



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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Service Above Self

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Mar 24	“Update on the Regina Pats” with Todd Lumbard
Mar 31	“My recent visit to Uganda with the Stephen Lewis Foundation” with Nola Ayers (Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers)
Apr 7	“SEARCH Literacy Program Update” with Kelly Husack
Apr 14	“TBA”
Apr 21	“The Regina By-Pass” with Tony Playter
Apr 28	“TBA”

NEXT WEEK

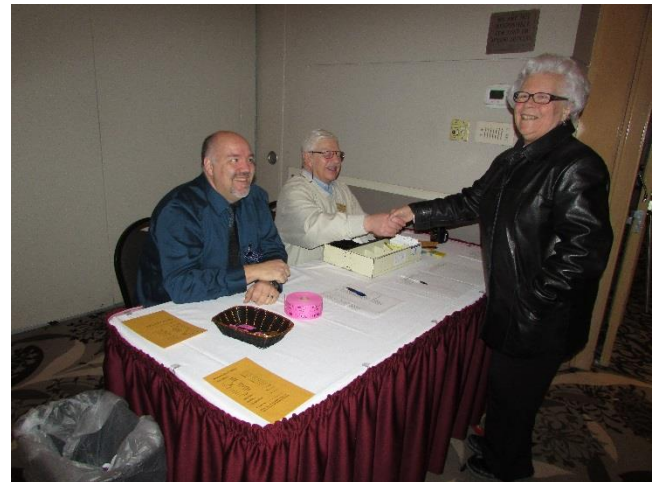
“Update on the Regina Pats”
with
Todd Lumbard

**March 24,
2016**

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: Don Shindelka
50/50: Ann Grahame
Greeter: Clarence Krause

Efficiency is the order at the **Registration Desk**, and so it was today as Barry Strohan took money for the food and Jack Wozniak waved **50/50 Tickets** to all who entered. The “waving” served to feed our temptation to be rich – by enlarge it worked successfully.



CHILI FOR CHILDREN

Duty Roster

**Mar 18---Doreen Pankewich, Nelson Falkowsky,
Doug Mortin**
Apr 1 ---- NO SCHOOL
Apr 8 ---- Lyle Gollnick, Peter Peters, Hans Gaastra
**Apr 15---Allen Hillsden, Ann Grahame, Tania
Woroby**
Apr 22---NO SCHOOL

IN ROTARY MARCH IS

Water and Sanitation Month



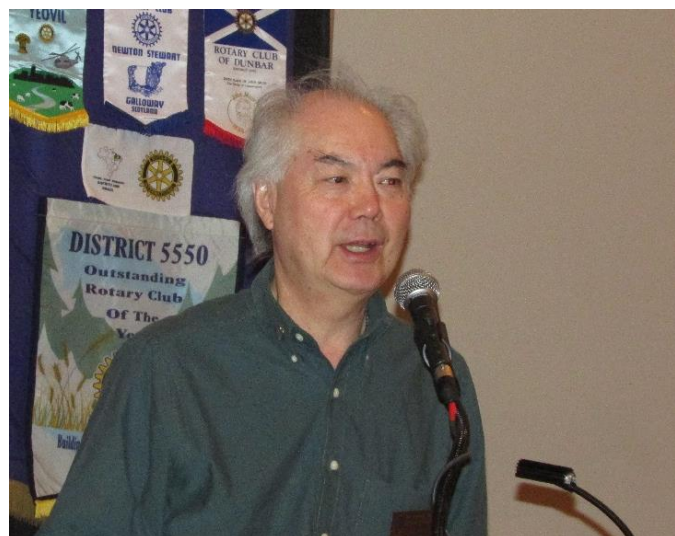
Nelson Falkowsky was assigned **Greeter** responsibility, a role he filled with expected class to the extent that he occasionally welcome 2 people at a time – thus saving time.

President Ron Okumura, called the gathering to attention, reminding us that this was a special day for the Irish and all who claimed an Irish heritage regardless of the distance or its authenticity.

Doreen Pankewich, back from an international excursion was our **Philosopher**. Doreen selected this observation by former President of Costa Rica and 1987 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in for his efforts to end the Central American crisis, *“The more freedom we enjoy, the greater the responsibility we bear, toward others as well as ourselves.”*



Dr. Oscar Aries (left) will be one of the honoured Guest Speakers at the Zone 24/32 Institute in Winnipeg in September 2016.



The **Lead Table** was occupied by a class group consisting of Joanne Skidmore, Myra Zubot Mitchell, Doreen Pankewich, Laurel Mattison, Greg McNamara, Doug Mortin, Joseph Mburu and President Ron Okumura.

Barry Strohan introduced our **Guests and Visiting Rotarians**. In the absence of Visiting Rotarians, Barry went straight to Visitors which consisted of Guest Speakers Joanne Skidmore and Myra Zubot Mitchel; Khurshed Chowdhury guest of Nicholas Robinson; and, Joseph Mburu, a soon to be inducted member of Regina Eastview.



Khurshed Chowdhury



Myra Zubot Mitchel

Joanne Skidmore

In response to President Ron’s invitation, Nelson Falkowsky went to the podium to lead in our Welcome song to our guests. We as “trained seals”, rose to provide the highly regarded and appreciated welcome song.





Nelson invited us to sit down, and by the multi sheets of paper in his hand we recognised there would be detailed instruction. It is St. Patrick's Day, and as Irish people are known to love to sing and dance, Nelson invited all those who were wearing green and therefore obviously Irish (previous page), to come to join him at the podium in leading in the singing of *It's A Long, Long Way to Tipperary*.

Once completed and thundering applause had subsided, the group was extended by those who claimed an Irish heritage (above) for the singing of *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*. And there was more applause!

As a relatively new member Jack Wozniak demonstrated his salesman skill as he had collected \$26.60 which would go to the winner of the **50/50 Draw**. A ticket was drawn and a silence crept over the assembled as no one jumped to claim the prize. Just about the time everyone was waiting for another ticket to be drawn, Pat Richards, dried off her "water logged" ticket and was able to confirm these as the numbers Jack called.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Pat Dell was back and delighted to fill the Sergeant-At-Arms role. Those not wearing green were invited to contribute \$2.00; those who wore shorts during last week's heat wave were eligible for a Rotobuck (because no one knew this would be profitable on one admitted to being thusly clothed; Sam Berg had \$5.00 to tell us on May 5th, *The Caring Place* is hosting the *Mayor's Luncheon* fund raiser, where the feature speaker will be Margaret Trudeau – tickets are \$60.00 (available at *The Caring Place*); Greg McNamara contributed \$2.00 to sing an Irish ditty about someone throwing dirty coveralls and Mrs. Murphy's chowder (he should have pair more); Pat Richards made a reminiscent donation, as 18 years ago exactly, also St. Patrick's Day, her Mother, a proud Irish lady passed away; Wally Dressler was happy as their house sold; and, Pat Dell was happy to tell us of their wonderful holiday in Bali where she had two meaningful encounters with local citizens who had experienced the benefits of Rotary service.



Doreen Pankewich (March 3) and Jeff Barber (March 22) were invited to come forward and receive their **Happy Birthday** "gift" while we sang our well wishes.

Within the **Family of Rotary**, Pat Richards told us of Dennis Butler's recent hospitalization. Soon after Dennis was released he and Joyce left on another multi-month cruise – HURRAY! Jizinge Mwela told us that Charles Sadzamare endured two surgical experiences recently, but is responding appropriately to follow-up care.



SPECIAL FEATURE

Leo and Helen Ell's son, Darren, is in Greece and went on to the Macedonian border where some of the pictures he took were published in *Le Journal Métro* on March 15, 2015. Check out the pictures and story at:

The full set of pictures is on Darren's site: http://www.darrenell.com/#!/index/G0000mLofWxANZWs/I0000_u3029ziOTQ

PROGRAM



This special program took the form of a tag-team presentation by two former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars. Because it we had two presenters, it required two introducers, namely Greg McNamara who introduced Joanne Skidmore, while Laurel Mattison introduced Myra Zubot Mitchel. Joanne and Myra

Greg told us that in 1978 Joanne Skidmore was hired by CBC where she worked as a reporter. Joanne applied for the Rotary Foundation Educational Award in Journalism through the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana. She attended the University of Sydney in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, in 1983.

She studied the politics of information, theory of international politics and the political economy of women. Her host Club was the Rotary Club of Newtown in Sydney. Following the year abroad, Joanne returned to CBC Saskatoon to work as a television reporter and editor, transferring to CBC Regina in 1989 where she worked in various capacities for the next 20 years. Since 2009 Joanne has shared her skills and time with several organizations including the publishing company Coteau Books, the Saskatchewan Book Awards and Youth Ballet and Contemporary Dance of Saskatchewan. In 2013 she was honoured to receive the YWCA Woman of Distinction Arts Award for her work at CBC and as a volunteer with cultural groups.



In introducing Myra Zubot Mitchel, Laurel noted Myra was studying Social Work in Saskatoon when she received a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship sponsored by the Rotary Club of Medicine Hat, the Rotary Club closest to where she grew up in south-west Saskatchewan. She studied at the London School of Economics in England in 1981-82 focusing on Social Policy and Economics. Her host Rotary club was the Rotary Club of Bethnal Green in the East End of London. After the academic year ended, she was also able to do a social work practicum in a rural social work office in Norwich, England.



Upon returning to Canada, Myra completed her Bachelor of Social Work and worked as a Social Worker in Saskatoon for Mobile Crisis, in health care and with adults experiencing barriers in returning to work or school. This led her to return to school to complete a Masters in Adult Education and to work as an adult educator focusing on making learning accessible and effective for people throughout Saskatchewan. Myra was the first Instructional Designer of televised and online classes at the University of Regina. She has worked as an instructional designer and a professional-development trainer for government, postsecondary institutions and private industry.



In sharing their experiences, Joanne and Myra spoke about the impact this one year has had on their respective careers and choices over the next three plus decades. Joanne shared how her exposure to the media in Australia caused her to think about situations differently because she now viewed matters from a broadened perspective. As a budding social worker Myra spoke about how living in a dorm situation with people from "every corner of the world" led her to read international articles from an extended perspective because stories are based on countries where she had friends and acquaintances. Myra and Joanne experienced Rotary from different perspectives.

In London, Myra's host Rotary Club rotated their meetings to various Church basements, so the church could benefit financial by providing the meals. In Joanne's case the Club met in a restaurant eating, what sounded like "fine dining". Both appreciated the time they spent in the homes of Rotarians where they learned about living in their respective foreign land.

Our guests were gracious in their praise of Rotary and the important role this one Ambassadorial year has had on the way they have approached their vocations. In thanking Joanne and Myra, President Ron expressed our thanks for making us aware about the difference Rotary makes in the world, by sharing their personal stories about its impact on their careers and lives.

ROTARY TIDBIT

Rotary Weekly - March 11, 2016

Successful women mentor youth through Rotary

Rotary has given Clara Montanez a platform to mentor young women as they balance career and family. Jackie Huie has used her Rotary connections to create a program that matches high school juniors and seniors with a mentor in the career they would like to pursue. Learn more about how [Rotary inspired these two women](#) and read Montanez' blog post on the [five concerns facing professional women today](#).



COMMENTARY

It is with sadness we advise members that Past District Campbell (Cam) King passed away on Sunday, March 13th following a lengthy illness. PDG Cam and Myrna King served District 5550 with distinction, as Governor and First Lady during the 2004-2005 Rotary year. It was the year we celebrated Rotary's 100th Birthday under the Banner "*Celebrate Rotary*". It was a unique privilege for a Winnipeg Rotarian to serve as the "Centennial Governor", remembering Winnipeg was the City that made Rotary "International". PDG Cam would gleefully share this fact in his quiet unassuming manner whenever the opportunity presented itself. So Cam and Myrna led us in a year-long celebration.



Our friend Cam King had a dedicated career of community service, using "community" in the broadest sense. First as a teacher, followed by 29 years with the Canadian Red Cross, followed by a further 10 years, "*developing and managing emergency management programme for the 62 First Nation communities in Manitoba*". Cam's Rotary classification was *Emergency Preparedness*, a cause he applied to his life's vocation and his Rotary volunteerism. The latter included: *Founding Chair of the Emergency Managers and Responders Fellowship; Founding Board Member and Chief Operating Officer of the Disaster Relief Rotarian Action Group; served on the RI Fellowship Committee (Chairman-2009-2010); and the Founding Chair of the District 5550 World Peace Partners Committee*". Cam's foundational leadership in the latter initiative is now being realized with programs and initiatives carried out in concert with the *Canadian Museum for Human Rights*.

PDG Cam King, you made a difference and it was a privilege to walk in your company.

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters