



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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- Oct 26 **NO REGINA EASTVIEW MEETING**
- Nov 2 **“How RC of Regina Oskaya Achieves High Per Capita Giving to TRF”** with **Ray Ruth**
- Nov 9 **“Giving to the Foundation”** with **PDG Pat Chernesky**
- Nov 16 **“Why I support TRF!”** with **Peter Peters**
- Nov 23 1st Feature **“Celebrating Adventure In Agriculture Students”**; 2nd Feature **“Polio Plus Update”**
- Nov 30 **“The Rotary Foundation”** with **Paul Netzel** (RI Convention 2016)

PROGRAM

“Achieving High Per Capita Giving”
with
Regina Oskaya’s Ray Ruth

November 2, 2017

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: **Sherry McKinnon**
50/50: **Laurel Mattison**
Greeter: **Patrick Masvosva**
Student: **Shreedhar Jachak**

It was a special Rotary Day in Regina as the five Rotary Clubs gathered for an *All Clubs Meeting* at the Delta Regina hosted by the Rotary Club of Regina.

On entry into the Rotary Room, attendees were faced with a three person **Registration desk**, staffed by Colin McAllister and Stewart Graham from the RC of Regina and Doug Mortin from Regina Eastview. This threesome took money, ensured you were registered and provided documentation of registration to the individual Rotary Clubs.



At a table behind the seemingly massive pumpkin were Eastview Past President Ron Okumura and the King of Pumpkins Vern Hoyt exchanging a “registered” weight guess for the displayed pumpkin for \$2.00 per guess or 3 guesses for \$5.00.

Greeters were stationed at the entrance to make sure all Rotarians and visitors were not frightened by the friendly milling crowd of Rotarians in the room. The buzz in the room was a welcoming sound, reminding all assembled of the unitedness of this International fellowship of good.



In advance of the meeting, the casual **Mitch Zaba, President** (on the right) of the RC of Regina, not wishing to be embarrassed before this expanded group of Rotarians, consulted with guest speaker Ian Yeates, to make sure the power point technology was in place and set to run smoothly. They concluded, it was ready – Mitch was relieved.

Chili For Children Duty Roster

- Oct 27 -Doreen Pankewich, Jack Wozniak, Doug Mortin**
- Nov 3 - Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Tracey Schick-Sparrowhawk**
- Nov 10 - Allan Hillsden, Doug Mortin, Ron Okumura**
- Nov 17 - Ann Graham, Tanya Woroby, Sherry McKinnon**
- Nov 24 - Doreen Pankewich, Nelson Falkowsky, Doug Archer**

In calling the meeting to order, President Mitch welcomed all present to this joint all Clubs meeting and invited Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk to introduce a special guest. Tracey, indicated that as the In-Bound Rotary Exchange Student Counselor, she was pleased to introduce Runa Yamaguchi, Regina Eastview’s Exchange Student from Japan.



At this point the meeting process shifted slightly from the standard Regina Eastview process. Rather than scramble for the buffet line, President Mitch advised they pursue a more sophisticated traditional approach to meeting decorum. Recognition of country and appreciation for food come before the stampede – a rather novel approach. Our National Anthem was sung with piano accompaniment provided by Gilda Treleaven Graham and thanks were offered for the blessings of our banquet table. Maybe if Eastview switched our process we too might have sirloin as the main entrée.



Announcement # 1 – World Polio Day: Eastview had a couple of things to say (not unusual), with the first coming from Greg McNamara who emphasized the importance of October 24 as World Polio Day. As Regina Eastview’s Rotary Foundation Director, Greg spoke about how far the world has come in the polio eradication initiative Rotary dreamed about in 1985. He noted that so far in 2017, 12 cases of “wild” polio have been diagnosed on the planet, and those cases in one of two countries. He indicated his preparedness to take any donations attendees wished to make and would turn those resources over to DG Peter Neufeldt; and,

Announcement # 2 – District Conference 2018: Chad Cunningham, Co-Chair of the Conference Sponsorship Sub-Committee, reminded us that Regina will be host the District Conference in May 2018. In wanting to provide the best Celebration possible and keep the conference registration fees consistent with previous years, there is a need to generate funds through sponsorship. Accordingly, this Sub-committee is asking Regina Rotarians to identify businesses in the City/Province that have a “Rotary Connection” and provide those names to himself and Doug Mortin. These Agencies will be approached about investing in this opportunity to show-case their business to this broad District base of influential community leaders.



PROGRAM

President Mitch Zaba introduced guest speaker Ian Yeates, who is currently Executive Director of the President’s Office of SaskPower. Mitch highlighted components of Ian’s 17 year stellar career with the corporation.

Ian Yeates presentation was titled Saskpower Carbon Capture at Boundary Dam. He began his slide supported presentation by noting one of the Corporation's major and ongoing challenges is a combination of the large inhabited land mass and the small population of the province. While a surprise to many, a major consumer of power in the province is industry, e.g. EVRAZ Regina. The ever increasing "peak load" requirement, continues to be a challenge as it is not sufficient to have just enough power to meet the "peak", but it is critical to have comfortable reserve. Accordingly the Corporation already knows that by 2019 they will need "to supply additional electricity to power a city the size of Saskatoon. It is clear that the requirement will not lessen after 2019. Ian presented a slide which indicated that today the Corporations generating capacity is 4400 Mega Watts (MW), but by 2030 this will have increased to 7000 MW e.g. when the Janzen Mine comes on line in 5 to 6 years, it alone will require 200 MW. Couple this demand with the challenges of an aging system and the required ongoing investment; emission regulations related specifically to the use of coal; and, the complexities of providing a back-up to the intermittent generation created by the use of renewable resources, i.e. wind, require thoughtful but active attention. Throw into this mix the unique challenges presented by *Climate Change Policy* which are impacted by matters of trade, economics and an absence of consistency by Governments, will require the identification and implementation of effective strategies.



To get the scoop on Saskatchewan's Carbon Capture initiative that became a reality in 2015 I invite you to Google *Carbon Capture Plant in Estevan* and you will be encouraged by the world class process we have in our Province. It makes one a proud Saskatchewanian.

President Mitch Zaba thanked Ian Yeates for his learned and well-presented story of the work of SaskPower. Seemed there was a rush to get Ian away from the podium before he noticed that the President had forgotten to dig out the usual "guest speaker" gift – an obvious finable oversight which will be noted next week.

PRESIDENT MITCH INVITED A FEW "QUICK" ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quick #1 – DG Peter Neufeldt spoke about his visits to 45 of the District 46 Rotary Clubs and was impressed with the enthusiastic, positive, yet diverse way of living out Rotary "practice". He and Janet attended the Zone Institute in Hartford Connecticut where District 5550 received a number of Awards including one for Polio fund raising. Additionally, Membership has seen a positive shift in direction and we have already more than regained the number of members lost over the previous year.



Quick #2 – Wallis Zbitnew, RC of Regina South, came to the podium to present a PolioPlus fund raising opportunity, to meet the District's desire to raise \$76,000.00 for Polio during the current Rotary year. Wallis's book, *Mr. Apple Discovers the Four Way Test* has the potential to raise this amount if all the Clubs in the District sold two boxes (52 books/box) of the books, a partnership with the Publisher can meet this goal.

Quick #3 – Ron Okumura and Pumpkin King Pumpkin Vern Hoyt were invited to the podium to unveil the pumpkin weight – without drum roll. Weight – 53 lbs 4 oz.; Guesses varied from 18 to 260 lbs; third prize Richard Schwan (1 lb 13 oz. off; second prize Shannon Windrim – 1 lb 12 oz. off; and winner – Barry Strohan – 10 oz. off. Congratulations to winners – Thank you, Vern. **HUGH THANKS to Prize donors** – TCU and Richard Schwan; **Ricky’s Seven Oaks**; and, John Van Koll at **London Drugs**.



ROTARY TIDBIT

Listen to this short up-date on the eradication of polio from a Canadian Polio eradication hero, Dr. Bob Scott on CKDO Morning Show <http://www.ckdo.ca/audi...> with radio host Terry Johnston. It will stoke your pride in being a Rotarian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Hams 2017 – Orders must be in on or before November 19th with deliver on December 5th. Sell, Sell – let’s make this a big fund raiser.

COMMENTARY

In his message to the 1935 RI Convention in Mexico City, Paul Harris observed:

“It is as easy to acquire the habit of speaking kindly as it is to acquire the habit of speaking unkindly.”

Today it is very easy for me to think kindly of Mitch Zaba, President of the RC of Regina and the entire Club, for choosing to host our *All Clubs Luncheon*. Having thought “kindly”, to also extend our appreciation and thanks for doing so with warmth and class. It was an honour to be in the company of Regina Rotarians.

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters