



# Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

## The ROTOR



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- Mar 22 **“YMCA Events”** with **Shawn Fraser**
- Mar 29 **“Membership Successes 2017-2018”** with a **Membership Entourage**
- Apr 5 **“Title Pending”** with **Dr. Raman Paranjape**
- Apr 12 **“The State of the City”** with **Mayor Michael Fougere**
- Apr 19 **“ Building Peace Through Rotary / Peace Conference”** with **DG Peter Neufeldt**
- Apr 26 **“ HELP Homes of Regina”** with **Sherry McKinnon**

### PROGRAM

**“YMCA Events”**  
With  
**Shawn Fraser**

**Next Week**  
**March 22, 2018**

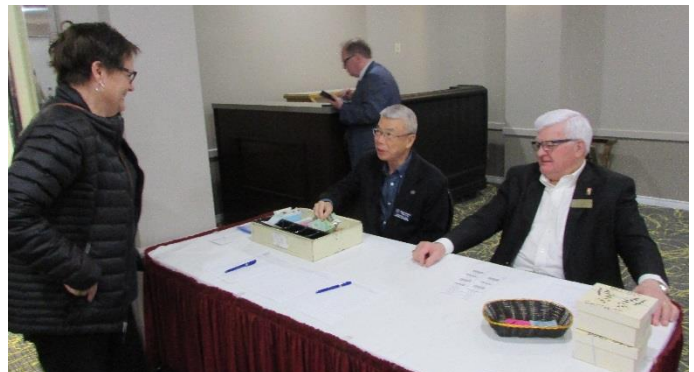
### DUTY ROSTER

**Registration:** **Jizinge Mwela**  
**50/50:** **Doug Mortin**  
**Greeter:** **Peter Neufeldt**  
**Student:** **Shannon Windrim**

## MARCH – Water & Sanitation Month in Rotary!

**Takayoshi Ono** was at the **Registration Desk** today taking in the cash and making change of course, while Jeff Barber was in the background helping credit card payers into the room – as reflected here it was a “pressure cooker”.

**Doug Mortin** was taking his turn selling **50/50 Tickets**, and for reasons not disclosed sold the selected ticket to Takayoshi.



Doreen Pankewich was back from her “short” vacation and was struggling to get into her busy “Rotary routine” so she handed off her **Greeter** assignment to the volunteering **Gail Bradley**, whose warm welcome is always a treat.

**President Richard Schwan** was not available so Past President **Greg McNamara** was driving the Regina Eastview ship today so he becomes #1 on page 2 – looks pretty much the same as nine months ago.



**Nelson Falkowsky** led in our **National Anthem** – nothing will be said about following the “new words” and **Gwen Friedrich** led us in reciting Rotary Grace.



**Ted Kent's** Irish side won out as the **Thoughts for the Day** consisted of a quote, but also in good Irish style complimented the thought with a “blessing”. The quote is from Ireland’s first President, Douglas Hyde, who said, *“The Gaelic League is founded not upon hatred of England, but upon love of Ireland. Hatred is a negative passion; it is powerful - a very powerful destroyer; but it is useless for building up. Love, on the other hand, is like faith; it can move mountains, and faith, we have mountains to move.”*

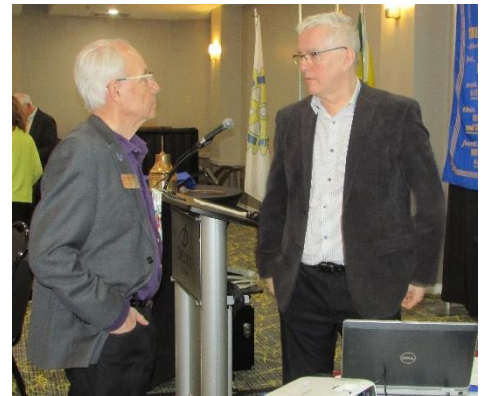
### An Irish Blessing

May love and laughter light your days,  
and warm your heart and home.  
May good and faithful friends be yours,  
wherever you may roam.  
May peace and plenty bless your world  
with joy that long endures.  
May all life's passing seasons  
bring the best to you and yours!

The **50/50 Draw** was handled by **Doug Mortin** raised \$64.00 adding \$30.00 to the pot. Steve Compton drew Takayoshi’s ticket which meant Taka had a chance to find the green marble. Mr. Ono dug deep, selected a marble and after studying it a second said, “Oh, no!”

Another quality **Lead Table** which in addition to Acting President Greg included Guest Speaker Steve Compton and guest of the Club; and, Dr. Raman Paranjape guest of **Clarence Krause**.

Our **Guests** were introduced by Takayoshi Ono - Dr. Raman Paranjape (below) and Steve Compton, seen here with **DG Peter Neufeldt**.



### SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Pat Dell was preparing for the Sergeant role in advance of the meeting with her “Irish Counsellor” John Van Koll. Hence, she started by reminding us this is the “Ides of March”, which according to the Sergeant this had to do with, “calling in a debt”. So began confessions about what was the worst piece of debt you had to repay. Louis Brown bet his friend that Donald Trump would not win the US Presidential Election in 2016 – bad bet, bad debt, but paid. So ended the confession as the conversation took different turns, which for reasons of maintaining family unity and love will not be disclosed here.



Happy dollars come from Pat Richards whose grandson won the first round of Hockey play downs in White Court and is now bound for games in Fort McLeod; Leif Riesach was sad because he lost a curling game to Lyle Gollnick but was rather happy that in the Friar’s Brier of the 8 games his team played, the most notable game was the one they won 9 to 0; Doreen Pankewich was happy to be back after a 4 week holiday but sad because now she has to make her own bed;

Allen Hillsden's Granddaughter returned from Edmonton where their school's Cheer Leading Team won third place; Barry Strohan may have been making up for something, in any event he explained he and Shirley are happily married; Sam Berg was happy to tell us his wife is returning from Mexico where she went for her Birthday.... without him; Peter Peters was pleased to note that Prairie Storm PeeWeeAA Team won the Regina playoffs and are headed for Provincials (Grandson Ty happens to be on the team); and, Dinesh Kashyap stood to recognize and acknowledge the passing of Stephen Hawking (right) one of the world's greatest minds.



### PROGRAM

Acting President Greg had multi roles in these 75 minutes and one of these was to introduce our guest speaker Steve Compton. From Greg we learned Steve was born, raised and has lived in Regina. For the past 12 years he has provided leadership for the Regina Food Bank, the last 9 as CEO. The Compton's have 17 year old twin daughters who bring the parents much joy.



From Steve we learned:

- The Regina Food Bank has provided service to the community for 35 years and was the second such agency in Canada;
- In response to the observation, "Shouldn't you be gone by now?", Steve suggests that the service is as relevant now as it was when it started three and half decades ago;
- They view their role as one which meets a defined need, and matches the need with the resources provided (in large part donated) by a supportive community;
- The Food Bank have clearly defined strategic direction including:

- Contributing to the broader community agenda
- Connecting clients to the community
- Provide learning opportunities
- Enhancing resources
- Organizational sustainability



- Their mission is to "serve those most vulnerable in our community by providing programs and service directly and through partnerships in the areas of food provision, essential skills development and connections to the community supports and opportunities";
- They see being vulnerable as a very individual matter;
- The agency has 5,000 volunteers and has 98,000 requests for service;
- They strive to better understand the needs of clients and their families and with that knowledge develop partnerships some with 130 other agencies in Regina to address these challenges;
- Hunger is not selective, of the 9,000 requests the receive each month, 50% are from people under the age of 18;
- While the concentration of clients is from the "Core" area of Regina, clients appear from all areas of the City;
- A high volume of service is for clients who are single, but clientele extends to those on fixed income and from individuals who are clients of the Regina Open Door Society;
- Part of Community Stewardship includes close monitoring of trends in the City to better predict the needed services for the client community;
- The Agency works hard to at visioning the future in an effort to be ready to meet future challenges;

- To gain an expanded appreciation of the work of the Regina Food Bank please visit their Website at: <http://reginafoodbank.ca/about-us/>

Past President Greg expressed the Club's appreciation for the presentation and more importantly for the important role the Regina Food Bank places in contributing to the well-being of the citizens of Regina.

### A ROTARY TIDBIT

#### *A Question*

**How many Rotary Clubs were there in the world on November 30, 2017?**

**E-mail your *Guess* or your *Knowledge Based* (defensible) answer to [mppeters@sasktel.net](mailto:mppeters@sasktel.net)**

### Want to do a make up at another Rotary Club in Regina – here are the options

**Rotary Club of Regina - Monday - 12 Noon - Regina Delta 1919 Saskatchewan Drive**

**Rotary Club of Regina Industrial Parks - Wednesday - 12 noon - Sandman Inn 1800 Victoria Ave East**

**Rotary Club of Regina Oskaya – Wednesday - 7:00 at Sacred Heart School - Elphinstone and 7th Ave**

**Rotary Club of Regina South – Friday - 12 noon at Executive Royal Hotel - 4025 Albert Street**

### THIS IS MY LIFE with Allen Hillsden

We learned a lot for Allen and this will be the “Reader’s Digest” version – this is a glimpse:



- Allen was born in 1944 in Winnipeg, the youngest of 7 children, when he was born 2 of his brothers were overseas “fighting” in WW2;
- He was involved in the Life Insurance business, not right after birth, and in 1966 he moved to Prime Life Insurance where he met Grace whom he married in 1966;
- His favorite sports were bowling and fastball and distinguished himself as a class centre fielder;
- They moved to Flin Flon in 1967 and learned the KFC business, moving to The Pas in 1968 where they opened the franchise;
- This anticipated one year venture lasted until 1989 when they had a “spiritual awakening” and moved to Regina to provide volunteer leadership in Christian Ministry;
- Allen joined Rotary in The Pas in 1968 and served as the Club’s President in the early 1970’s
- A great Community supporter Allen told stories of being a Volunteer Fireman; First Responder opportunities; and, interaction with First Nations communities;
- In Regina he took a job with CAA which provided him opportunity to hone his salesman skills (who knew);
- He joined Regina Eastview in response to the pestering by Richard Downing in 1996 where he has been one of Eastview’s greatest assets (Allen did not say that) serving as Secretary for 21 years and District Secretary for the past 7 with an 8<sup>th</sup> year lined up;
- Allen & Grace have 2 children (son and daughter) and 7 grandchildren, filling their lives with volunteering through their church and Rotary work.

Thank you Allen Hillsden for your work and leadership in Rotary and the Community – you are “Making a Difference” and we love and appreciate your dedication.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

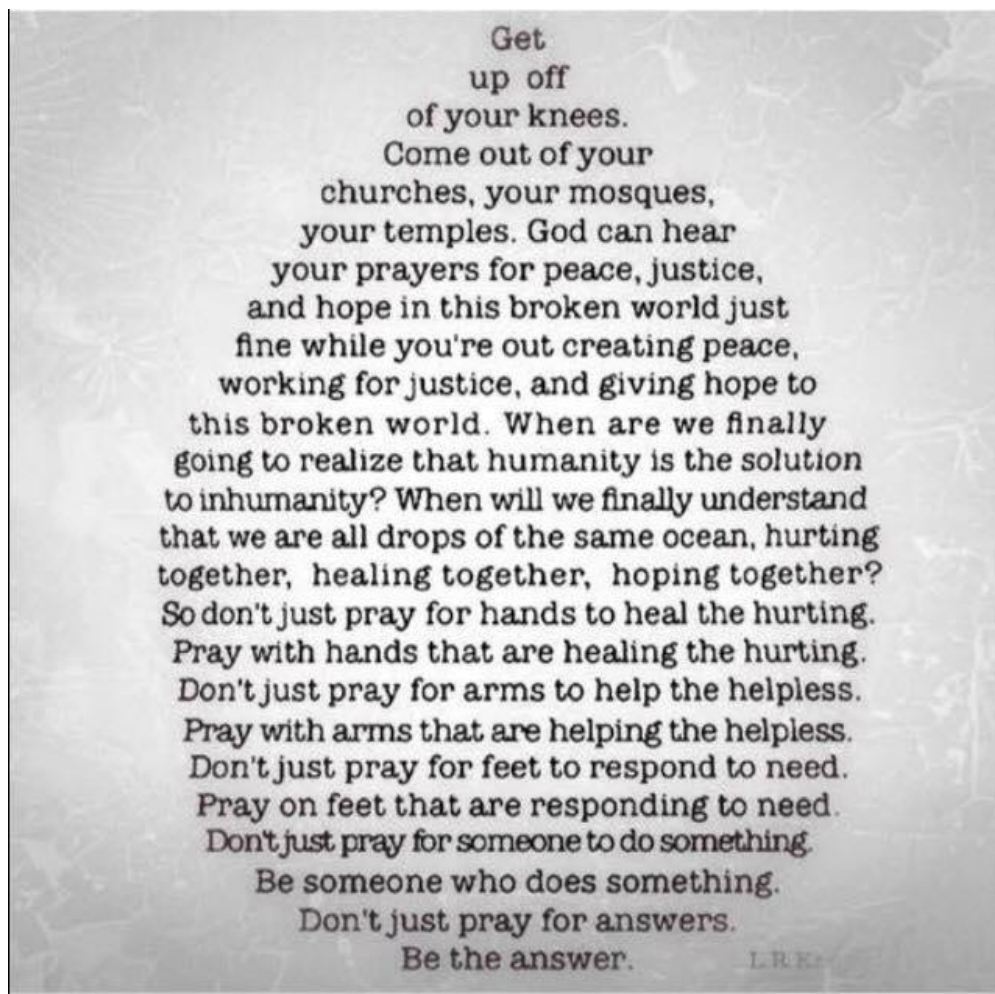
**“National Highway to Harmonious Canada”** – Shreedhar Jachak reminded us Multi-Faith Saskatchewan and the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan will hold a public viewing of this video on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum.

**Habitat for Humanity Build** – DG Peter Neufeldt advised that Grace Mennonite Church is signed up for a Habitat build on Friday, March 23. They can bring up to 15 volunteers and probably have room for at least 8 more people. Call Peter Neufeldt with your offer to assist.

**District Conference** – 199 (at 8:00 P.M. Thursday) people registered - March 15 is (was) the closing date for early bird registrations – on the 16<sup>th</sup> the price goes up!!!

### COMMENTARY

**Here is a practical Sunday morning message!**



**Thank you for choosing to “Make a Difference”**

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