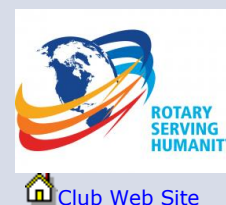


## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

# The ROTOR

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May 18	<b>“Alzheimer's Society of Saskatchewan”</b> with <b>Joanne Brachen</b> , CEO
May 25	<b>“The Powerful Threesome”</b> with <b>Vern Hoyt</b> , <b>Shreedhar Jachak</b> and <b>Richard Schwan</b> .
Jun 1	<b>“Surgical Help in Guatemala”</b> with <b>Dr. James Carter</b>
Jun 8	<b>“TBA”</b>
Jun 15	With <b>Terry Simonson</b> , CEO, Jay's Moving & Storage
Jun 22	<b>President's Social &amp; Changeover Evening Meeting – NO NOON MEETING</b>
Jun 29	<b>“TBA”</b>

### PROGRAM

**“Alzheimer's Society of  
Saskatchewan”**  
with **Joanne Brachen**

**May 18, 2017**

### DUTY ROSTER

**Registration:** **Chad Cunningham**  
**50/50:** **Barry Strohan**  
**Greeter:** **Peter Peters**

## MAY is “Youth Services” Month in Rotary!

There are those occasions when the “plan” comes together as planned and today was such a day. The **Registration Desk** guru, **50/50 Ticket** seller and assigned **Greeter** were on site, and although a little up-front was needed, the “Team” came together. They stood as a united front to herald the occasion – (R to L) Registrar Richard Schwan, 50/50 ticket guy Allan Smith and Greeter Chris Hefner.



**President Greg McNamara** was his usual dynamic self and was on cue to welcome members, visitors and guests. He is seen here welcoming Wanda Blake, Regina Public Library to the meeting and to the lead table, as a guest of the Club.

President Greg called us to order with gentleness (absent the bell gong) as our bell has been damaged.

Nelson Falkowsky strode forth to lead in the singing of our National Anthem (with which he proceeded when satisfied the attention of everyone was focused). Jack Wozniak led in Rotary grace.





Repairing the bell will require skilled hands and its' future protection will also require attention.

Club Philosopher Doreen Pankewich wisely observed that it would be inappropriate to have weighty quotes two weeks in a row and therefore shared this **“Thought for the Day”** from the late syndicated columnist Ann Landers, *“At every party, there are two kinds of people, those who want to go home and those who don’t. The trouble is they are usually married to each other.”*



The fortunate folks at the **Lead Table** consisted of (L to R) Wanda Blake, Chris Lane, President Greg, Lyle Gollnick, Stacey Carmichael and Rebecca Rackow.

Richard Schwan introduced our **Guests**: (Pictured below L to R with the exception of Wanda who was profiled with President Greg above) Guest Speaker Chris Lane; Wanda Blake, Stacey Carmichael and Rebecca Rackow guests of the Club; Dave Pearce guest of Jack Wozniak; and, Patrick Masvosva guest of Charles Sadzamare. Richard concluded his introductions by calling on **Visiting Rotarian** Kevin Hayes (far right), a member of the Rotary Club of Calgary South to stand.



The **50/50 Draw** managed by Allan Smith who sold \$140.00 worth of tickets meaning the Club’s \$70.00 is divided \$68.00 to the draw and \$2.00 to the lucky person whose ticket is drawn. “Objective” Chris Lane, CEO of Agribition, was called on to draw the lucky ticket and showed clear leadership by offering his hat for as the ticket receptacle. Doug Mortin’s ticket was drawn and after ensuring the green marble was in “the box”, Doug tried really hard to select the green from remaining seven blue – sadly this did not occur - we are all buying tickets again next week - \$1,461.00 at stake.

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

**May 12 - Jack Wozniak, Tanya Woroby, Ann Grahame**

**May 19 - NO SCHOOL**

**May 26 - Allen Hillsden, Doug Mortin, Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk**



Through song, we sent our **Happy Birthday** wishes to three fine members of our Club. (L to R) The youthful Kell Sloan with less than 2 years of Rotary experience; Tania Woroby who joined Regina Eastview in 2010; and, “old timer” in the group, who joined Rotary in 1987, Laurence Vigrass. From the photo one might conclude that at least two out of three members are pleased with their birthday “gift”.



## SERGEANT –AT-ARMS



Sergeant-A-Arms Pat Dell began by clarifying this evening's event at the Conexus Arts Centre is the **YWCA Women of Distinction Awards Gala** when there is a gathering to celebrate extraordinary women in southern Saskatchewan (not sure if there was a fine connected with this clarification). Sergeant Pat was nearly overcome with emotion as she recalled fining the innocent soft spoken humble Allan Smith last week for missing his assigned Roster Duty only to later learn Allan's task was for this week – to make up for grievous error she expected that the culprit, President Greg (for providing “alternative” facts) would repay Allan (not sure the Sergeant extended an apology to Allan;) Takayoshi Ono was fined \$2.00 because he has opportunity to golf 4 times each week and the Sergeant can only get out 3 times.

Happy dollars came from Peter Peters who noted that last Tuesday he and Margaret celebrated their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary; Leo Ell donated a happy dollar in recognition of Barry Strohan, “The most generous Rotarian!”; President Greg has pleased to tell us that his son Shamus is coming to Regina for a visit; Pat Richards had a couple of reasons to be happy; first her “mature” friend just got engaged to be married to a sweetheart from decades ago; and, her hockey playing grandson is in Boston at hockey try-outs along with hundreds of young hockey hopefuls playing in front of hockey scouts from around the world; Dinesh Kashyap was humbled to tell us he has been elected to the Board of the Royal United Services Institute; Laurence Vigrass took opportunity to follow up on his May 9 birthday by letting us know this was his 88<sup>th</sup> – not bad for a young fellow; and, Peter Neufeldt reminded members that the very attractive and stylish **District Conference 2018 Golf Shirts** he and Jack Wozniak were wearing are available to all members for \$38.00 – get one of these Conference 2018 identifiable apparel items and fit into the supporting crowd.



## PROGRAM

Jack Wozniak was called on to introduce guest speaker Chris Lane, CEO of Canadian Western Agribition in Regina. Jack told us that Chris came to Agribition after a 15 year career with CBC Television News as Producer of both local and national programs. Born and raised in Northern Alberta and earned a university degree in Journalism and Communications. Chris has worked in 5 Canadian Provinces and in London, England. “Along the way he has picked up two Gemini Awards for his work in journalism”. While there may appear a significant shift from “media” to “agriculture”, Chris sees this more as the transfer of skills and core competencies within business – and it was this message he shared today.



This is what we learned from Chris Lane:

- He grew up in a home and community where there was a commitment to “service” and as his father was a Rotarian, being in today's meeting was a remembered experience;
- In looking at relocating from the CBC to the Agribition was not a major shift in what to do – what changes is the product not the process;
- Leadership in business is about means that when one moves into a new world, one leaves behind the “tasks” and you carry on with the skills you had earlier and those developed at the previous business;

- Whether on is at the CBC or at Agribition it is about executing the “plan” and when that is clear, the process of managing is virtually constant;
- The “core competency” at Agribition is a matter of matching people – matching the “buyers” and the “sellers”. In this context, Chris used H & R Block as an example – H & R were wrestling with growth strategy. Once they slipped out of the rut of seeing themselves as tax preparers and recognized that their “core competency” was delivering “goods” through the use of a temporary work force, there horizon became almost boundless’
- To Agribition “growth” would include the following;
  - Community building;
  - Attract, facilitate interaction;
  - Host Aboriginal leaders in recognizing and cultivating their potential;
  - Hosting major grain grower interactive learning sessions.
- They take their community partner role seriously and have seen significant moves in the past year;
  - Last year 8,000 school children attended Agribition as part of their school class;
  - Agribition involvement with 4H is expanding;
  - They are involved with Hopes Home;
  - STARS is a new partnership for the Agribition
- With success comes responsibility and you will see us in the community more in the future;
- One of their biggest contributions will be to coordinate opportunities, e.g. addressing food production and security, to get the right groups of people into the room.

Doug Mortin expressed the Club’s appreciation for the support our Club’s *Adventures in Agriculture* program received from Chris personally and from the larger Agribition organization over the years and most particularly last year. We are honored to be working with such a forward looking organization and trust this will continue for many years.



### **ROTARY TIDBIT**

It was the Club’s Community Service Committee’s turn to be in the lime light as they made a two major donations to community initiatives.



The first was to the Regina Public Library where the Club offered financial support to the Library’s Early Learning Mother Goose Outreach Program which is delivered in five sites in Regina. In this case Community Service Director Lyle Gollnick presented Wanda Blake with a cheque for \$500.00 to assist in this initiative.

The second donation was to the Canadian Mental Health Association, an organization which has for many years been one of Eastview’s “Signature Projects”. Lyle Gollnick was pleased to provide ongoing support to the CMHA. In her comments, Stacey Carmichael expressed appreciation on behave of CMHA and indicated these funds would be going to a new community engagement initiative.





## **RYLA Remembrance**

As a special treat President Greg invited our guest Rebecca Rackow to tell Regina Eastview members her connection with this Rotary Club.



It seems that 28 years ago Regina Eastview selected Rebecca to be our candidate to the RYLA Disabilities Camp in Gimli. Over the years Rebecca has thought about how this RYLA experience set the direction for her life and has been pivotal in the decisions she has made about her vocation. She recalled being teamed with a girl who was blind from birth and this particular evening the students were going out to the beach and watch the meteor shower.

As they lay on their backs her friend asked her to explain what she was seeing. "It was really hard", but it was a life setting opportunity. She just wanted to thank Rotary once again for this opportunity.

Rebecca now works with the CMHA – Saskatchewan Division, and will be our guest speaker in July. You will not want to miss her story.

## **DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018**

Jack Wozniak introduced Dave Pearce, a Regina "Barber Shopper Par-Excellence", who told us about an important initiative with which he has been involved for many years. Barber Shop singers are wishing to bring more young people into the "fold" and to achieve this they are plugged into an international program which focuses on making this happen. The current process is to gather boys and girls from across Saskatchewan and prepare 50 – 100 of these young people into a singing sensation and taking them to a competition in southern California.



His reason for being at this meeting is to prepare the Rotary voices for the Club's song at the Kenora Conference in May 2017. Dave is confident that in a short time (1 hour or less) this can be achieved. Let us be ready. First audition was in 5 minutes.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Membership Seminar last Saturday** – From PDG Doug Mortin, is one of the best, if not the best membership learning experience he has experienced. Stay tuned - it is expected we will hear more in the coming months.

## **COMMENTARY**



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