



Service Above Self

## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

# The ROTOR

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March 23	"Electronics Products Recycling Association" with Gaylene Creelman
March 30	"From Away" with Jeanne Martinson
April 6	"Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board" with Becky Wock
April 13	"Parkinson Awareness Month" with Todd MacPherson

**NEXT WEEK**  
**Electronic Products**  
**Recycling Association**  
**With**  
**Gaylene Creelman**

**March, 23**

**2017**

**Registration: Nelson Falkowsky**  
**50/50: Joyce Butler**  
**Greeter: Dave Sandison**

**Registration:** It was a special Rotary day with visitors from the other Rotary clubs in Regina. In order to handle the increased number of visitors both Vern Hoyt and Jeff Barber were appointed to the Registration desk while Laurel Mattison was on hand to encourage people to buy 50/50 tickets. We all greeted each other in typical Rotary fashion.

There were a number of visiting Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Regina, Oskaya, and Industrial Park.

Joining President Greg at the **head table** were: Ted Turner, Mayor Fougere, Mitch Zaba, Peter Neufeldt, Patrick Book, Lisa Peters, Jeff Barber, and Brigid Malloy.

President Greg **welcomed** everyone to the meeting and Nelson Falkowsky led us in singing the National Anthem. Rotary Grace followed with Peter Neufeldt.



**Words of Wisdom** or perhaps one should say “the joke” from Barry Strohan had an Irish flavour: An Irish man, not able to find a parking spot, starts to pray. ‘Lord’, he prayed, ‘If you open up a space for me, I swear I’ll give up me wiskey and promise to go to church every week.’ Suddenly the clouds parted and the sun shone on an empty space, ‘Never mind’, said the man, ‘I found one.’



**Visiting Rotarians and guests:** there were many visiting Rotarians today from most of the Regina Rotary Clubs. Also visiting were: Patrick Book, guest of the Club and Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Lisa Peters guest of Greg McNamara and Brigid Malloy, outbound exchange student and guest of the club. Welcome everyone. It was good to have all of you with us

**50/50 draw:** Laurel Mattison invited the Mayor to draw the winning ticket. The lucky winner was a member of the Regina Club. However unfortunately the green marble evaded him. The pot is at nearly \$1000. One of these times.....

**Program:** Louis Browne, former Councillor and colleague of Mayor Fougere, came to the podium to introduce the Mayor. Louis reported that the Mayor had been a mentor to him and advised him that it is the second re-election that is the most important. The Mayor is a graduate of Xavier University and of the London School of Economics. He is supported in life by wife, Cindy, and 3 children.

The Mayor spoke to Louis Browne’s tenacity, drive and passion for the city. He also complemented Ted



Turner from the Rotary Club of Regina on his and his club’s efforts to give back to the city and in particular noted their support for Souls Harbor Mission.

**THE STATE OF THE CITY:** The Mayor reported that there are 6 returning councillors and 4 new ones. He appreciates the support of the citizens of Regina for his re-election.

Current issues for Council include: infrastructure, important for quality of life. Fixing roads—1% of our taxes go to fixing roads. The Railyard Renewal Initiative is huge and will have an impact on housing and homelessness. Meetings are going on with residents to determine how the area should be developed. There

will be a pedway over the railroad tracks from Dewdney Avenue to downtown. Possibilities include a park, shops, highrise residential area, farmers’ market. Decisions will be made in the future by the community and the city. The College Avenue Campus renewal is an important project and has resulted in these beautiful buildings being preserved. Darke Hall is being renovated along with the College Building. This effort has been a successful partnership between the University of Regina, the City of Regina, the Federal Government and Conexus. Generations to come will continue to enjoy this historical area of the city.



Taylor Field will be redeveloped once the old stadium has been decommissioned. This will accommodate a new residential area which will connect with North Central. The Mayor noted that the goal for the city is to house and provide infrastructure for 300,000 people. Regina is one of the fastest growing cities in Canada. The Mayor closed his presentation saying that today Regina is a fantastic city with growth and opportunity in many areas. The sky is the limit!

President Greg thanked the Mayor and presented to him the blue Rotary bag and encouraged him to carry it with him at City Hall and remind people about the best Rotary Club in Regina—Eastview! The Mayor promised he would do that!



President Greg invited Eastview's **Outbound Exchange Student, Brigid Malloy**, to the podium to talk about a fundraiser in which she and a number of students from her school are taking part. They are going to Costa Rica during the Easter break. They are selling chocolates to raise money to take supplies to a school in Costa Rica. Many Rotarians generously contributed to her cause.

Brigid also reported that she will be going to Brazil for her exchange. She has not yet received details about her trip but is very excited. One only has to speak with Brigid for a short time to know that she will be a wonderful ambassador for Rotary, for Regina, and for the country. We will hear more from Brigid. She also was gifted the blue Rotary bag

and instructed by the President to carry it around her school and speak about Eastview whenever the opportunity arises. You have to give Greg credit. He uses every opportunity to promote Eastview!

### A ROTARY MOMENT

Among the visiting Rotarians today was Ted Turner, a long time member of the Rotary Club of Regina,



the oldest Rotary Club in Regina. This Club will be 100 years old on August 24, 2017. On August 25 this year the Club is hosting a Gala event at the Conexus Art Center to celebrate this milestone. Ted tells the story that the Rotary Club of Saskatoon is older than the Rotary Club of Regina—by one day!. Their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday is on August 23, 2017. Ted said that 100 years ago the officials came from Calgary to Saskatoon to charter the Club and continued on the next day to charter the Regina Club on August 24.



Had the officials travelled from Calgary to Regina and then went on to Saskatoon the next day.....well, it is only one day!! August 25, 2017—it will be a party. We will hear more from Ted in the future about this event.

**Announcements:** The President wished those Rotarians travelling to PETS in Russell, Manitoba this weekend, a safe, educational and fun time.

### **Chili For Children Duty Roster**

**Mar 23 – NO SCHOOL**

**Mar 31 - Allan Hillsden, Doug Mortin, Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk**



## In Remembrance.....

Eastview Rotarians will remember Brian and Beth Gaffney. Brian is a former member of Eastview. A few years ago Brian and Beth were saddened by the loss of their daughter, Erin. This week we hold them in our thoughts and prayers as we learn about the loss of their son, David. Below is the obituary on David from the Leader Post.



*"GAFFNEY, David Brian. It is with broken hearts that the family of David Brian Gaffney announces his passing. David was born in Regina, SK on April 24, 1972 and passed away in Victoria, BC on March 4, 2017 at the age of 44 years. He was predeceased by his grandparents and his sister, Erin Spanier. David's greatest joy came from spending time with his two sons, Luca and Dante. His life will be forever celebrated by his parents, Brian and Beth Gaffney of Regina, his sister Tricia (Jason Scott) and their children Hannah and Carter, his brother-in-law Ryan Spanier (Erin Latoski) and their children Liam, Ethan, and Cassidy, and David's love, Meghan Peebles, her children Callie and Gabe*

*and the rest of her family. He will also be missed by Luca and Dante's mother Teresa Ciccone and the entire Ciccone family. David leaves many aunts, uncles, cousins, and a long list of friends who will miss him dearly. Our David was one of a kind! He was quick-witted, talented, and quirky. The stranger something was, the more he seemed to enjoy it! One of his very favourite things to do was take Luca and Dante on the hunt for hidden gems in the local comic book and toy stores. He was also extremely loyal and happy to help those who needed it. This was never more evident than the two times he donated bone marrow and stem cells to his sister, Erin. Since his passing, we have heard many wonderful stories from his various circles of friends. These stories paint a picture of a man who was more talented than he ever knew and was loved by so many. We will honour his life through the stories and memories we will continue to share with his sons. His boys will always know how special he was and how much their Dad loved them. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Parish in Victoria, BC on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. "If love could have saved him, he would have lived forever." Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.mccallgardens.com](http://www.mccallgardens.com)."*



***The members of the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview wish Brian, Beth and family peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in their hearts.***

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**Wishing you a Happy St. Patrick's Day.**

**May you have the hindsight to know where you've been  
The foresight to know where you're going  
And the insight to know when you're going too far.**

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