

### **October is Economic and Community Development Month in Rotary**

It was the second off-site meeting under our new schedule this past Thursday. Members of the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview, several with their significant others as guests, met at the Royal Regina Golf Club House at 7:00 pm. Past District Governor, Peter Neufeldt, wearing his Saskatchewan Roughrider shirt,



acted as informal Greeter, (seen here with Gordon Wicijowski, who is a member of the "other"- Wascana Golf Club).

Pat Dell was multi-tasking, greeting each new arrival and taking their money, and telling us about "her" Golf Club. Among the guests were President John Van Koll with his wife Kathy, (picture), and John's mother, Dorothy. Sherry McKinnon was in attendance, (picture), seen here catching up with Jeanne Martinson, whose husband, Malcolm Bucholtz was also present. Clarence Krause had brought his wife,



Donelda, (picture), and a relaxed Past-President, Richard Schwan was present.





Our newest member, Helen Timms was present, seen here with Ann Grahame's guest, Jeanne Alexander, (picture). Other members in attendance included Takayoshi Ono, who is also a member of the Royal Regina Golf Club, Agbor Agbor, Hans Gaastra and Doug Archer, who later provided us with some interesting historical tidbits.

## A Brief History of the Royal Regina Golf Club

Pat Dell gave a most interesting presentation about the history of the

Royal Regina Golf Club, aided by her husband, Glen Tressell, who supervised the slide-show projection.

Pat started with a brief history of the RCMP, which was established in 1873 by the Prime Minister, Sir John Macdonald, as the North-West Mounted Police. By 1896, the government under Sir Wilfrid Laurier, planned to pass policing responsibilities to the provincial authorities, but following the discovery of gold in the Klondike, the force was redeployed to protect Canada's sovereignty over the region. The NWMP sent volunteers to fight in the second Boer War, and was subsequently renamed the Royal North-

West Mounted Police in 1904. The force was amalgamated with the Dominion Police to form the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1920.

(Below - The medical officer's building was used as the original clubhouse)



The Regina Golf Club opened for play in 1899, with 9 holes on the north side of Wascana Creek, but subsequently lost members because of the hordes of mosquitoes there. In 1901 the club moved to a new site near the NorthWest Mounted Police Barracks, away from the mosquitoes, and played on 9 holes. In 1905 the club moved back to its original site in what is now the Crescents area and erected a club house there. It hosted the provincial tournament there, in 1908 and again in 1909.







(Right - in the late 1920s and show the poor quality of the grass on the greens – and the classy masculine dress)

The club accepted Commander Perry's invitation to return to the Barracks course and to use the south end of the old recreation hall as a dressing room in 1910. The following year a group of discontented members broke away to form the Wascana Country Club. The Regina Club expanded to 13 holes and the members started to use the NWMP medical officer's residence as a clubhouse.

In 1923 the club acquired a formal 21-year lease on its land from the federal



government, and the club was officially incorporated. In 1924 its new clubhouse was opened; unfortunately, it was completely destroyed by fire in September, 1927. A new

clubhouse was opened to replace it in 1928, and a new wing was added 20 years later. In 1964 Tom Ross retired after 32 years as professional.

Regina Golf Club member Joanne Goulet reached the semi-finals of the Ladies British Open in Sandwich, England. In 1965, Joanne Goulet was a member of the Saskatchewan Senior team which won the Canadian National Senior Women's Team Championship.







When the club celebrated its hundredth anniversary in 1999 it received official "Royal" designation from Queen

Elizabeth II, becoming only one of 5 golf courses in Canada to hold recognized "Royal" designation.

In 2001 a new 18,000 sq. ft. clubhouse was opened. In 2003 the club hosted the Canadian National men's Mid-Amateur Golf Championship, and in 2008 the Royal Regina Golf Club hosted the "Hundred Edition" of the Saskatchewan Men's Amateur Championship.

In 2012 Life Member Joanne Goulet was presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. Joanne was the first woman in Canada to have a golf course named after

her. For over half a century she has been a model of excellence in the game she loves, winning many

titles and tournaments at the local, national and international levels. In 1980 Joanne was installed in the Saskatchewan Hall of fame.

Pat then pointed out some of the artifacts which had been moved from the previous clubhouse and which included the huge bison's head which is now over the entrance door. She also spoke enthusiastically about the wildlife which she has seen on the course, rabbits, foxes, beaver, and otters, as well as many species of wildfowl, including blue herons.

The members of the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview then enjoyed the delicious buffet which had been prepared for them, and continued to socialize over drinks. They also enjoyed viewing all the paraphernalia on display.









**Founding Members** 

On May 6, 1899, 19 local businessmen and officials of the Northwest Territorial Government founded the Regina Golf Club the first Golf Club in Saskatchewan. The members of the Royal Regina Golf Club are forever grateful to these men who had the vision to establish golf in Regina and Saskatchewan at such an early stage

> John Kelso Hunter - Civil Servant H.G. Green - Grain Merchant T.C. Johnstone - Barrister G. Motion - Indian Department J.A. Kerr - Hardware Merchant J.A. Whitmore - Postmaster

W.H. Rodgers - General Merchant R.S. Barrow - Manager Union Bank G.A. Ross - Civil Servant W. Trant - Journalist Norman Mackenzie - Barrister R.B. Cotton - M.D.

J.T. Child - C.E. Public Works Department, N.W.T. Government Victor Dodd - Treasury Department, N.W.T. Government C.W. Peterson - Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, N.W.T. Government C.W. Peters - Treasury Department, N.W.T. Government Captain Gilpin-Brown - Inspector, N.W.M.P C.H. Greentree - Accountant, Bank of Montreal Sheriff Benson

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ignite Hope 2018** – Kay Doxilly spoke to this *Fund Raising GALA and Saskatchewan Women of the Year Reveal* **Details on Poster attached to September 27<sup>th</sup> ROTOR**). This event featuring Frances Olson, AMAKON 2018 Saskatchewan Woman of the year will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel on Saturday, October 20, 2018 starting at 6:00 P.M.

**Save the Date** – Jeanne Martinson informed the meeting that for 40 years, BPW Regina (Business & Professional Women) has organized and hosted '*Careers Unlimited*'. This event pairs high school girls in grades 10, 11 & 12 from Regina and surrounding areas with female professionals from various careers.





**COMMENTARY** 

# **One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio**

This Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, is World Polio Day!

## How to watch Rotary's World Polio Day event

"You don't have to travel to Philadelphia to take part in Rotary's World Polio Day event on 24 October. You can watch a livestream of the proceedings from your computer or smartphone starting at 18:30 Philadelphia time (UTC-4). A recording will be available shortly after the event on <u>endpolio.org</u>."

Go to: https://www.rotary.org/en/how-watch-world-polio-day-2018-livestream

"A polio free world is our gift to the children of the world!"

On October 24, 2018, I will make a donation to PolioPlus. Please join me.

**Peter Peters**