

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

The Registration Desk was staffed with Lyle Gollnick who took the cash and cheques while Shannon Windrim

hide behind the pillar to assist those who choose to buy their way into the meeting using plastic. Gail Bradley to was also inside the "L" shaped registration centre selling **50/50 Tickets**.

Tania Woroby was at the door serving as the Greeter, and in



this way we were made to feel welcome even before we paid – made the welcome extra special.



Then at the end of the table was the Pumpkin King Vern Hoyt in his last day of selling chances on it's weight. Later in the meeting the winners were identified (keep reading). **President John Van Koll** was on deck to lead our merry band and in that capacity took leadership in leading the singing of our National Anthem and Rotary Grace. In spite of the small attendance, both of these endeavours were presented with our usual enthusiasm.



Pat Dell was today's Philosopher and she shared these Words of Wisdom, "You can turn your back on tomorrow and live

yesterday; or, you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday." (Notice her eyes – wide open and clear – my finable error!)

President John introduced the following persons who were joining him and thus making the **Lead Table** extra special today: Sam Berg, Thomas Van der Marin, Susan Raby-Dunne (**right**), PE Jack Wozniak and Louis Browne.



Louis Browne. Registrar Lyle Gollnick came to the podium to re-introduce lone **Visitor**, Guest Speaker Susan Raby-Dunne, who as our single "welcome", became the focus of our collective serenade. Later Shreedhar Jachak introduced his 2 guests, one being

a prospective member

Gail Bradley, today's **50/50 Draw Mistress**, advised attendees invested \$20.00 in this chance to winning an undescribed bundle. Doug Mortin, the lucky ticket holder, dove into the marble box with a positive sense of winning

unfortunately it was not to be, as the marble which jumped into his hand was "blue" – another day another try.

President John was prepared for all the

carryover **Birthdays** to be celebrated at one time, as demonstrated by the stack of Birthday "prizes". Sadly only Allen Hillsden (Oct. 20) and John Van Koll (Sept. 18) were present so they were the focus of our singing congratulations and good wishes.

### SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Pat Dell was up once more to present her report and in the process extract some funds. Before she started on this task she referred to last week's visit to the Royal Regina Golf Club and a follow up picture her husband Glen unearthed which features this man, whose home was on Montague Street, and who played on the course when it was in what is now the "Crescents area" (Last week's ROTOR reported on these early golfing opportunities this picture dating back to 1905 – or in that era.







Before starting with the "fund raising", the Sergeant made a most gracious undertaking by recognizing the attendees who choose to come to Rotary on October  $25^{th}$  by giving each of us a Rotobuck – this generosity may have been spurred by the small attendance. In any event, this gift came with the proviso that this Rotobuck could not be used to pay any fines which might be levied today. Then came the possible fines – those not going



to Saturday's football game against the BC Lions, or watching it on TV were invited to pay a dollar; those members who would be spending Saturday doing their final fall yard clean-up were also invited to pay. Happy dollars came from Jack Wozniak who advised us that Runa Yamaguchi (left - 2017-2018 Rotary Exchange Student from Japan) passed her University entrance exam and will be enrolled in International Studies (enthusiastic applause); Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk was delighted to tell that her 14year old daughter, Shaylene, is on her school's Soccer Team which is going to Provincial's in Prince Albert; and, Louis Browne, used an old Rotobuck (because he used up all his anticipated fine money

on earlier fines today) to pay a fine he would have paid if he had not skipped out of the meeting before the Sergeant's report at the October 11<sup>th</sup> Rotary meeting (a Rotarian's commitment to "truth" and "fairness" never fails to impress me – thank you, Louis Browne for the reminder).

So ended the Sergeant's Report!

#### Chili for Children Roster

Oct 26----NO SCHOOL Nov 2 -- Allen Hillsden, Doug Mortin, Laurie Huber Nov 9 -- Ann Grahame, Tania Woroby, Jack Wozniak Nov 16 - Lyle Gollnick, Doreen Pankewich, Shannon Windrim Nov 23 - Vern Hoyt, Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk, Takayoshi Ono Nov 30 - Allen Hillsden, Lyle Gollnick, Vern Hoyt

#### **PROGRAM**

Pat Dell was invited to the podium to introduce our Guest Speaker, Susan Raby-Dunne, an author of a host of



books. She was born and raised in Calgary but moved to a farm near Black Diamond, Alberta in 1997. While there, Susan started a *Monday Morning Writers Group* that met every week for 10 years. Over the decades she has "dabbled" in various kinds of writing – publishing crime features for major a Canadian newspaper, motorcycle

travel and safety articles and short stories. She currently lives in Longview, Alberta.12 years ago she was "seized" by an interest in Canada's famous soldier/physician/poet John McReae and the events

which led to his indelible war poem, *In Flanders Fields*. The resulting research led Susan into a passion, not only for our military history, but in educating the public about our soldiers and veterans.



Susan Raby-Dunne's visit to Regina Eastview was to speak about her book titled "The Brooding Soldier". From the website



this quote, "*The Brooding Soldier and its Creator* – Told with new information and rare or previously unknown photographs, this is the story of the sculptor/veteran and one of the most beloved monuments on the Western Front, the *Brooding Soldier* of St.Julien, Belgium."

From Susan we learned of her interest in the creator of one of the most loved, Canadian WWI monuments in Europe. Fredrick Chapman Clemesha, Frederick

Chapman Clemesha, a Regina Architect who served as the Chair of the Saskatchewan Architect Association, was the creator which ranks in popularity with the Vimy Ridge monument.

Clemeshia's Brooding Soldier was placed at St. Julien, Belgium. This is the site where Canadian troops sustained the first gas attack on the Western Front and suffered 2,000 dead during the Second Battle of Ypres in April 1915.

In her power point presentation Susan shared information on Chemesha's Quaker upbringing and recognized leadership skills and his artist prowess. A high point in her research, Susan learned of and met Frederick Chapman Clemesha's, 93 year old daughter

THE FOUR-WAY TEST



Susan had a display of her books including "The Brooding Soldier" which members were able to view and purchase.

President John thanked Susan for her presentation and the interesting stories she shared from her detailed research and presented her with one of those fine insulated grocery bags.

A Word from Thomas Van der Maren – Our personable Rotary Exchange Student Thomas told us about his last 2 weeks. There were high points like going to Winnipeg with his Host Family for Thanksgiving; riding on an ATV; shooting a gun (a never before experience). This Saturday he will be going to the Football Game and some days later he will be having a party with his friends. On November 4<sup>th</sup> he will be joining all the Exchange Students on a trip to Churchill, Manitoba to

> "see the polar bears" - they will be returning on November  $9^{th}$  – going to be exciting.

In regard to the Exchange Student trip to Churchill, Doug Mortin noted the students will be gathering in Melfort on Sunday, November  $4^{th}$ . There will be 5 students making the trip from Southern Saskatchewan and Doug is looking for a vehicle that can accommodate six people (including the driver) to take the students from Regina to Melfort on the 4<sup>th</sup> and return them

on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Doug if you have access to such a vehicle.

Gail Bradley shared the sad **Family of Rotary** news that Beth Smith has been transferred to Pioneer Village. This development is most difficult for Allan and Beth as they have shared 60 years of being together and now after all this time they are forced to live in separate residences. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Hams Sales – President John is encouraging all members of the Club to get their ham orders in as we only have 4 more weeks to make our sales.

Speaking of hams, Gary Carlson is doing exactly what President John is requesting, BUT he and Jessie will be away when the hams are to be delivered. Gary is looking for someone to deliver his sales. He will have collected all the money, and will have names, addresses and telephone numbers of all his purchasers. If you can fit this into your schedule please give Gary a call at 306-586-0211 or e-mail him at: gjcarlson@sasktel.net









#### THE PUMPKIN FINALLY

Beginning on September 6, 2018 the Club's "Pumpkin King", Vern Hoyt was at his station selling opportunities

for Regina Eastview attendees to guess the weight of this hugh pumpkin Vern grew in his garden. This was the third annual *Pumpkin Weight Guessing* contest Vern has orchestrated and proceeds were down from last year. Two off-site meetings probably impacted total sales which generated \$108.00.

This year's pumkin weighed **42 pounds 2.5 ounces** with guesses ranging from a high of 200 pounds to a low of 22 lbs 3 oz. The three closest guesses were:

**Third Place** – Greg McNamara with a guess 10.5 ounces off the weight;

Second Place – Allen Hillsden with a guess which was 9.75 ounces off the weight; and,

First Place – Hans Gaastra with a guess 2.5 ounces off the weight.

These three shared prizes donated by John Van Koll/London Drugs (2) and Pat Dell/VERICO Crown Mortgage Service.

Allen Hillsden was pleased to take the pumkin home for Grace, who was hoping for such a windfall!

## **COMMENTARY**

# Here is a closing tidbit which is worthy of applause:

Their legacies are incomparable, their stories impactful and their influence unwavering. From a legendary athlete to an international research expert, a philanthropic pair of doctors to a provincial court judge, this year's diverse group of Alumni Achievement Award winners embody what it means to be dedicated and committed to one's profession and community.

Nominated by their peers from a group of more than 152,000 alumni, recipients of the USask Alumni Achievement Awards represent alumni who are changing the world one idea at a time.

On September 20, USask recognized these eight extraordinary alumni for their contributions to their community, professions, and the university. **The Alumni Association is proud to present the** 2018 Alumni Achievement Award winners:





## One those "eight extra ordinary alumni" is our

Gary Carlson BSA '61, MSc '64 A community volunteer for more than 50 years, Gary Carlson has lived a life of thoughtful contribution, supporting and giving back to the agricultural community in Saskatchewan.

Among his many accomplishments, Gary was the lead organizer in the formation of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame, Saskatchewan Farm Vacations Association and Nuffield Canada.

Gary's love for the University of Saskatchewan shines through his ongoing dedication and involvement. He was a member of both the Senate and Board of Governors. He and his wife have also established the annual Carlson College of Agriculture Scholarship.





Congratulations Gary, take a bow!

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters