



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

Thursday, October 22, 2015

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Service Above Self

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Oct 29	"The Rotary Foundation and Planned Giving" with Carolyn Ferguson (TRF)
Nov 5	"Substance Abuse" with Dr. George Carson
Nov 12	"TBA"
Nov 19	"TBA"
Nov 26	"Adventures in Agriculture Students" a Signature Project of the RC of Regina Eastview

NEXT WEEK

"The Rotary Foundation and Planned Giving"
with
Carolyn Ferguson

**October 29,
2015**

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: **Greg McNamara**
50/50: **Ann Grahame**
Greeter: **Doug Archer**

The **Registration Desk** was manned, as promised last week, by Peter Neufeldt, who was happy to take our money. Beside him, Lyle Gollnick was selling 50/50 tickets.

The **Greeter**, new member Jizinge Mwela, was missing in action, so members greeted each other and our visitors in true Rotary style.

In Rotary, October is ...

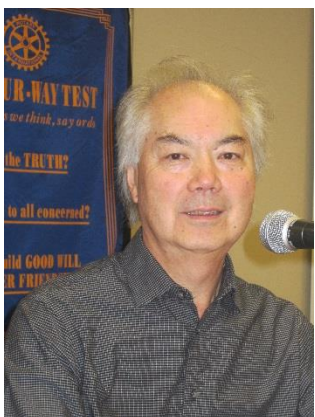
**"Economic and Community
Development"
Month**



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Duty Roster

Oct 23 - Nelson Falkowsky, Doreen Pankewich, Lyle Gollnick
Oct 30 - Sherry McKinnon, Peter Peters, Allan Hillsden



The meeting was chaired by our relaxed-looking **President Ron Okumura**

The President had invited the following to join him at the **Lead Table:** Major Mike Hoeft, Val Wiks, Shreedhar Jachak, and Rotaractors Chelsea Grumbley and Sarah Bonish.

Nelson Falkowsky was then called forward to lead us in singing "O' Canada!".



Peter Neufeldt was called on to introduce the **Visiting Rotarians** and **Guests** at today's meeting. Our lone guest was Major Mike Hoeft of the Salvation Army, the scheduled speaker. **Visiting Rotarians**, were Al Goudie of the Rotary Club of Regina, Val Wiks (right) of the Rotary Club of Regina Industrial Parks and Chelsea Grumbley (near left) and Sarh Bonish (far left), both of the Rotaract Club of Regina Auxilium.



Shreedhar Jachak was today's **Club Philosopher** with a quote from Oscar Amringer, (the Mark Twain of American Socialism), *"Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect [them] from each other."*

Lyle Gollnick then announced that the **50/50 Draw** had raised a total of \$34. Sam Berg was the lucky winner of \$17.

Birthdays: Sherry McKinnon and Ralph Goodale were called to the podium and Nelson again led us in singing the Birthday Song, before President Ron presented them with their Rotary Credit Card protectors.

HAPPY BUCKS

There was no Sergeant-at-Arms today, so President Ron Okumura called for Happy Bucks. Greg McNamara had Happy Bucks as both he and Gail Bradley have grandchildren attending Turtle Park Daycare.

Doug Mortin had Happy Bucks, as his wife Leslie had "worked his shift" at Chili for Children last week. He also had Happy Bucks as many Eastview Rotarians have volunteered to Home Host the Adventures in Agriculture students next month.

Barry Strohan had Happy Bucks and Congratulations for Ralph Goodale on his re-election, and for Louis Browne who ran a great campaign and captured more than 12,000 votes in the new urban riding of Regina Lewvan.



Charles Sadzmare had Happy Bucks. Ralph Goodale had Happy Bucks as he had met former Eastview member John Solilo whilst door knocking; John had asked to be remembered to everyone.

Gail Bradley gave Happy Bucks "because everyone is happy"!

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Shreedhar Jachak was called forward to introduce the speaker. Major Mike Hoeft currently serves as the Area Commander for the Salvation Army in Saskatchewan, where he is responsible for fourteen congregations, one women's shelter, three girls' homes, two men's shelters and one Long Term Care Facility operated by the Salvation Army.

In addition to his role as area commander he is also the Emergency and Disaster Services Coordinator for the Salvation Army in Saskatchewan.

Mike is passionate about ministry in rural Canada and has served in rural communities across the country, (Terrace, B.C., Prince Albert, SK, Tweed, ON, and Melfort, SK.) and from 2007 - 2014 he served as Rural Ministry Consultant for the Salvation Army in Canada.

He has been married to Lee Anne for 26 years and they have two children; Matthew is the owner of Hoeft Mechanical in Saskatoon and Sarah, (AJ), is a teacher in the Saskatoon Public School System.



PRESENTATION

Mike told us that he is a "lapsed Rotarian", having joined the Rotary Club of Prince Albert in 1993, he later joined the Rotary Club of Belleville, ON, then the Rotary Club of Melfort, and more recently a Rotary Club in Saskatoon.

Mike was Area Commander for the provincial Saskatchewan Forest Fire Response. There have been evacuations almost every summer, but never before anything of this magnitude! The first evacuation was from June 8 to June 11, 2015, mainly because of the smoke, so the very old, the very young, and those suffering from

medical conditions were evacuated. The second evacuation was from June 26 to July 22, 2015, and was because buildings and whole communities were threatened.

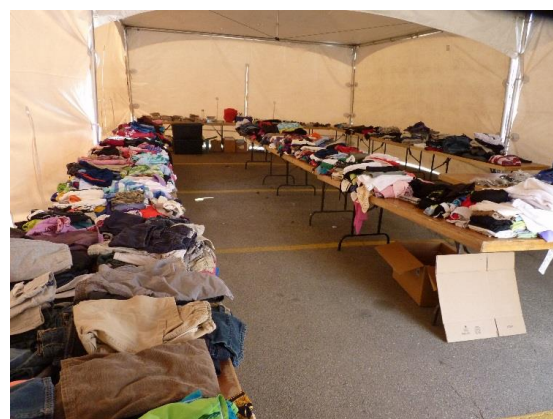


During that time the Salvation Army was responsible for serving 36,650 meals and 14,550 snacks, and clearing up afterward. (The meals were actually provided by a catering company, and paid for by the province.

Because the evacuees had had to leave suddenly, and there was no room for

luggage on the school buses which were used to transport them many had only the clothes which they were wearing, so 17,514 changes of clothing had to be provided.

This was a provincial response so most went to Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina. A second centre had to be opened in Saskatoon. In Regina they stayed in Evraz Place, (on one night 1,308 evacuees stayed there - a Canadian Record)! A further 100 evacuees with special needs were housed at the University of Regina. There were so many donations of clothing and other necessities that the car park at Evraz Place filled up, so the Salvation Army set up a tent and issued over 5,000 vouchers.



Prince Albert responded to critical needs at very short notice, on July 4, 2015, when 1,250 people had to be fed supper, and then breakfast the next morning, before continuing on their way to Cold Lake, Alberta.

When the evacuees from Regina were heading home 2,525 lunches and 6,783 lunch bags had to be provided. Subway phoned and offered help, and provided a 6" sub., chips, a cookie and water for 2,500 evacuees heading home. (Their suppliers donated the food and the Subway chain donated the labor).



Other partnerships included the Red Cross, and Emergency Social services. A total of 292 volunteers put in 4,071 volunteer hours. Challenges included Social Media, Volunteer Recruitment, (volunteers needed a recent Criminal Record check and a vulnerable persons check), and availability of volunteers.

Province-wide, a total of 800 to 900 volunteers are needed. Donations are needed for recruitment and training of volunteers and for purchase of capital equipment.

There was then a lively question and answer session. It was mentioned that Saskatchewan Health had been involved with specially equipped and staffed buses where those with medical issues could be treated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeanne Martinson, Director of the Vocational Service Committee, announced that they wish to receive nominations for the Service Above Self Award, which will be presented at the Valentine Gala 2016. Rotarians and their immediate family members are NOT eligible. The deadline for nominations will be December 31, 2015.

President Ron Okumura had been asked by John Van Koll to tell us to **"BUY HAMS"**! The Order Form is online.

The meeting closed with the recitation of the 4-Way Test.



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