



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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Service Above Self

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May 26	No Noon Meeting Replaced with a 5:30 PM meeting at Lancaster Taphouse
Jun 2	"RBC's Blue Water Project" with Richard Schwan
Jun 9	"Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)" with 2 Students and their Counselor
Jun 16	No Noon Meeting
Jun 17	"President's Social and Changeover Meeting" at the Regina Delta
Jun 23	"SOFIA House" with Sarah Valli , Executive Director

NEXT WEEK

"This Is My Life"

Featuring
Two New Eastviewians Family

May 26, 2016

PDG Doug Mortin was at the **Registration Desk** where he did a masterful job of ensuring those who entered the room were already feeling good about coming to lunch – that was even before they saw the food and were exposed to the fellowship behind the "green door".

Before one could get to far, Joyce Butler was able to convince many that for a \$2.00 **50/50 ticket** investment you would feel even better – many accepted her encouragement which benefited the Club, and of course the winner.

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: Ann Grahame

50/50: Gary Carlson

Greeter: Charles Sadzamare

**MAY is
YOUTH SERVICES
Month in Rotary.**





As with many Rotary Clubs, Regina Eastview has a multi-layer “welcoming process”. Once you get by the registration desk and the 50/50 ticket seller, you could have the good fortune of being “officially” welcomed by the **Greeter**. Today’s **Greeter** responsibility rested with Eastview’s senior statesman, Gord Wicijowski, who joined our Club in 1961. Tip of the hat to Gord for 55 years of continuous Rotary service.

CHILI FOR CHILDREN

May 20---NO SCHOOL

May 27---Lyle Gollnick, Hans Gaastra, Doug Mortin

June 3----Peter Peters, Sherry McKinnon, Jack Wozniak

June 10--Ann Grahame, Tanya Woroby, Allen Hillsden

June 17--NO SCHOOL

June 24--Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Doug Mortin

President Ron Okumura, who can almost see the end of his presidential term, remains his calm focused self as he moves us gently through our luncheon order of business. Having convinced Allen Hillsden that leading in O’ Canada would not be all that stressful on Allen’s “bronchial infested” throat. Certainly, if Allen could croak out “O”, we would “take it from there” – and so it came to pass!

PDG Eugene Suchoboki - Rotary, and particularly in District 5550, were saddened to learn of the passing of Past District Governor (PDG) Eugene Suchoboki. Eugene was Governor in 2001-2003 and at that time was a member of the RC of Regina Industrial Parks. That year the President of Rotary International was Richard King, who had selected as the Rotary Theme, “*Mankind Is Our Business*”. Eugene and Yvonne did the theme great justice as they visited all the Rotary Clubs, advocating and encouraging each club to fulfill their responsibility to humanity, both in their community and in their international service projects. Because Regina had hosted the District Conference in 2000, PDG Eugene and Regina Industrial Parks courageously partnered with the RCs of Moose Jaw and Moose Jaw Wakamow and hosted the District Conference in Moose Jaw. Eugene’s most outstanding characteristic was his cheerful, up beat disposition and his commitment to family and community. For those and many other qualities, Eugene will be missed.

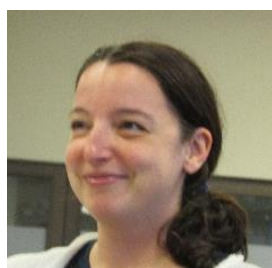
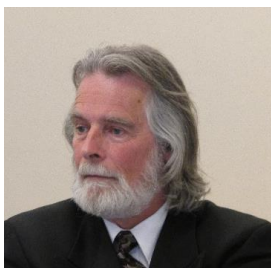


Funeral services for Eugene will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 20, 2016 at St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church with Fr. Vladimir Simunovic as Celebrant. Following a private burial, family and friends are invited to Resurrection Parish Hall, 3155 Windsor Park Road from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. to Celebrate Eugene's Life.

While attendance was down today, the **Lead Table** reflected the highest of quality consisting of President Ron, Gem Munro (**right**), Richard Schwan, Greg McNamara, Shreedhar Jachak and John Van Koll.



Doug Mortin introduced the following **Guests**: Guest Speaker Gem Munro (**below left**); Debbie Ross (**middle**) guest of Lyle Gollnick; and, Luis Simon (**right**) guest of Laurel Mattison.



Joyce Butler sold 25 tickets so the **50/50 Ticket** draw would be worth \$25.00 to the winner – Peter Peters won the pot and gifted the money to Gem Munro and the Amarok Society.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



There was wild applause as attendees welcomed Pat Dell to the podium to fulfill one of the Sergeant-At-Arms responsibility (fining folks). Pat started off gently handing out Rotobucks to all Members who would be spending some of the weekend doing outside garden stuff; at this point “the other shoe fell” and Golfers paid for some misdemeanour; those without name tags paid; Greg McNamara was delighted to donate because their son is now an electrician; Peter Peters donated because he and Margaret had the opportunity of taking new Rotarian Laurel Mattison to the District Conference in Gimli; Ann Grahame donated because Regina Eastview received 3 Awards at the District Conference; Sam Berg gifted the Club some dollars because, i) of the success of the Mayors Lunch last week at which Margaret Trudeau was Guest Speaker and, ii) the opportunity to visit Ottawa, the residence of some of their family; Doug Mortin reported on the Million Dollar Dinner celebration at the District Conference where it was learned that between October 1, 2015 and May 14, 2016 the District raised \$1,133,685.00 (US) for The Rotary Foundation (**a number of Eastviewians contributed US\$10,000.00 or more to this fund raising endeavour**) US ; Clarence Krause told us their Granddaughter was one of 350 students at her Edmonton High School that graduated from Grade 12; Kell Sloan was all smiles as his wife, Kim, their children and furniture arrived in Regina; and, Shreedhar Jachak was happy to tell us that last week he and Shashikala celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary – Congratulations!!!!



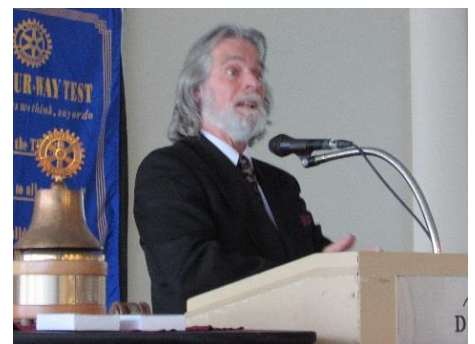
Regina Eastview supports Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECIP) – On behalf of the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview, Community Service Director Lyle Gollnick presented Debbie Ross, Executive Director of ECIP with a cheque for \$2,000.00 to support this organization in their important work of supporting, “...families with children from birth to school-age who experience or are at risk for developmental delays.”

PROGRAM

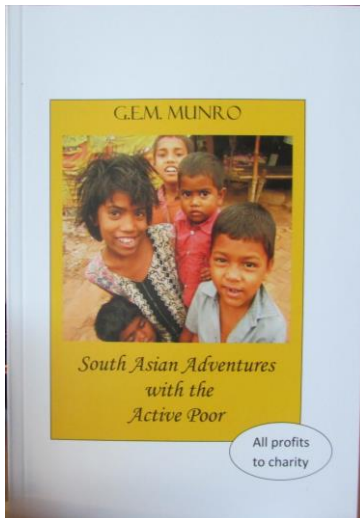


Richard Schwan was called on to introduce Guest speaker Gem Munro, the Co-Executive Director of the Amarok Society. He and his wife Tanyss, along with their children, are devoting their lives to improving educational opportunities for disadvantaged people in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nigeria. Gem is a bestselling author and visual artist. Most recently, he has directed a documentary film, ‘Heart to Head: How Amarok Society Women are Teaching the World’s Poorest Children’. We learned from Richard, and soon witnessed that Gem Munro is a powerful speaker on peacebuilding, human rights, education, and international development.

In his introductory comments Gem indicated that as Vancouver residents, they arguably left the best City in the world with the best school system, to live in the Dhaka, which he suggested was the worst City in the world with the worst school system. They left the best, for the worst, intentionally.



The work they have undertaken is in the slums of this Dhaka, a place which Gem Munro refers to as the “worst of the worst”. A place where there are no schools and as a result no education. He makes the point that building schools is not the way to enhance the educational level of communities. Their approach, which was deemed to be bound for failure by United Nations and UNECEF officials when initially approached, was to educate mothers and make them responsible to “teach” their children. Now 10 years later the objection to their approach is less vocal.



Shuly, one of the first mothers they taught to be a teacher, is an Amarok Society hero. She overcame her husband’s objection and abuse and that of his family, by her persistence that she wanted to go to the Amarok School. She wanted to learn, “So I could teach my son and daughter”. Because Shuly saw this is the only way her daughter would not be “married off” at 13 or 14 years of age and continue the cycle of poverty. Each educated mother must then teach 5 children in her school. This is a requirement and the expectation is met. Joining together, the mothers overcome the prejudice, and fathers are known to listen in on their children’s classes, for no other reason than to learn as well.

The approach of the Amarok Society is that the way to overcome the terrorist and extremist is through teaching mothers. Mothers, led by people like Shuly, “have strength over the extremists – their strength is education”. Gem shared a number of short videos, including one that featured Shuly’s beautiful 18 year old unmarried daughter, who received all her education from her Mother and is headed for a different life than the one experienced by her mother, and many previous generations.

The Amarok Society has schools for mothers – 30 to 40 mothers in each school - it costs \$10,000.00 to operate a school for one year.

Gem concluded his presentation by observing that in keeping with the thrust of their Society and the focus of Rotary, the world should stop rattling their sabres and start ringing school bells, for in the latter there is hope.

In expressing our appreciation to Gem for his presentation, Richard Schwan presented Gem with a cheque for \$1,000.00 to support the work of the Amarok Society.

One of the Society’s fund raising methods is the sale of books which expand on the story we hear today. These books were available at a cost of \$20.00.

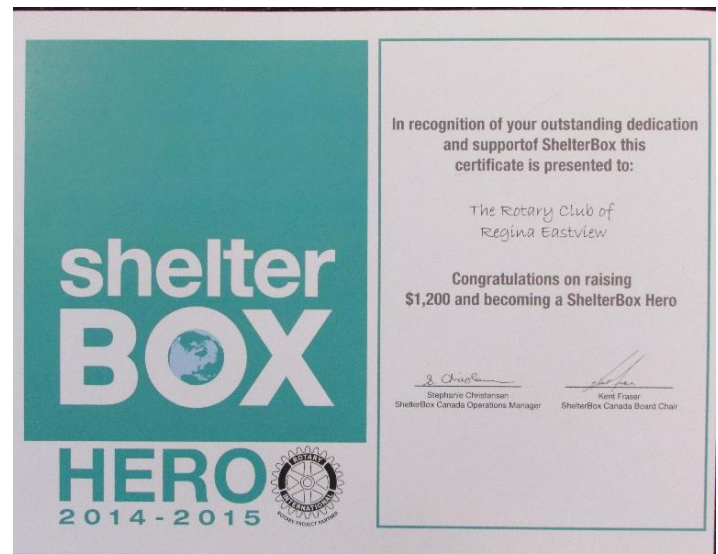
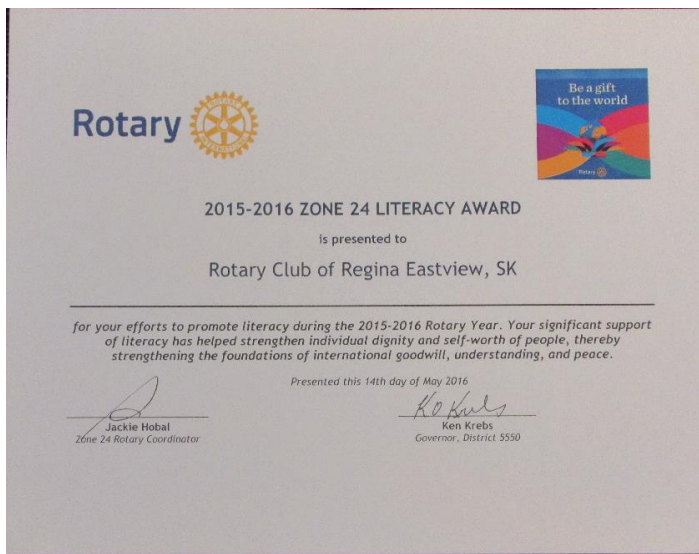


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lyle Piett Memorial Golf Tournament – The Rotary Club of Regina Eastview 9th Annual *Lyle Piett Memorial Golf Tournament* is scheduled for Friday July 8th 2016 at Tor Hill Golf Course (**left**). Members received registration information via e-mail from Tournament Coordinator, John Van Koll and more was being distributed today. An early sign up will surely benefit your score.

District Conference 2016 – Gimli, Manitoba – President Ron advised that Regina Eastview members were notable in providing leadership at the District Conference as Jeanne Martinson was one of the Key Note Speakers and lead in two breakout sessions; Peter Neufeldt was involved in facilitating in 2 breakout sessions; and, Peter Peters was involved in facilitating one breakout session.

Awards - Regina Eastview received the three Awards at the District Conference



ROTARY TIDBIT

[Canada contributes \\$40 million to ending polio in Pakistan](#) - The government of Canada [is providing C\\$40 million](#) over three years in support of Pakistan's polio eradication program. The funds will help the World Health Organization and UNICEF interrupt transmission of the wild poliovirus in Pakistan. Canada is the fifth-highest per capita donor to polio eradication, with over C\$500 million committed to date. It coordinates its efforts closely with Rotary, matching Rotarians' contributions during fundraising campaigns.



COMMENTARY

Have a fine spring week.

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters

