




## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

# The ROTOR

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Service Above Self

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Mar 31 **"My recent visit to Uganda with the Stephen Lewis Foundation"** with Nola Ayers  
And **"RYLA Student Reports"**

Apr 7 **"SEARCH Literacy Program Update"** with Kelly Husack

Apr 14 **"Special Crimes"** with Corporal Jon Golden (RPS)

Apr 21 **"The Regina By-Pass"** with Tony Playter

Apr 28 **"TBA"**

May 5 **"Supporting A Syrian Refugee Family"** with The Yule Family

### NEXT WEEK

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### DUTY ROSTER

**Registration:** Greg McNamara

**50/50:** Gordon Wicijowski

**Greeter:** Don Shindelka

In the initial stages, Ann Grahame was multitasking, but Don Shindelka arrived and took over the **Registration Desk** responsibility. This allowed Ann to focus on selling **50/50 Tickets**, which she undertook with a passion.

Clarence Krause rolled into place and was today's **Greeter** extending the firm hand attributable to a Regina Eastview welcome.



**IN  
ROTARY  
MARCH  
IS**

**Water  
and  
Sanitation  
Month**



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### Duty Roster

Apr 1 ---- NO SCHOOL

Apr 8 ---- Lyle Gollnick, Peter Peters, Hans Gaastra

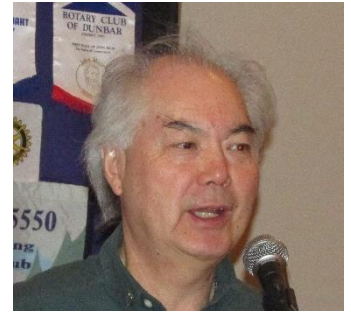
Apr 15---Allen Hillsden, Ann Grahame, Tania

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Apr 22---NO SCHOOL

Apr 29---Doug Mortin, Nelson Falkowsky, Sherry

At the appropriate hour, **President Ron Okumura** reminded us that it was March 24<sup>th</sup> and this was a meeting of the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview. No one left, so attendees were in the right room or too embarrassed to leave.



**Allen Hillsden** was song leader and did a fine job of all our musical renditions.



In honour of our guest speaker **Philosopher Doreen Pankewich** chose this prophetic observation from the great “strategic” hockey player, Wayne Gretzky, “*A good hockey player plays where the puck is. A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be.*”

The **Lead Table** consisted of representatives of the Regina Pats, Todd Lumbard (**right**) and Mark Rathwell (**lower right**) and five of Regina Eastview’s star players Past Presidents Gord Wicijowski, Leo Ell, Wally Dressler, John Van Koll and President Ron Okumura.



In addition to Todd and Mark, Don Shindelka introduced the following **Guests and Visiting Rotarians**. **Guests** were Vern Hoyt (**lower left**) guest of Greg McNamara; Chad Cunningham (**not pictured**) and Maja Starocic’ (**below**) guests of Louis Browne; and, **Visiting Rotarians** were Carlyle Murray (**below**) RC of Regina Industrial Parks and Doug Keam (**below right**) RC of Regina.



Ann Grahame **50/50 Tic-ket Draw** guru gave Todd Lumbard the joy of making at least one person in

the room happy. Todd dug right into the “corner” coming out the winner which ended in an “80”, which put a smile on Gary Carlson face as he took home the \$28.00.

### SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



Happy to see Pat Fell feeling good because she put away her snow shovel and snow and ice scrapper from her car in advance of this winter’s biggest snow dump – who in Saskatchewan takes those chances before the middle of April at the earliest?!! For the Sergeant living in a dream world, those of us who understand something about weather patterns on the prairies had to pay \$2.00 – nice. Wisely switching to Happy dollars, the Sergeant did very well – Greg McNamara had money for the fabulous President Elects Training Seminar in Russell, Manitoba this past weekend; Jeanne Martinson told us about the Agriculturally focused all party political Debate she Moderated in Saskatoon – it was like a “real debate” with respectful conversation addressing issues critical to the agriculture community;





Peter Peters shared the remainder of his \$5.00 to recognize Doug and Leslie Mortin, Allen Hillsden and his neighbour George, Jack Wozniak, Wade and Ward Peters for volunteering on December 19, 2015 resulting in a \$1,000.00 donation to Eastview's Ripple Effect initiative in Guatemala; Doug Archer had \$10.00 happy dollars in recognition of National Epilepsy Day on March 26, a condition which effects both of their daughters; Gord Wicijowski also had \$10.00 a portion of which was for being thankful as 2 of his Granddaughters were minutes away from the Belgium airport explosion earlier this week, and the second portion was to boast about his granddaughter, the captain of her school's basketball team is competing in a tournament in eastern Canada.

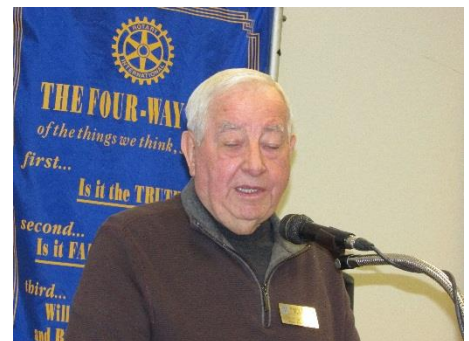
We sang **Happy Birthday** for Doug Archer who celebrated this important day on March 23.



Within the **Family of Rotary**, things appear good and while there was no update on Charles Sadzamare, we are going on the basis that, "no news is good news". A conversation with Takayoshi suggests that double vision in one eye remains an issue, but he is hopeful that he will be ready to return to Rotary when the golf season starts.

### PROGRAM

Gord Wicijowski was called on to Introduce our guest speaker Todd Lumbard and his technical associate Mark Rathwell. In his introduction Gord noted that Todd is not a stranger to Regina Eastview having been a member of the Club when the Lumbard's first moved to Regina. Todd was born and raised in Brandon, Manitoba. Todd had an initial career in Professional hockey beginning as a goal tender with the Brandon Wheat Kings and also the Regina Pats. He was drafted to the New York Islanders in 1981 and played 3 seasons in the farm system of the Islanders, with a short stint in the NHL in 1985. After hockey he joined the family Funeral business in Brandon which expanded to Regina in 2004 with the purchase of Speers Funeral Chapel. In 2014 Todd was part of a local group that purchased the Regina Pats, which was the topic of his presentation today.



In his introductory comments, Todd spoke about the honour it was to be associated with the Regina Pats, and the privilege he had to be part of the 5 person ownership group. The Regina Pats are the oldest major junior hockey franchise in the world that have continuously operated from their original location and use the same name. They began operations in 1917. They were originally named the Patricias, after Princess Patricia of Connaught. The team name was also associated with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, and it was noted the Pats sweaters still bear the regimental badge and "PPCLI" flash as a shoulder patch. In 1923, the team's name was shortened to the Pats.

There are 22 teams in the WHL and every second year they go to play teams, one year in British Columbia and the next year in the Western USA. Their players are between 16 and 20 years old, are aspiring to be hockey players, and while playing for the Pats, are billeted in Regina homes. The end desire prize of all teams in the league is to capture the *Memorial Cup*, an honour achieved by the Pats on 3 occasions, the last time in 1974. The *Memorial Cup* the hardest Cup to win!

Since acquiring the Pats, the owners have worked hard on plans to make the team the pride of the players and the fans. Part of strengthening the Pats image and Regina as a hockey centre, the Club installed the new Clock in the Brandt Centre, a class addition to the arena. Todd indicated that there are two sides to the Pats organization – there is the “business” side and there is the “hockey” side. The latter side is the responsibility of Coach John Paddock, a man with expansive credentials. The team has 17 Scouts who look for players in Western Canada and in the western US.

Tomorrow they start the playoffs in Lethbridge against the Hurricanes. The Pats have the 2<sup>nd</sup> youngest team in the league, but are going into the series with the Hurricanes with an upbeat positive attitude. They are also well positioned for next year as 20 of their current players will be part of the Pats in the 2016-2017 season. When players graduate from the WHL they are eligible to have the cost of their post-secondary education covered – Canadians for Canadian based institutions and US players in US Institutions.



Todd concluded his presentation by providing us with a glimpse of the Owners expectation of the players by saying, “It is not preform or else!” Rather it is a nurturing environment which recognizes that they have good kids, which, with the support of good coaches, they are about developing into good people.

President Ron expressed our collective thanks and appreciation to Todd and Mark for a glimpse into the life of the Regina Pats.

### **ROTARY TIDBIT**

*Rotary Weekly - March 18, 2016*

**Rotary International Convention 2016** - In the first Convention Minute video, 2016 (Seoul) Convention Committee Chair Ian H.S. Riseley (**right**) shares news about convention speakers and other exciting events planned in Korea.



[Watch the video](#)

### **COMMENTARY**

Earlier this week I spent some time on the District 5550 Website - <http://rotary5550.org/> . I go there every once in a while looking for specific information like District Grant information, contact information for District leaders, the latest District Governor’s Newsletter – *DG Ken’s Commentary*, etc. I get what I came looking for and leave – like shopping in *Walmart*. But on this occasion I went there to browse. I was impressed with the array of information on the site. Take a few minutes and check out some of the thought provoking “*Editorials and Opinion Pieces*” e.g. *Rotary & International Women’s Day – Let’s Start a New Goal “50/50 by 2050”*; *Rotary Peace Building Initiative to Achieve Sustainable World Peace: a Proposal*; *Will this Canadian be Rotary’s First Woman President?*. In this latter article you will want to watch the video in which Michael Caruso interviews Jennifer Jones and Sylvia Whitlock. On the right side panel here is *Convention*

*2015-2016* information where one can register for the International Convention in Seoul Korea, and the District 5550 Conference in Gimli, Manitoba. While only but a few people may venture off to Seoul, Gimli is literally next door and I understand the welcome mat is out. Come to Gimli, you will be warmed by the fellowship, awed by the scenery and inspired by the presentations.



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