

Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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Service Above Self

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Mar 10	"Language Learning at Regina Open Door Society" with Margaret Hnidy, Director, RODS
Mar 17	"Our Experiences as Rotary Scholars" with Joanne Skidmore and Myra Zubot Mitchell
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"

NEXT WEEK

"Language Learning at Regina Open Door Society"
with **Margaret Hnidy**

**March 10,
2016**

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: John Van Koll

50/50: Allan Smith

Greeter: Leo Ell

Like every week, the **Registration Desk**, was staffed with highly qualified, understanding Rotarians, today in the person of Jeff Barber, Librarian and all-round wise fellow. We were in great hands as the seller of **50/50 Tickets** was equally astute, as Allen Smith doled out these much sought after prize pots with architecturally disciplined accuracy.

As assigned **Greeter** Jizinge Mwela was not in attendance, the responsibility to make visitors and members feel welcome rested with each Eastviewian in the room. In typical Eastview fashion, hand shaking was evident throughout the room – thank you for \doing your part!

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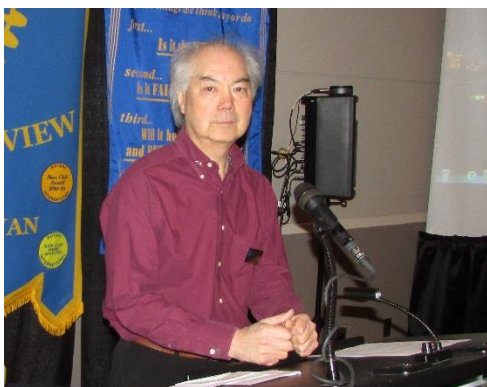
Duty Roster

Mar 4-----Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Sherry McKinnon

Mar 11---No SCHOOL

Mar 18---Doreen Pankewich, Nelson Falkowsky, Doug Mortin





President Ron Okumura, called us to order at the appropriate time and in welcoming us to the meeting, reminded us that in Rotary March is **Water and Sanitation Month**. So every time you flush, remember not everyone is so lucky!



Philosopher Barry Strohan sought out Astronaut John Glenn who provided this gem, *“As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind – every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.”*

Nelson Falkowsky led us in song, and to kick start the song fest he took us through O’ Canada, just a wee bit lower than usual – nice. Then for the Welcome Song, Nelson brought Wally Dressler to the podium, so we were led by the “duet”. - Also nice.



The **Lead Table** was a finely orchestrated group which in addition to President Ron, included Bernadette McIntyre, Doug Mortin, Lyle Gollnick, Laurel Mattison, Gord Wicijowski and Gail Bradley.

Jeff Barber had the pleasure of introducing our **Guests and Visiting Rotarians**. Our guests included Guest Speaker Bernadette McIntyre; and, Chad Cunningham guest of Louis Browne. The Visiting Rotarian contingent consisted of the always welcome Doug Keam, from the RC of Regina.



Allan Smith officiated over the very sensitive **50/50 Draw**, which today was the grand sum of \$19.00. All were drawn to the front their chairs, as we waited with baited breath for “reading of the numbers”. It was Leo Ell, next week’s Greeter (you notice how this was snuck in), who squealed with delight leaving with the prize.



As there was no **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**, President Ron invited “Happy Dollar” announcements. Jeff Barber was ever so happy to tell of his and Nancy’s month long vacation in southern California - a holiday without their children and as a result lots of places they did not have to go (another time there will be stories of what they did do - maybe); Doug Mortin told us that for weeks he made no mistakes and went on to say Leslie is back and he is most thankful; and, Ron Okumura was abeam, as their curling team came out on top (one might conclude this is not a frequent happening).



PROGRAM

Doug Mortin was invited to introduce our Guest Speaker, Bernadette McIntyre, CEO of the Wascana Centre Authority, a role she has held for the past 7 years. During this period the Authority implemented a number of major projects including the Point Island Finishing Line Facility; Broad Street pedestrian bridge, refurbishment of the Queen Elizabeth II Gardens and a wide variety of infrastructure projects. An active curler, Bernadette has provided volunteer leadership in a host of curling related tournaments and championship play downs in Regina.

Bernadette McIntyre's impact in making the Regina a place of distinction in sports, health and education, is a matter of record and it was an honour to welcome to our meeting.

Using power point slides, Bernadette began her presentation with a brief overview of the founding what is now known as the Wascana Centre Authority. In 1905, as Regina would be the Capital, Saskatchewan's first Premier, Walter Scott, set aside 68 Hectares for what would become the Provincial Legislative



grounds, which in 1906 became Wascana Park. In 1907 the first area plan was identified, with the initial Master Plan established in 1913 – the first Master Plan which was updated every ten years. In 1962, by order of the Provincial Government the Wascana Centre Authority was created.

The Authority is led by a Board of Directors appointed by its three jurisdiction owners – Provincial Government; City of Regina; and, University of Regina. The majority of the Authority's funding comes from these three partner organizations with 55% from the Province, 30% from the City and 15% from the University. In addition, the Authority does raise some of its own revenue through service contracts, rental and event revenues and personal donations.

This 2300 acre "prairie jewel", which is larger than the combined area of Central Park in New York and Stanley Park in Vancouver, is the site of 2300 events each year; in addition to a few geese, is the home to 46 species of song birds and the biggest known Western Painted Turtle; and, serves as a centre of pride for the community and province. It has a conservation naturalist focus and has used goats to control unwanted weeds and shrubs. Bernadette's single "please don't" was to feed the geese bread – it is unhealthy for the birds and contributes to the quantity of poop in the park. Please feed the geese greens (left over lettuce, etc.) and grains!



As the Authority's Website at: <http://wascana.sk.ca/>, says, Wascana Park is, "A place for you! All year round, there is something for everyone in Wascana Centre: history, nature, environment, culture, people, animals, fun, serenity and more."

President Ron extended the members appreciation to Bernadette for her detailed, interesting and picturesque overview of the Wascana Centre Authority and Wascana Park's contribution to the fabric of our community and the province,

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Hans Gastra, the Club's Rotary Foundation Co-Chair was invited to the podium to present a Multiple Paul Harris to Jeff Barber. In calling Jeff to join him at the podium, Hans reminded members that contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) are used to improve the lives of the less fortunate in developing countries. Through TRF's humanitarian and educational programs world understanding and peace is made real.





For contributions which total US \$1,000.00, the donor becomes a Paul Harris Fellow and for further donations totaling US\$1,000.00, donors become multiple Paul Harris Fellows. A distinction Jeff Barber attained having contributed in excess of \$3,000.00. Congratulations, Jeff Barber, for your gift giving leadership!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Election Day Volunteering – Greg McNamara advised that there is still opportunity to volunteer to serve during the Provincial election on April 4, 2016. A number of members indicated their willingness to take the 2 hour pre-election training and work on the day of the election. “Volunteers get paid – volunteers donate their “pay” to Rotary and get a charitable receipt – everybody wins. Do it now. Should you wish to volunteer, leave your name at: elections.sk.ca; or call [1-877-958-8683](tel:1-877-958-8683).

International Service Committee Opportunity – Richard Schwan, the Club’s Director of International Service invited members to remain after the regular meeting next week and participate in the International Service Committee regular monthly meeting. This is an opportunity to learn first-hand the areas covered by the Committee and hopefully to attract new members to this exiting *Avenue of Service*.

New Member Proposals – President Ron advised the Board has approved the circulation of the names of the following individuals who have been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview:

Ted Kent – Banker (CIBC) – Proposer Jeff Barber; and, **Chad Cunningham** – Advertising Consultant (Rawlco Radio Ltd.) – Proposer Louis Browne.

If you have concern about either of these individuals joining Regina Eastview please speak to President Ron within the next 7 days.

COMMENTARY

Planning for Rotary year 2016-2017 (*Rotary Serving Humanity*) will soon be upon us, and for many it is well on the way. In the next couple of weeks Regina Eastview will be sending President Elect Greg McNamara off to President Elect Training Seminar (PETS), to enhance his abundance of skill in the role of leading “his Rotary Club”. This is to prepare Greg, to the degree possible, for July 1, 2016 when, as the popular saying goes, “*The rubber meets the road!*”



One definition of this phrase states, “the point at which a theory or idea is put to a practical test”. While it would be easy to shovel the success of Rotary year 2016-2017 into Greg’s lap, the reality is that the success for any Rotary year lies in the lap of each member of the Club.

So where does, “The rubber meet the road!” for individual Rotarians? While there are many points of contact, I believe a key responsibility lies in our commitment to the work of the “Avenue of Service” for which we have volunteered or been assigned. These five Avenues of Service; Club, Vocational, Community, International and most recently Youth, is a key place for each member to begin their “service above self”. The question before each of us is, “Where will the rubber meet the road for me”, as we each support President Greg in making it another fabulous year in Rotary? I expect to be fully engaged in my preferred *Avenue of Service* – that is my wish for each member of Regina Eastview.

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters