appreciate these annual “Themes” as they provide a new way of looking at and considering Rotary’s **Service Above Self** motto. The Theme becomes an integral part of each District Governors year of service. While for most Rotarians the Theme will soon be forgotten, I suspect that for each District Governor and for each of their Club Presidents it will not be forgotten and will remain a memorable and foundational component in what these individuals refer to as “my year”.

So to our fearless Regina Eastview leader for 2016-2017, President Greg McNamara, we are indebted to you for making this a quality year as you led us in making **Rotary Serving Humanity** real. This not only in the minds of Eastview members, but more importantly in the lives of our service beneficiaries. And so for you, our Irish friend this common Irish Blessing, may it be your forever portion:

May you always have...

*Walls for the winds
A roof for the rain
Tea beside the fire
Laughter to cheer you
Those you love near you
And all your heart might desire.*



For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters