



# Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

## The ROTOR

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May 11	<b>“Agribition Update”</b> with <b>Chris Lane, CEO</b>
May 18	<b>“Alzheimer's Society of Saskatchewan”</b> with <b>Joanne Brachen, CEO</b>
May 25	<b>“The Powerful Threesome”</b> with <b>Vern Hoyt, Shreedhar Jachak and 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, CEO, Jay’s Moving &amp; Storage</b>
Jun 22	<b>President’s Social &amp; Changeover Evening Meeting – NO NOON MEETING</b>

### PROGRAM

**“Agribition Update”**  
with  
**Chris Lane**

**May 11, 2017**

### DUTY ROSTER

**Registration:** **Richard Schwan**  
**50/50:** **Allan Smith**  
**Greeter:** **Chris Hefner**

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

Eastview Rotarians are to be commended on filling in when someone fails to show up for their assigned Roster Duty because of conflicting events in their lives. Today the **Registration Desk** was to be staffed by Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk but in her absence Doreen Pankewich, who was to be selling 50/50 tickets, slide over and assumed the role of Registrar. Trying his best to look like Doreen (and failing miserably) was fill-in **50/50 Ticket** seller Lyle Gollnick who picked up the task because “it was the Rotary thing to do”. Take a bow, Lyle. So caught up in the beauty of this demonstrate expression of *Service Above Self*, the editor forgot to take a photo of these good people.



However, not to be totally off base the editor did catch Vern Hoyt the assigned **Greeter** admirably filling this role admirably.

**President Greg McNamara** got the meeting underway in fine style without making any observation about the “full dance card”. He just gonged the bell and we proceeded at our now accustomed speed.



Nelson Falkowsky led our National Anthem, Ron Okumura led in Rotary grace and Club Philosopher Doreen Pankewich shared this **“Thought for the Day”** from the late English novelist and dramatist, Henry Fielding, who observed, *“He that can heroically endure adversity will bear prosperity with equal greatness of the soul; for the mind that cannot be dejected by the former is not likely to be transported without the latter.”*

Not surprisingly but the **Lead Table** guests which President Greg introduced were all his friends. This consisted of Guest speaker Angie Wager, Doug and Leslie Mortin (**right**), Ron Okumura and Kell Sloan.



Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk introduced our **Guests and Visiting Rotarians**, and we stood, sang welcomed the following fine folk: Guests, Leslie Mortin, guest of husband Doug; Angie Wager (**left**) guest of the Club; Robert Jozsa (**lower left**) guest of Louis Browne; and, Visiting Rotarian Doug Keam (**right**) from the Rotary Club of Regina..



The **50/50 Draw** managed by Lyle Gollnick, raised a total of \$90.00 today. Blue marbles were counted and seems like there were only 8 left – would someone today hurry home with something in excess of \$1,390.00 or would tension ratchet up to an even higher pitch for another week. Allen Hillsden’s lucky ticket was drawn and a hush fell over the crowd as he stood



on his tippy toes to reach into the “box”. Allen came up with one of the 8 blue marbles - so next week we are down to 7 marbles – best to be at the meeting!!



**Happy Birthday** wishes were sung to Chris Hefner and Louis Browne and they appeared pleased with the sound and the message and were delighted with the gift. Happy Birthday Chris and Louis.

**Chili For Children Duty Roster**

**May 5 - Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Doreen Pankewich**

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

**May 19 - NO SCHOOL**

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

**SERGEANT –AT-ARMS**

Sergeant Pat Dell selected “Corporal” Jim Powell as her assistant and we had a sense this could be trouble, but it was not all that bad.

There was a mix-up about who was to be at the Registration Desk, etc., and members paid fines because they were “wrongly accused” (this may well have repercussions); “Corporal” Jim was fined because it was learned he tried to use Rotobucks to pay for his lunch today – it became more expensive when he admitted to doing this with “stolen” Rotobucks; for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in a row Richard Schwan advise that after 29 years with RBC, he is leaving their employ to become the Chief Operating Officer with TCU (Teachers Credit Union) – the Sergeant commended Richard for his courageous career move, “at his age”.



Doug Keam was “gifted” a Rotobuck as an enticement to shift his full allegiance to Regina Eastview in view of his appreciated regular visits – Doug took the Rotobuck and will probably use it to cover the cost of his next Eastview fine; Dapper Louis Browne was rewarded for his quality apparel – which could well be a weekly recognition for this gifted lawyer. Happy dollars came from Allen Hillsden, whose laptop had a thermal “melt down” and is now somewhere in Vancouver looking to be repaired or..... (And being so close to the ocean it is an option – albeit not desired). And the Sergeant was off for a 2:00 P.M. tee-time.

## PROGRAM

Doug Mortin was provided with the privilege of introducing his daughter-in-law, Angie Wager our Guest Speaker. In his comments Doug noted Angie has a 19 year career in the field of emergency communication, which began with Regina EMS and moved to Regina Police Service in 2001. Her work includes call taking, dispatching, being relief supervisor and a training officer and extends to being the civilian coordinator of the Regina Police Service Critical Incident Stress Management Team. Angie is an Instructor and in this role trains the team in Peer and Group Crisis Intervention, runs debriefings for all members of these teams, and is an instructor of the Peer Support Course given to each class of police recruits at the Saskatchewan Police College.



Using power point slides Angie Wager introduced us to the RPS’s 911 Emergency Services and its facilities and the stations which control the work of this vital service in our City. The Regina Police Service Communication Centre has a long history and until 1986 was staffed by police officers when the first civilians were employed. In the fall of 1995, 20 civilians were hired for this service and in January of the following year the unit was fully staffed by civilians.



From those beginnings, the service now consists of a Communication Manager, a Quality Assurance/Training Coordinator, 4 Communication Supervisors, 28 full time and 9 Casual Communication Officers, Switchboard Operator, a Radio Coordinator and 2 Electronic Technicians. These are the numbers of persons required to staff four 8 person teams for the center’s 24 hour operation 365 days each year in order for them to address an average daily work load that consists of: 468 - administrative telephone calls; 192 - 9-1-1 telephone calls; and, 167 calls for service.



Angie provided details related to the duties associated with “call taking” and dispatching including the significant care taken to ensure the safety of police and emergency medical personnel attending the “scene”. We were introduced to what takes place when a person call 9-1-1 which is uniquely different if the call comes from a land line or a cell phone. In the former instance the computer aided dispatch to provide an immediate identified location; in the latter case the location of the call is less precise as the location is defined by telephone tower locations. Once the location is defined communication staff work with the caller to define the emergency and extent of injury, etc. and ensure the safety of the location and surrounding area. Once these matters are better defined, the call is conveyed to the appropriate authority – police, fire, etc.

Angie also discussed what happens when you call 9-1-1 and hang up. If the call came from a land line and there is no response on a call back, police are dispatched to the address. If the call came from a cell phone, and there were additional suspicious sounds associated with the call specific steps are taken to establish the call location. If a location is pinpointed, officers are dispatched.

We should all be aware that any cell phone that can be powered up, even if it is not on a plan, can be used to call 9-1-1. **THEREFORE**, do not let children play with your old cell phone(s).



Angie concluded her presentation by sharing the reality of what it means to be a Communication Officer. The challenges, stress filled, emotion riddled, up lifting joys that can be fit into one day of dealing with people in the worst of personal circumstances are not for the faint hearted, but have provided her with wonderful life fulfilling experiences.

President Greg thanked Angie and called on Leslie Mortin to present our guest with the best of gifts ever.

A “tip of the hat” to a lady that works 12 hour shifts ensuring the safety of people in Regina. **THANK YOU, Angie Wager.**

**Family of Rotary** – Doug Mortin advised that Regina Eastview Honorary Rotarian, Art Foster, is now in his new (hopefully temporary) home at



Cupar & District Nursing Home - Room 25  
213 Mills Street  
Cupar, SK S0G 0Y0.  
Cell # 306-660-8040

The respite room he was in in Indian Head was not available for long-term occupancy so Cupar was the closet option. His niece is working hard to find facilities closer to either Indian Head or Regina. Although Art is not particularly happy about being there, he says the meals and care are good.

### **ROTARY TIDBIT**

**District Training Assembly – Regina, April 22, 2017**

District Governor Elect (DGE) Peter Neufeldt was on his home turf on April 22 as he brought Rotary International’s foundational message for Rotary year 2017-2018 – **Rotary – Making a Difference**. Touching on the Goals advanced by **RI President Elect Ian H.S. Riseley (right)** from the Rotary Club of Sandringham,



Victoria, Australia, DGE Peter noted how he and his Governor colleagues are encouraged to translate the year’s Theme into reality around the world. He shared his image of how Rotary’s *Areas of Focus*, individually and collectively, contribute to Rotary’s commitment to world understanding and peace.



Regina Eastview’s Peter Neufeldt is setting the stage for District 5550 to continue its’ strong leadership role in RI Zone 24. Let us gather around in this business of

**“Making a Difference”!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Membership Seminar Link** – There is a major [District Training Assembly & Membership Seminar - Winnipeg](#) occurring on May 06, 2017 from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM (CDT) with a link in place to the Salvation Army in Regina (13<sup>th</sup> and Lorne) for the Membership portion which will run from 8:00 to 10:30 (Regina Time). Please join members from Rotary Clubs in Regina and this critical conversation. For details contact President Greg.

**Conversations with New Member** – President Greg is working to set up a wee gathering of new members for a conversation about how to make the most out of your Rotary experience while making sure the Club responds to your membership dreams and aspirations.

## COMMENTARY

For the past four years Regina Eastview has supported the **Saskatchewan Youth Visual Art Project**. This initiative is a celebration of art, faith and spirituality and highlights Saskatchewan youth working through visual arts for Peace, Unity and Care of the Earth. The purpose of the project is to encourage and assist students to create art that will celebrate all those things that, “make life better for you, for all of humankind and for the planet”.

April 17 to 22, 2017 was Earth Week and was celebrated in Regina on April 22<sup>nd</sup> when 15 pieces of student art were selected for display at the Westminster United Church. These pieces will be a part of a touring exhibit promoting mutual understanding and respect for spirituality and faiths.

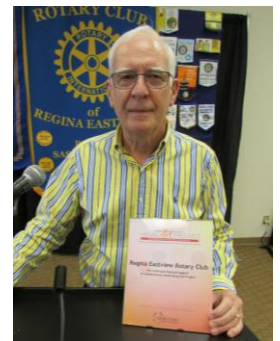


Students are provided with a broad range of suggested themes, and are largely summarized in this concluding statement, “*Just about anything that inspires you to treat each other and our planet with love, understanding and respect*”.

President Greg was privileged to present 5<sup>th</sup> place Samantha Munholland from Oxbow High School, with her award for her painting “Love has no labels” which she described as “*No matter what*

*race, caste, gender or religion, love is love. We are all human and we can't help who we love*”.

The Rotary Club of Regina Eastview was recognized with a certificate for our dedicated ongoing financial support of this “peace” initiative.



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

