



## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

# The ROTOR

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May 12 **"This Is My Life"** Featuring **Two of our New Members**

May 18 **"All Clubs Meeting with Peter Ash - Under the Same Sun"** 7 – 9 P.M. Holy Rosary  
Parish Hall

May 19 **"Amarok Society"** with **Gem Munro**

May 26 **No Noon Meeting BUT** an Evening Event at yet to be announced Venue

Jun 16 **No Noon Meeting** in favour of an Evening Meeting on Friday:

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 12, 2016**

### DUTY ROSTER

**Registration:** Jack Wozniak

**50/50:** Gail Bradley

**Greeter:** Zarin Zavery

**Registration Desk & 50/50 ticket** sale responsibility were in the capable hands of Doreen Pankewich and Gary Carlson respectively.



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



**President Ron Okumura** tested our “Rotary knowledge” as his first action in calling the meeting to order by posing this simple question, “In Rotary what designation does the month of May hold”. We failed and so the answer appears on the “cover” page of this ROTOR (be ready – it changes in June).

**Philosopher** Doreen Pankewich’s **Thought for the Day** came from British novelist, screenwriter and film producer best known as the author of the Harry Potter fantasy series, J. K. Rowling, who said, “*Differences of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical and our hearts are open.*”

In addition to President Ron the quality **Lead Table** consisted of Hussein Ibrahim, Scott Yule, Janice Yule, Doug Martin and Kell Sloane.

Multi-tasking Doreen Pankewich introduced **Visiting Rotarians** Scott and Janice Yule (**right**) from the Rotary Club of Regina Oskaya; and, **Guests**, Jessie Carlson and Mary Rogers (**Regina Eastview Inner Wheel Members**); Darin Offer (**below**) guest of Jack Wozniak; Grant Bethune (**below middle**) guest of Scott Yule; and, Margaret Peters (**below right**) guest of Peter Peters.



Gary Carlson misplaced the **50/50 Ticket** basket and after a bit of a search Hussein Ibrahim was asked to draw a winning ticket, the holder of the ticket would receive \$19.00. Hussein drew, Peter Neufeldt applauded and promptly turned the money over to the *Inner Wheel*. Mary Rogers and Jessie Carlson were at our meeting selling raffle tickets on a “Farmers Market Basket” in support of *Comfort Quilts* for cancer patients. Great cause! Thank you, Peter.

### CHILI FOR CHILDREN

**May 6---Doreen Pankewich, Allen Hillsden, Tracey Sparrowhawk**

**May 13---Nelson Falkowsky, Doug Archer, Greg McNamara**

**May 20---NO SCHOOL**

**May 27---Lyle Gollnick, Hans Gaastra, Doug Martin**

**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 Martin**

### SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



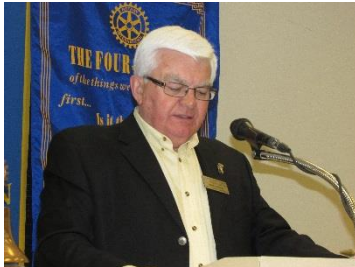
In the absence of a Sergeant, President Ron invited expressions of Happy Dollars. Chad Cunningham was proud to tell us that the six Rawlco Radio Stations in Saskatchewan have joined forces to raise money for the Fort McMurray wild fire disaster via the Red Cross.



To lunchtime today they raised \$157,000.00, and will continue on this quest for the remainder of the day – these donations will be matched by the Federal and Alberta Governments; Doreen Pankewich was pleased to advise that she and Albert are going on a river cruise “down the Danube”; and, Janice Yule was pleased to receive an invitation to speak to the Eastview Club about a project about which their family is passionate.

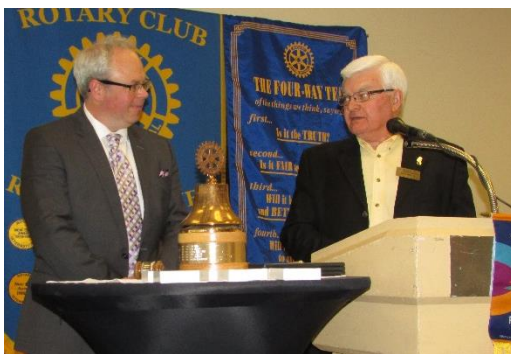


### **NEW MEMBER INDUCTION**



For the second week in a row it was New Member Induction time. Today Membership Committee member PDG Doug Mortin was called to the podium to preside over the induction of Kell Sloane into the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview. Doug invited Allen Hillsden to introduce Kell.

From Allen we learned Kell, a business developer, refers to himself as a “reformed bluenoser” having taken up residence in Regina 6 months ago. Our newest member is in the business of creating long-term value for organizations from their customers, markets and relationships. Kell is completing course work for a Masters of Business Administration degree through the Edinburgh Business School. His wife, Kim and their children, Samantha and Colin, will be joining him in Regina in the next two weeks.



In his Induction comments Doug Mortin, touched on the privileges and responsibilities that fall to a member of Rotary, noting the community will judge Rotary by the action of its members. He encouraged Kell, and the rest of us, that living by the simple, yet challenging, dictates of the Four-Way Test we reflect a life style the community will recognize and appreciate.

In his concluding comments Doug Mortin advised Regina Eastview has loaned Kell Sloane the Classification of *Business Development*.



President Ron presented Kell Sloane with Rotary information, a framed *Object of Rotary* and *Four-Way Test* and the Rotary pin. Kell along with Allen Hillsden, Doug Mortin and Ron Okumura formed a “receiving line” and members of Eastview had opportunity to welcome the newest member into the world of Rotary.

### **PROGRAM**

President Ron introduced our guest speakers, Scott and Janice Yule, who were invited to speak to us about their experience in the hosting of Syrian Refugee families to the Regina Community. Janice and Scott married their respective “University sweetheart”, forming a union which among other things resulted in three children; and, an exciting life in a variety of Canadian communities from the Maritimes to the Saskatchewan’s capital.

The Yule’s responded to the invitation to become involved in the resettlement of Syrian Refugees and did so through the Regina Open Door Society (RODS). Their involvement included taking their families shopping and to appointments.





Scott drew a comparison between the early settlers that came to Canada (and specifically the Prairies), with the challenges Syrian refugees face when they arrived in Regina early this year. The climate is new, as is the language, and the culture. Before becoming refugees some families were well off, then lost everything. Refugees come knowing they will have support for one year, but then they will be on their own. As a result they want to learn the language so they can get a job and care for their family. They shared the challenges of communication; the joy of learning to understand together; the warmth of doing a good thing; being appreciated by the children as if they are grandparents; and, dealing with emotion that comes from receiving gifts from people who have little but share with humble thankfulness.

They assisted families as they relocated from the hotel to their new homes; struggled up multi flights of stairs carrying the heaviest of oak tables; appreciated their resourcefulness in making do; and, marvelled at the commitment these new neighbours have to a good life in Regina.

If you want to volunteer in Refugee resettlement call Bonnie at the RODS and find out what there is to do and how you might help.

President Ron thanked Janice and Scott for their presentation and for what they do in creating a new home for the new residents of Canada.

**Family of Rotary** – It was very good to have Mary Rogers at the meeting today. Mary told us Lloyd is no longer able to come to Rotary, and while he is able to participate in a day program at the Wascana Rehabilitation Centre, he is no longer able to participate in activities of the Club. Let us keep Lloyd and Mary in our thoughts and make it a point of following up with them in the weeks and months ahead.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**District Conference 2016** – There is still time to register for the District Conference. Please go to the District Website – [www.rotary5550.org/](http://www.rotary5550.org/) for registration and accommodation information.



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

**Stop Hunger Now** – President Ron advised this project has been rescheduled for 2017. In the mean-time the International Services Committee has established a skeleton Sub-Committee to provide Eastview leadership to our involvement. This includes, Ron, Richard Schwan and Chad Cunningham and the hope that additional Eastview members will join. Please contact President Ron if you would like to add your name to the list of people involved with this exciting service opportunity.

**ShelterBox Updates** – Please check out a list of the recent ShelterBox deployments at:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6Jb0lCIY7q9YdPY5SnFwL2r0hxsRRMuNjB5UApmVns/edit>

Also, “**Recent forest fires in Fort McMurray:** A state of emergency has been declared in Alberta due to the “dynamic, ever-changing situation” of the forest fires that have devastated Fort McMurray and surrounding areas. The 7,500 hectare wildfire has destroyed 1,600 buildings and is expected to grow to 10,000 hectares. The wild fire has forced up to 90,000 residents to evacuate Fort McMurray.

*ShelterBox has offered our assistance and is monitoring the situation to see if we are needed. It appears that most families are staying in community centers and schools, it is unclear at the moment if the ShelterBox solution will be required."*

### **ROTARY TIDBIT**

**Facebook Post from PDG Julius Buski, President  
Rotary District 5370 Charitable Foundation**

**Fort McMurray Fire Relief Fund Established** - The Rotary District 5370 Charitable Foundation has established the "Fort McMurray Fire Relief Fund" to assist in the rebuilding of that city following this tragic fire. The Charitable Foundation is now ready to accept donations, for which tax receipts will be issued. The Foundation



will rely on an independent committee of Fort McMurray stakeholders (including the Rotary club and the municipality) for advice on disbursement of the funds.

This fund is being established after consultation with DGN Frank Reitz (resident of Fort McMurray) and Fort McMurray Rotary Club President Jeanette Bancarz.

Donations may be from individuals or corporations. Rotary clubs may wish to facilitate this process by collecting donations, and then forwarding either the individual cheques or a cheque drawn on the club's account for the total amount, along with a list of the donors and their addresses and postal codes.

Please forward donations to the following address and annotate cheques "Fort McMurray Fire Relief Fund"

Rotary District 5370 Charitable Foundation  
c/o Rotary District 5370 Office  
16030 – 104 Ave. NW  
Edmonton, AB T5P 0S3

If you wish to make a donation using Visa, MasterCard or American Express, you may do so by using the Canada Helps website and the Charitable Foundation's link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/.../rotary-district-5370-charita.../>

### **COMMENTARY**



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