



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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May 18, 2016 All Clubs meeting “Under the Same Sun” with Peter Ash at Holy Rosary Cathedral Parish Hall 7-9 PM

May 19, 2016 Amarok Society with Gem Munro

May 26, 2016 NO NOON MEETING—EVENING MEETING 5-30 PM at Lancaster Taphouse

June 2, 2016 RBC’s Blue Water Project with Richard Schwan

June 9, 2016 MUNA with 2 students and their counselor

June 16, 2016 NO NOON MEETING

June 17, 2016 President’s Social and Changeover Meeting at the Delta Hotel 5-30 PM

June 26, 2016 Sofia House with Executive Director Sarah Valli

NEXT WEEK
May 19, 2016
The Amarok Society
With
Gem Munro

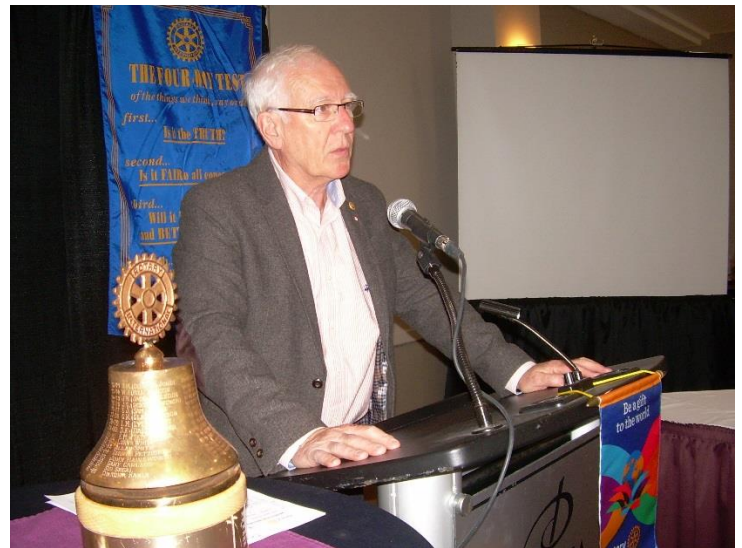
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Registration: Doug Mortin

50/50: Joyce Butler

Greeter: Gord Wicijowski

Registration: Handling the registration desk today in the manner of a seasoned Rotarian was Jack Wozniak. He was assisted by Jeff Barber on 50/50 and Zarin Zavery was all smiles as she welcomed everyone to Eastview. They were a great team.



President-Elect Greg McNamara was at the podium today on behalf of President Ron who is attending the District Conference in Gimli this weekend along with a number of other esteemed Eastviewians. Seated with PE Greg were: Leo Ell, Hans Gaastra, John Ryall, Joseph Mburu, Grace Mbugua.

PE Greg called the meeting to order and asked Nelson to lead us in our National anthem. Following Rotary grace, experienced philosopher Leif Riesach provided the following thought for the day attributed to English poet, W.H. Auden: "*We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know.*" Thanks Leif. Some food for thought. Longtime Walmart employee, Greg, invited Leif to provide another wisdom that they had shared earlier: "*If Walmart is lowering their prices everyday why isn't everything free?*"

Visiting Rotarians and guests: Doug Keam from the R.C. of Regina, John Ryall from the Toronto East Club.



Other guests were: Murray Lutzer (guest of the Club), Grace Mbugua (guest of Joseph Mburu, Susana Soto (guest of Chris Hefner)

Following their introduction guests were treated to the Eastview welcome song, once again under the leadership of Nelson Falkowsky. Everyone did indeed feel welcome!



50/50: Jeff Barber invited Grace Mbugua to draw the winning ticket from the \$64 pot. Would you believe the winner was Jeff Barber!! Yes it is the truth! Jeff promptly donated his share to Chili for Children. Thanks Jeff.

Birthdays: there were a number of May birthdays in the first two weeks of May: Louis Browne and Tania Woroby both on May 7, Laurence Vigrass on May 9, and Ken Poon on May 10. For a mere \$10 these people received happy birthday greetings in song and next week will receive their birthday gift from President Ron. Happy Birthday Rotarians. Hopefully there was a birthday cake for you on your special day!



Sergeant at Arms: there was no sergeant today but PE Greg called for happy bucks and there was much happiness in the room. *Joyce Butler* has just returned from cruising around the world for two months—a lot of happiness there! *Joseph* was happy to have wife, Grace, with him at Eastview and reported his campaign for President of Kenya is going well. *Chad Cunningham* was happy to report that the Rowlco Radio Day of Caring campaign raised \$800,000 for the people of Fort McMurray. All funds will be matched by the Federal and Provincial governments for a total of \$2.4 million to be given to the Red Cross for distribution. *Chris Hefner* was happy to work with a long time friend at Capital Ford and transferred out their current laser printers. *John Ryall* is visiting his son, Damien, in Regina who is starring in "The Full Monty", a musical from Sterling Productions showing at the Riddell Center at the U of R May 12-14. Damien and fellow actors were featured in the Thursday Leader Post. *PE Greg* was happy because Ralph Goodale's office gave him 29 Canada pins to share with the world at the RI Conference in Seoul Korea. Greg expressed gratitude to Eastview and to Rotary for the opportunity to attend this conference. He and wife, Anne leave in 10 days and are excited to embark on this adventure. And those were the happy bucks for Eastview on May 12, 2016.

Program: Today was very special as two of our newer members took to the podium to speak about their lives and their call to Rotary. *Chad Cunningham* has been in Regina since 2010. He had met a Regina girl and they soon married and now make their home here. In 2014 they had their first child, a son.

Chad had joined Rotary in 2002 in Lloydminster. He has worked in the hospitality and service industry but returned to school and now works in media marketing and is senior advertising consultant with Rawlco Radio. His goal is helping a business to succeed. A very good addition to Eastview!!

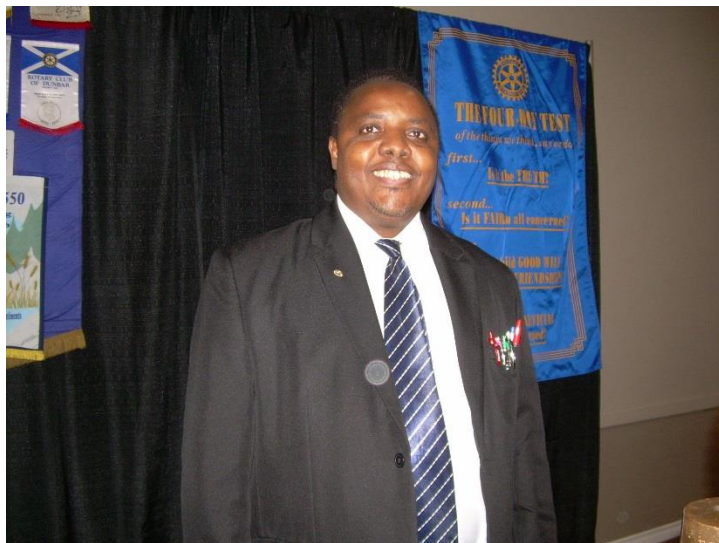
Chad was raised in a family where there was an expectation to give back to the community. As an adult he volunteered for various community organizations and Rotary was a good fit. He has hosted a number of long term exchange students all of whom on their return home joined Rotaract Clubs. He was involved in programming for exchange students and one such program took place in the North West Territories in February where students were dropped into the middle of a caribou run. They experienced survival, building their own shelter, snow shoeing and ice fishing. He is very close to the polio program as both his grandfather and mother had polio. His grandfather was treated in an iron lung and sadly his life ended too soon. So the Polio elimination program is close to his heart.



Following his presentation, PE Greg asked Chad “Why Eastview?” to which Chad responded that he had met Louis Browne (need he say more?) and that Eastview seemed to be an engaged club. Thank you Chad. We are glad to have you here at Eastview.

The next presenter was *Joseph Mburu*. Joseph was raised in Kenya, very near to the Uganda border. He said he is very excited to come to Rotary and sing our national anthem. When he was in Grade 4 in Kenya he was in charge of the flag at school. Joseph was raised in a good home with parents who believed in generosity—giving

to others, which is why Rotary inspires him. Once he received his first degree in Kenya, he bought his father 3 suits, shirts and ties as he admired and appreciated his fathers gifts. Within a month his father had shared two of the suits with others—a characteristic he admires in Rotary—sharing with others.



Joseph and his wife, Grace, have been married 25 years. She is a nurse at Pioneer Village. They have 3 hardworking children—two in University and one in Grade 11. Joseph studied in Kenya and received his elementary, high school and Bachelors degree. Later he obtained his Masters and PhD. He studied North American geography and was fascinated by the prairies. Kenya produced no wheat and therefore bread

products were in short supply and expensive. He read about the prairies and wanted to come here because we grow wheat. A visiting Toronto lawyer told him about the Canadian landed immigrant program. Four years later Joseph and Grace contacted the Toronto lawyer and advised that they wanted to come to Canada and to arrange emigration. Joseph wanted to come to Regina. The lawyer had trouble believing this—why not Toronto, he asked. Joseph said no it had to be Regina. In 2004 they arrived in Regina. Joseph teaches Political Science at the University of Regina.

Joseph has had a vision for sometime about helping the people of Kenya. He believes he can do that and is running as a Presidential candidate in the 2017 elections in Kenya. He and Grace passed around envelopes that tell his story and what he hopes to do for the people and animal population of Kenya if he becomes President. A fundraiser (dinner) will be held June 4 at the Doubletree Hotel at 12-30 PM. Contact Joseph for more

information. Again PE Greg asked Joseph: “Why Eastview?” Joseph responded that the first time he had visited the Club he had been greeted by Peter Peters which made an impression (Peter does that over and over!) and the second time he met Louis Browne, another powerful advocate for Eastview. His decision was made.

PE Greg thanked the speakers and echoed the thoughts of those in the room—how fortunate Eastview is to have these young people as members. Greg noted that promoting networking for Rotarians, particularly young professional Rotarians, is a focus for his executive team in the coming year. A VERY INSPIRING PROGRAM. THANK YOU CHAD AND JOSEPH.

Family of Rotary

Correction: Lloyd Rogers is in a Day Program 2 days a week at Pioneer Village (not Wascana Rehabilitation Center). We miss you Lloyd and wish you well. We are also thinking of you, Mary.

Announcements: PE Greg announced that Peter Neufeldt will be District Governor in 2017-18 and that Elaine Thompson from Winnipeg is the incoming DGNominee (2018-19) for District 5550. We will continue to be led by exceptional people!!

On May 18 there is an all Clubs meeting at Holy Rosary Parish Hall from 7-9PM. Peter Ash and two women will speak on living with albinism. Their presentation is titled “Under the Same Sun”.

Lyle Gollnick introduced Murray Lutzer to the Club and presented a cheque to him from the Community Services Committee. Murray is with Align—a youth program that goes into Regina schools to introduce youth to fun, friends, food and faith.

Shreedhar has been in touch with Gary Dickson, a former Eastview member. Best wishes were sent from Gary to all in Eastview. All the best to you as well, Gary.

Clarence reported that his grandson’s school, Strathcona High School in Edmonton, raised over \$449,000 for Shelter Box. The 24 hour bikeathon fundraiser took place indoors on stationery bikes with support from many in the community as well as corporate sponsors. Amazing!! This is the third year the school has had such a large fundraiser. Last year the funds went to help homeless people. No wonder Grandpa Clarence was so proud! Grandma Donelda has provided a link where you can read more about this wonderful story.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/strathcona-high-school-bikeathon-smashes-fundraising-records-1.3499077>. (Paste in your browser).

NOTE TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS: PE Greg noted that the new DG for 2016-17, Rod Riopel, will be visiting Eastview on July 18. This year the DG is asking clubs to provide information about their programs to him by email ahead of time so that he is familiar with the Club when he arrives. Greg is asking all committee chairs to provide their reports to him by June 14 so he can organize the reports and send them on to the DG. He asks that Committee chairs include ideas from committee members for the coming year in the reports.

CHILI FOR CHILDREN DUTY ROSTER

May 20	NO SCHOOL
May 27	Lyle Gollnick, Hans Gaastra, Doug Mortin
June 3	Peter Peters, Sherry McKinnon, Jack Wozniak
June 10	Ann Grahame, Tania Woroby, Allen Hillsden
June 17	NO SCHOOL
June 24	Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Doug Mortin

Commentary

It was a very good day at Eastview. PE Greg McNamara did very well in his dress rehearsal role for the new Rotary year. Of course we missed the members who are attending the District Conference in Gimli. Hopefully they will share their stories on their return from the Conference. It was an inspirational meeting hearing the stories of our two new younger members. We each have a story to tell and they are all different. We need to hear them all again and again because they are always changing. It is what families do--listen to each other's stories. Looking forward to hearing more from other members in the future.

A personal observation about the fires in Alberta....

The stories are tragic and unbelievable. There just are not words to describe the horror. We are fortunate in Canada--not that we had the terrible fires but that we have the means to manage the disaster. Even in our worst hours of need there was assistance from so many across the country and there were even international offers of help. We are reminded that as serious as the devastation was, we still had the resources provided to those who needed them within hours, days, weeks and months. Immediately there were the fire fighters on scene with all of the equipment that they could use, the RCMP were on scene to lead people to safety, the Alberta and Federal Governments immediately implemented plans to provide refuge, supplies and money to the evacuees, other provinces provided human resources and supplies, individuals across the country donated millions of dollars to the Red Cross to be matched by governments. Insurance companies made themselves available for immediate consultation. No lives were lost directly related to the fire although sadly two young people died in a traffic accident while fleeing the fire. Everyone wanted to help and everyone did. First Nations groups provided support in so many ways to evacuees—providing food, lodging, gas for vehicles. It brought our country together. A very sad, but very proud moment for Canada and Canadians. Everything that was needed in the moment could be mobilized within the country. We were reminded again of the strength and goodness of neighbours, friends, family, and complete strangers. We hear reports from people who lost everything saying that they will go back to Fort McMurray. It is their home. They will rebuild. We can only admire their courage and strength and wish them the best. We can say it again and again, we are fortunate that we live in such a country. Even the three political parties in Parliament were united for a few days!! Let's hope Mother Nature has settled down!!



Filling in for Rotor Editor Peter Peters, I am Gail Bradley