



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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Mar. 17	"Our Experiences as Rotary Scholars" Joanne Skidmore, Myra Kubot Mitchell
Mar. 24	"Update on the Regina Pats" with Todd Lumbard
Mar. 31	"My Recent Visit to Uganda with the Stephen Lewis Foundation" Nola Myers (Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers)
April 7	SEARCH Literacy Program Update with Kelly Husak

NEXT WEEK

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"Our experiences as Rotary
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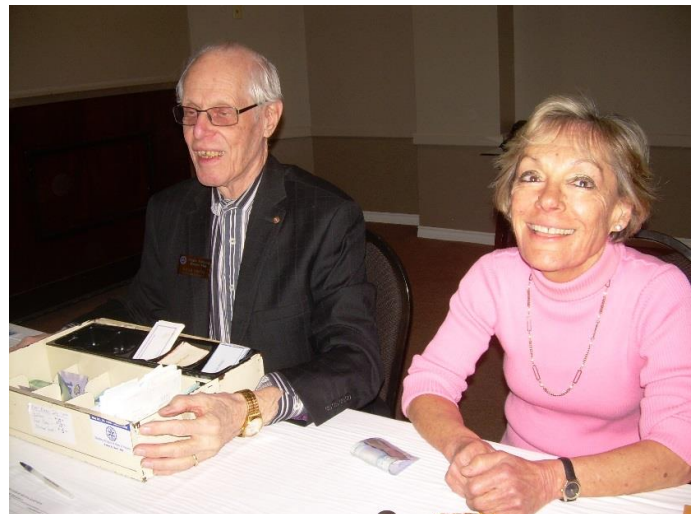
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Registration: Barry Strohan

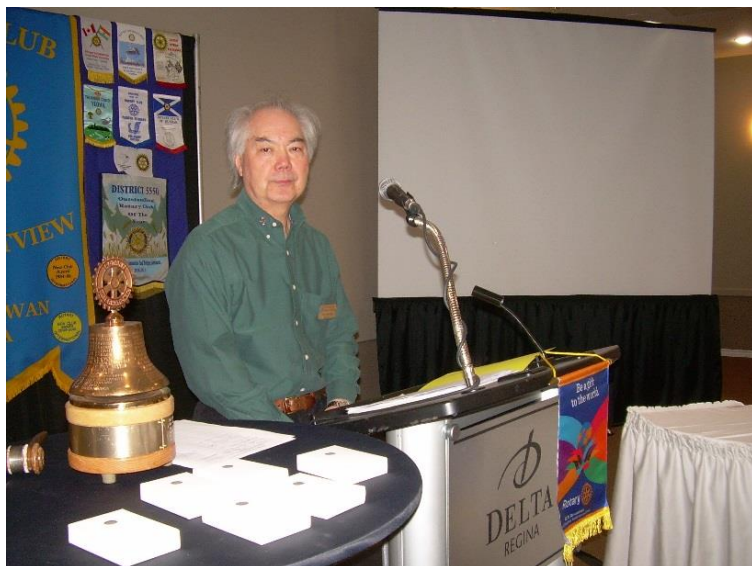
50/50: Jack Wozniak

Greeter: Nelson Falkowsky

Registration: Long time Rotarian, Allan Smith, handled registration duties today on behalf of John Van Koll. Tania graciously attended to the sale of 50/50 tickets on behalf of Allan Smith!!

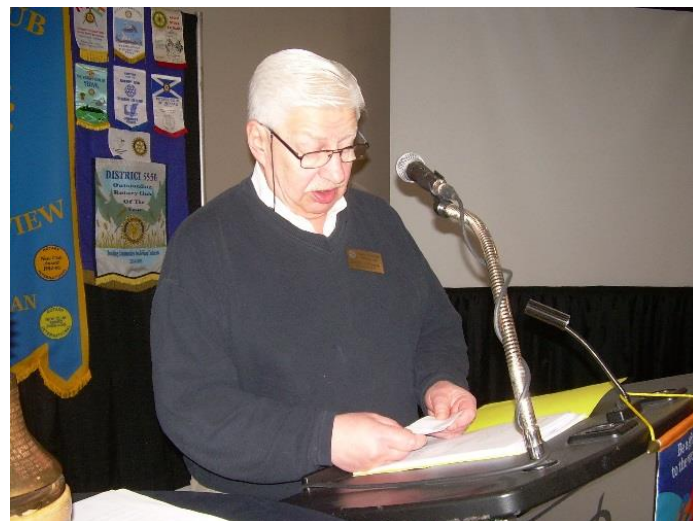


It was somewhat complicated to some of us but Allan and Tania knew exactly what they were doing. Meanwhile Peter Peters is seen carrying out Greeter duties welcoming President Ron to Eastview.



President Ron welcomed us to Eastview, followed by the singing of O'Canada led by Nelson.

Club Philosopher today was Barry Strohan. He left us with a philosophy credited to W.H. Auden, a British American author & poet: "We are here to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea."



Thanks Barry for your humorous quotes. We have enjoyed them.

Lead table guests seated with President Ron were: guest speakers from the Regina Open Door Society, Donnalee Wennberg and Margaret Hnidy, prospective member Ted Kent, Sam Berg, & Nelson Falkowsky.

Guests: Allan Smith advised us that guests visiting the Club today in addition to the guest speakers were: Chad Cunningham and Maja Starovic, guests of Louis Browne, Ted Kent prospective member, Vern Hoyt, former member of Eastview and guest of Greg McNamara. Welcome guests.

Visiting Rotarians: our guest Rotarian today was Dinesh Kashyap from the Rotary Club of Regina Oskaya.

50/50: Tania reported that a total of \$34 was collected, leaving \$17 for the winning ticket holder. The winner of the 50/50 was Nelson Falkowsky. Nelson kept \$2 to pay his parking and donated the remainder to Chili for Children. Thank you Nelson.

Sergeant at Arms: there was no Sergeant carrying out the duties today. President Ron called for Happy Bucks. Greg McNamara was happy to have former Eastview Rotarian, Vern Hoyt, visiting today. Vern is now retired and decided to check us out again. Greg also paid a fine, levied by himself, as he greeted the guest speakers calling them by the names of the speakers booked for next week! Jeanne was happy to have spent 5 weeks in Hawaii and also that 3 of her books can be uploaded on the internet which will result in great exposure. Allen Hillsden contributed \$20 in celebration of 40 years of marriage with Grace today. Congratulations!

Program: Sam Berg introduced the guest speakers, Margaret Hnidy and Donnalee Wennberg, from the Open Door Society. Margaret is the Director of Language, Employment and Child Care Services. Donnalee is a manager of childcare services. Both women have an education background and are volunteers with various community organizations. Sam noted that the Regina Open Door Society (RODS) is a non-profit organization that provides settlement and integration services to refugees and immigrants in Regina. RODS is committed to meeting



the needs of newcomers by offering programs and services that enable them to achieve their goals and participate fully in the larger community.

Prior to their presentation, on behalf of Eastview, Sam presented a cheque for \$2000 to them for the Open Door Society (see photo above). Margaret came to the podium first to tell us about the language services provided by the Society to refugees and immigrants via the LINC program (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada). This program began in 1992 and is for adults. Initially there were 3 full time classes however Regina has changed so services of the Society have changed. There are now 36 full, part time and evening classes. The Society assists 500 language learners a day. Most teachers have an education degree.

There are 2 streams of classes offered. The literacy stream where clients have no more than 6 years of education. The regular stream provides assistance to people who have an education and in many cases work experience. Initially the clients to the Society were refugees. However Saskatchewan employment opportunities offered abroad brought many new people to the province who have benefited from the services of the Open Door Society. Most immigrants come as families & parents come to the Society for the benefit of their children.

Donnalee has been with the Society for 6 years and works in Child Care Services. A former teacher in the public school system and in early learning programs she has much to offer children of refugees and immigrants. The daycare program is licensed by the provincial government and offers programs according to specific guidelines. About 80 children require the services on a daily basis. Children can be in the program from 6 weeks to 6 years after which they enter the public or separate school system. The children often learn English along with their home language and it also provides English speaking children exposure to other languages. Donnalee noted that she hears and learns something different everyday.

It was noted that the Settlement Department looks after housing and settling of clients and provides counseling on many necessities of life issues such as banking and finance. The staff of the Society hear many interesting stories of new Canadians adjusting to life in Canada particularly those who arrive in the winter months.

President Ron thanked the speakers and presented them each with a small gift of appreciation.

Thank you to the Society for what they do for newcomers to our province and our country.

Announcements: Peter Peters announced that there would be an International Services Committee meeting following the Club meeting and that anyone interested in attending would be welcome.

President Ron announced that the annual Saskatchewan Prayer Breakfast will be held on April 6. Individuals require tickets to attend this event.

The Eastview Board meeting will be held this evening at Access Communications.

MORE ABOUT THE REGINA OPEN DOOR SOCIETY

Objectives are to: Assist refugees and immigrants and promote their adjustment to and participation in the Saskatchewan community; promote and extend community services to refugees and immigrants to foster greater awareness and understanding between newcomers and the community; seek to establish facilities for intercultural, educational and social activities.



The vision of the Regina Open Door Society is: a Welcoming Community Enriched by the Diversity and Strength of Newcomers to Canada. Read more at: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/regina-open-door-society-inc/?gclid=CK_O8qqKt8sCFQQEaQod90IMfw.

CHILI FOR CHILDREN DUTY ROSTER

March 11	NO SCHOOL
March 18	Doreen Pankewich, Nelson Falkowsky, Doug Mortin
March 25	NO SCHOOL
April 1	NO SCHOOL
April 8	Lyle Gollnick, Peter Peters, Hans Gaastra
April 15	Allen Hillsden, Ann Grahame, Tania Woroby
April 22	NO SCHOOL
April 29	Doug Mortin, Nelson Falkowsky, Sherry McKinnon

NEWS FROM SHELTER BOX AND DISTRICT 5550 VOLUNTEER RON NOSEWORTHY

Kenora Rotarian and ShelterBox response team member, Ron Noseworthy, received word Monday that his next overseas deployment will be to Fiji.

"I'm going in by this weekend," said Noseworthy, who is both a ShelterBox response team member and past chairman of ShelterBox Canada. He explained ShelterBox has been on the ground since Category-5 Tropical Cyclone Winston, the strongest storm ever recorded to make landfall in the Southern Hemisphere, hit the island country of Fiji on Saturday, Feb. 20. "It was a massive storm with 200-mph winds and waves that were 40-feet high. It is estimated 90 per cent of the homes were destroyed."

Winds from the cyclone tore thousands of homes apart, stripped edible coconuts and fruit from trees, uprooted crops, and contaminated the drinking supply with ocean water.

Storm surges caused further damage to those living on the remote islands without shelter, food, safe drinking water or the tools and materials to rebuild their lives.

The Fiji government has made an official request for international assistance. Read more at:
<http://www.kenoradailyminerandnews.com/2016/03/08/ron-noseworthy-heading-to-help-in-fiji>

We wish safe travels to Ron as he journeys to Fiji and once again exemplifies Service Above Self!!



Filling in for Rotor Editor Peter Peters, I am Gail Bradley