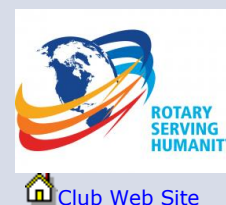


Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

Friday, March 9, 2017



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Mar 16	“State of the City” with Mayor Michael Fougere
Mar 23	“Electronic Products Recycling Association” with Gaylene Creelman
Mar 30	“From Away” with Author Jeanne Martinson
Apr 06	“Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board” with Becky Wock
Apr 13	“Parkinson Awareness Month” with Todd MacPherson

NEXT WEEK

“State of the City”
with
Mayor Michael Fougere

**March 16,
2017**

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: **Jeff Barber**
50/50: **Gail Bradley**
Greeter: **Allan Smith**

Lyle Gollnick was at the **Registration Desk** for Pat Dell who was away on “another” Holiday (not that there is anything wrong with fitting in the odd vacation). Gord Wicijowski was helping Lyle deal with some of the larger transactions, but had as his major responsibility the sale of **50/50 Tickets**.

Gail Bradley was a most gracious **Greeter**, and in this instance made sure the shy and bashful



Nelson
Falkowsky
was made to
feel at home.
Well done,
Gail.



President Greg McNamara was still on “vacation” so we were happy to see Past President **Ron Okumura** jumping in to fill the void.

Always a treat are the **“Thought’s for the Day”** gems unearthed by our Club Philosophers. Associate Club Philosopher Barry Strohan shared this thought credited to Agatha Christie the world’s best-selling author, who said,



"An Archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have: The older she gets the more interested he is in her."

Acting President Ron invited the following fine group to join him at the **Lead Table**: Peter Peters, Lisa Smith, Sam Berg, Leo Ell, Mary Rogers, Gail Bradley and Fr. Lorne Crozon (it is up to

In Rotary, March is: Water and Sanitation Month!



you to visualize Ron Okumura and Peter Peters in the empty chairs).

Lyle Gollnick was invited to introduce our **Guests and Visiting Rotarians**. Today this included (right) Mary Rogers guest of Gail Bradley; and, (r to l below) Lisa Smith a guest of the Club, Patrick Masvosva guest of Charles Sadzamare; Jennie Bryant guest of Lyle Gollnick; and, Alex Sabwa guest of Peter Neufeldt. Visiting



Rotarians included Assistant Governor Lorne Crozon (**whoops**), RC of Regina Oskaya and Bob King from the RC of Weyburn.



[District 5550 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards \(RYLA\)](#)

Registration is open for Junior RYLA Ages 12-14; and, Senior RYLA Ages 15-17

See details at:

[http://rotary5550.org/SitePage/rotary-youth-leadership-awards\(ryla\)](http://rotary5550.org/SitePage/rotary-youth-leadership-awards(ryla))

Gord Wicijowski managed the **50/50 Draw**, and being a nationally acclaimed accounting and auditing Guru there was no doubt this task would be undertaken according to well established and monitored protocol (the Academy Awards might wisely invite Gord to provide oversight at their Awards next year). Chris Hefner's ticket was drawn and then general speculation was that today would be the day (**Chris, was of course most in favour**). Chris drew "blue", so the suspense continues.



In regard to **Sick and Visiting**, we were delighted that Gail Bradley brought her guest Mary Rogers to the meeting. Mary told us that Lloyd is in the *Orange Tree Village Home*, at 4000 James Hill Road in Harbour Landing. He is in the Memory Care area of the Home, an integrated facility offering a broad range of services to citizens from children's day care, University students, to people requiring various levels of support. While Lloyd would probably not be able to remember your name, Mary assured us he would probably appreciate Rotarians stopping in for a brief visit.



SERGEANT –AT-ARMS

P. P. Ron advised we would have a special guest Sergeant. Lo and behold this came in the person of Chris Hefner. As a “rookie” Sergeant, Chris was hesitant to impose



fines, “because we had just survived a windy cold snap” – an unusual considerate approach by a Sergeant. With a little coaxing Chris levied a fine if you were not wearing a name tag. Happy dollars came from Sam Berg, who at an educational event on Monday witnessed “Chris” serving as an auctioneer in a live auction – seems the “Chris” in question was really Chad Cunningham, which in addition to the happy dollar, created additional revenue; Chad Cunningham had a happy \$5.00 to tell us about Z99’s Radiothon on March 1 & 17 raising money for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) – see [Announcements](#); Allen Hillsden was almost breathless when he told us that he and Grace will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in a few days; Dinesh Kashyap put out a shout of appreciation for the March 8th International Women’s Day and its encouragement, “...to [#BeBoldForChange](#) - Call on the masses or call on yourself to help forge a better working world - a more inclusive, gender equal world.”

Chili For Children Duty Roster

Mar 10 - Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Sherry McKinnon

Mar 17 - NO SCHOOL

Mar 31 - Allan Hillsden, Doug Mortin, Tracey Sparrowhawk

PROGRAM

Peter Peters was called on to introduce our Guest Speaker, Lisa Smith, Director of Development of the MS Society of Canada - Saskatchewan Division, a role she has held for nearly 10 years. For almost 30 years Lisa has worked within non-profit sector, where she learned and has valued the importance of relationship building and stewardship with clients, partners, donors and sponsors. It is this learning Lisa has put to good use in leading the Provinces MS Team on their successful bid to raise a yearly \$1.6 Million for programs, services and research, the former for the 3700+ people in the province with the disease, and the latter for cutting edge research in Canada.

This is what we learned from Lisa Smith as she covered three main topic areas:

1. What is Multiple Sclerosis:
 - a. It is a neurological disease;
 - b. *“a chronic, typically progressive disease involving damage to the sheaths of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, whose symptoms may include numbness, impairment of speech and of muscular coordination, blurred vision, and severe fatigue.”* **Website**



- c. *“Oct 20, 2016 - Multiple sclerosis, or MS, is a long-lasting disease that can affect your brain, spinal cord, and the optic nerves in your eyes. It can cause problems with vision, balance, muscle control, and other basic body functions. The effects are often different for everyone who has the disease.” Website*
- d. It is Canada’s disease and there are a number of research projects that are looking at why this is so;
- e. Low levels of Vitamin D are deemed to be contributing factors;
- f. Persons as young as 2 years of age have been diagnosed with MS, although generally people are diagnosed when they are between the age of 15 and 40 years of age;
- g. Women are three times more likely to be diagnosed with MS than men;
- h. 20 years ago there were no drug therapies for patients;
- i. New oral medication has been a great improvement in therapy, because before this treatment was by injection;
- j. Two women researchers have joined the MS Research team at the U of S in Saskatoon;
- k. Three major grants were awarded recently by MS Canada, two of these researchers are in Saskatoon;
- l. Without saying so specifically, Lisa expressed appreciation to Rotary members for the support they have provided to the MS program through support offered through *Peters’ Pedalers Plus*.

2. Fund Raising Events which Lisa discussed:

- a. Blue Cross MS Walks – the Saskatchewan Division sponsor 11 Walks originating from the large centres in the province with the exception of the powerful little group in Eastend where they raise at least \$30,000.00 each year;
- b. K + S Bike Tours – there are two Tours held annually in the province – one in southern Saskatchewan and the second in Waskesiu in Prince Albert National Park;

3. Why it is exciting to be part of the MS Team at this time:

- a. There is promising and exciting research being undertaken in Canada and certainly in Saskatchewan;
- b. Canada contributed \$1 million to determine the effectiveness of the “liberation” treatment highlighted by Dr. Zamboni;
- c. In 2019 Canada will be readjusting the funding ratio between program and services on one hand and research on the other. Shift will increase the research amount from 50% to 60% while reducing the programs and services from 50 to 40%
- d. Recently announced - two MS Neurologist have been recruited to Saskatoon – Dr. Michael Levine in the role as MS Chair for a 7 year term \$8.4 million budget – the second physician will serve as the Clinic Director.
- e. Stem cell therapy research is underway in Ontario and Quebec.



Lisa Smith, a dedicated MS leader, was appropriately thanked by PP Ron who did a fine job of demonstrating the distinguishing features of the multi-use insulated grocery bag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Z99 Radiothon – March 16 & 17 – 2017 is Z99’s 30th Anniversary involvement in raising funds to equip a first class NICU at the Regina General. In these 3 decades the Radiothon has raised over \$8 million. Last year the event raised over \$780,000.00 and this year the goal is \$1 Million. Let’s get on board. Chad will be at the phone so let us help make a difference for the new born babies in southern Saskatchewan who need this service.

Out-of-Delta Meeting – April 6th we are not in the Delta – not clear yet where we will be, so stay tuned.

Eastview Golf Tournament – July 7th at Tor Hill – this is a fun, fund raiser and while it is too early to book a sunny windless day, John Van Koll has a call in when the line opens up. There is a dinner at the Club following golf, so there is something for everyone.

Greetings from Ted Tejada – Gary and Jessie Carlson docked in Belize on their cruise and had opportunity to connect with Ted, who sent his greetings to members of Regina Eastview. Ted and Emelita will be in Regina this summer to attend a friend's graduation from University.

New Member Proposal - Past President announced that the Directors have considered a Membership application from Michael Lai and agreed his name should be circulated to the membership for approval. Members have seven (7) days to advise the President why Michael should not be admitted to membership in Regina Eastview. Should there be no opposition to Michael's membership, he will be inducted into the Club.

ROTARY TIDBIT

ShelterBox Canada News Release March 9, 2017

ShelterBox teams prepare following Cyclone Enawo - A ShelterBox team is being put together to deploy to **Madagascar** in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Enawo as it made landfall on Tuesday March 7. Enawo is the strongest cyclone in 13 years to impact the country and landed as the equivalent of a Category 4 hurricane.



Winds were between 230-270 kilometres per hour and the resulting rains are expected to cause flash flooding and mudslides throughout the rest of the week.

According to the Malagasy Red Cross, approximately 720,000 people will be affected directly and indirectly by this intense tropical cyclone. Meteo Madagascar has issued a red alert for the northeast coastal areas of Madagascar, advising residents to abandon houses on water edges, store drinking water and seek shelter in a safe building.

Footage has started to emerge following Cyclone Enawo's landfall in Madagascar, however, communications are likely severed as a result of the storm so the full extent of damage is not yet known.

Get the rest of the story at: <http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/news.php?id=1884>

COMMENTARY

Currie's Corner 497 – March 2, 2017

What strange times we have in 2017. Despite virtually unanimous agreement that 'distracted driving' is every bit as dangerous as 'impaired driving' when it comes to killing people on highways and byways, more and more people are texting and tweeting every day, including from the driver's seat with the wheels turning at high speed.

How many more will die tragically this year because of such reckless carelessness? Americans get to observe the worst possible example, the 70 year old who lives at the White House. President Trump is a compulsive "tweeter" at 4 in the morning, most often on a personal smartphone, with all the 'bad dudes' of the world being able to tune in at any time. About the only positive is the fact that The Donald probably won't be driving himself for a while.



What is it about these digital devices that didn't even exist 40 years ago? Does anything that is really worthwhile even happen on smartphones, that couldn't possibly wait like it had to back then? Perhaps the saga of Brian and Martha will mark a turning point.

As these words reach you, Brian Cullinan and Martha Ruiz are still gainfully employed by Price Waterhouse Coopers in Los Angeles. That's the famous accounting firm that has tabulated the Oscar ballots and been responsible for preparing those famous envelopes since Irving Thalberg was alive in the mid-1930.

Last Sunday, as we were all falling asleep waiting for Bonnie and Clyde to tell us who won Best Picture, Brian and Martha were backstage in their Sunday best, but they were a bit 'distracted' it seems. I won't repeat the details, but the accounting couple have been made to carry the can for the worst snafu in the 89 year history of this premier event.

Why? It seems that Brian was busy tweeting, when he should have been paying attention to which envelope was front and centre on the podium. Knowing the distracted world of Hollywood, someone is probably preparing a movie about it at this very moment, and Samsung and Apple will provide the financing. Brian's 15 minutes of fame hasn't ended yet.

I'm Roger Currie



Thank you my friends for all the good things you do!

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters