



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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Service Above Self

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Nov 5	“Rotary Youth Exchange” with Ray Ruth
Nov 12	“TBA”
Nov 19	“TBA”
Nov 26	“Adventures in Agriculture Students” a Signature Project of the RC of Regina Eastview

NEXT WEEK

“Rotary Youth Exchange”
with
Ray Ruth

Nov 5, 2015

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: Jeanne Martinson
50/50: Allen Hillsden
Greeter: Jeff Barber

Today’s **Registration** responsibilities were well handled by Greg McNamara who was his usual bashful, introverted self which just set the stage for the best of Rotary meetings. He is seen here seeming to be about to hide.

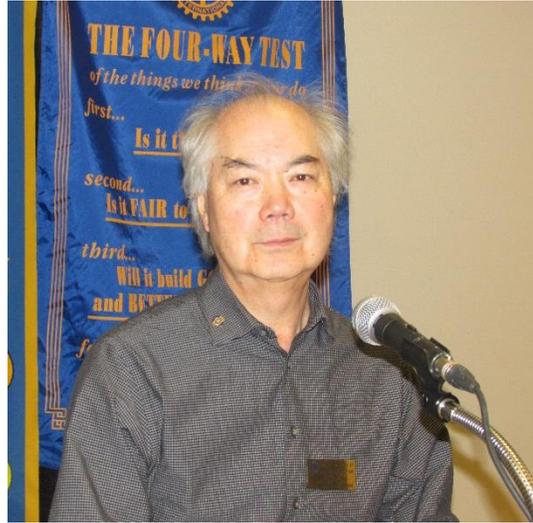
Past President Ann Grahame was selling **50/50 tickets**, in a manner not seen in recent weeks. Having a Rotary Foundation Staff member in attendance may have contributed to Ann’s success.



The man with the firm hand shake, Doug Archer, was our **Greeter**. Doug’s greeting conveyed warmth, sincerity and friendship making one glad they made the effort to be at Regina Eastview this last meeting in October.

In Rotary, October is “Economic and Community Development” Month

President Ron Okumura was in charge and looking most efficient and ready for whatever. Being there were visitors from The Rotary Foundation, which in and of itself is taxing, but also joining the meeting was Assistant Governor Lorne Crozon, so it was a “double tax”. Members were so “awed” by these and other visitors that behaviour was of the highest quality.



Crozon RC of Regina Oskaya; and, Doug Keam and Al Schreiner from RC of Regina.



As the seller of tickets for the fortune, Ann Grahame invited President Ron to draw the **50/50 Winner**, who would be going home with an amount of money that was not divisible by 2 (\$26.175 winnings??). President Ron was successful in drawing his ticket so went home the richer.



Birthdays: Left are last week’s celebrants Sherry McKinnon and Ralph Goodale (photos not included in October 22nd ROTOR.

Right is today’s focus as we sang for Allen Hillsden

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Duty Roster

Oct 30 - Sherry McKinnon, Peter Peters, Allan Hillsden

NOV 6----NO SCHOOL

NOV 13--- Lyle Gollnick, Doug Mortin, Pat Dell

NOV 20--- Peter Peters, Greg McNamara, Allen Hillsden

NOV 27—Ann Grahame, Tanya Woroby, Alda Bouvier

DEC 4----NO SCHOOL

DEC 11-- Doug Archer, Nelson Falkowsky, Lyle Gollnick

DEC18---Sherry McKinnon, Peter Peters, Greg McNamara

Joining President Ron at the **Lead Table** were Carolyn Ferguson, Peter Neufeldt, AG Lorne Crozon, Hans Gaastra, Merle Gaastra and Leo Ell.

Greg McNamara had the good fortune of introducing the **Visiting Rotarians and Guests** which included Merle Gaastra (from left to right) a guest of her husband, Hans; and visiting Rotarians Carolyn Ferguson, RC of Ancaster AM (D 7090) guest of the Club; AG Lorne



PROGRAM

District Governor Nominee Peter Neufeldt was called on to introduce our guest speaker Carolyn Ferguson, Senior Major Gifts Coordinator with The Rotary Foundation for Zone 24. From his introduction, we learned that Carolyn lives in Ancaster Ontario with her husband of nearly 25 years, and their two daughters and a loving dog. She is TRF's first ever employee in Canada and is a part of a team of Gift Coordinators around the world. Carolyn comes from a Rotary family as her father was the Centennial District Governor in District 6290. Her role with TRF is one talking to Rotarians and others about leaving a legacy, a role Carolyn pursues with a passion based on her knowledge of TRF.



Carolyn brought greetings from her Rotary Club in Ancaster who meet on Thursday morning and from the Staff of The Rotary Foundation. She noted that Rotary has been “doing good in the world” for nearly 100 years, for it was in 1917 that the 6th President of Rotary, Arch C. Klumph, shared his vision that Rotary set up an endowment for this specific purpose. Other highlight events include:



- 1957 Paul Harris Fellow was created;
- 1965 established Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Matching Grants;
- 1978 Health, Hunger and Humanity (3H) Grants established;
- 1985 PolioPlus was implemented;
- 1999 Bequest Society was formed;
- 2004?? Arch Klumph Society
- 2013 New district, global, and packaged grant program established.

We learned that any gift to TRF does three things: i) enables TRF to give out grants; ii) eradicate polio; and, iii) it supports Peace centred programs. Carolyn spoke about the matched gifts which come as a result of a gift to

TRF, e.g. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation match 2 to 1 gifts to PolioPlus, with a second 2 to 1 match by the Canadian Government.

Carolyn spoke about the significant developments in Polio eradication with the July 2015 announcement that the last case of polio diagnosed in Nigeria was on July 14, 2014 – this makes Africa polio free (although Nigeria will have to go a further 2 years before being certified as polio free). This leaves 2 endemic countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan, with significant head way and commitment to eradication expressed by Pakistan's President.



Rotary's six Areas of Focus have established key areas for attention by Rotarians and significant funds have been directed toward projects in the first 3.5 months of this Rotary year, e.g. \$21 million to Global Grants (in addition to millions for District grants).



Carolyn drew the work of TRF to that of riding on a bus; i) someone has to drive the bus to get to a “work site”; ii) some are workers who ride the bus to the work site; and iii) some provide fuel so the bus can get to the site. Each Rotarian fits into that chain and all are required, for without any one component, this business of “doing good in the world” is not achieved.

In her closing remarks, Carolyn commended District 5550 for taking the courageous stand of hosting a *Million Dollar Dinner*. An event that will occur during the District Conference in Gimli in May 2016. She noted that PDG Doug Mortin and DGN Peter Neufeldt were part of a team in District 5550 providing leadership for this undertaking.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



President Ron called on Leo Ell, Co-Chair of the Club's Rotary Foundation Committee to make two Major Donor Presentations. Leo invited Hans and Merle Gaastra and Peter Neufeldt to join him at the podium along with Carolyn Ferguson representing The Rotary Foundation.

Leo expressed his pleasure, on behalf of The Rotary Foundation, to present Merle and Hans Gaastra with Major Donor Level 3 recognition, thanking them for their continuing commitment to the work of Rotary. Leo asked Carolyn to present the Crystal to the Gaastra's along with the Major Donor Level 3 pin for each of them.



Turning his attention to Peter Neufeldt, Leo thanked him on behalf of The Rotary Foundation, for taking this step in his commitment to the work of Foundation and invited Carolyn to present Peter with the Crystal and the Major Donor Level 1 Pin.

This was a great Rotary Foundation day. Members of Regina Eastview are proud of accomplishments and

commitments of Hans, Merle and Peter and the leadership they demonstrate. We are honoured to be in your company.



Family of Rotary – Laurence Vigrass stood to tell us that Glenna has been home for 8 days and while her mobility is not the best, it is improving. He expressed his and Glenna's deep appreciation for the cards and support received from members of the Club. Laurence also expressed their appreciation for the care provided by Home Care services who regularly attend their home to change the dressings on Glenna leg. We are so happy for you both.

Gail Bradley shared Past President and Honorary Member George Pettigrew has been admitted to Palliative Care. Members are asked to keep the Pettigrew family in our thoughts and prayers



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service Above Self Award - Jeanne Martinson, Director of the Vocational Service Committee, announced 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.

HAMS - John Van Koll reminds us to sell and/or "**BUY HAMS**"! The Order Form is online.

Regina Eastview Christmas Party – Ann Grahame previously announced the Club Service Committee wants member response to two “Party” initiative options – a) a noon luncheon which would not include children and grandchildren (but could/should include Honorary members, widows of former members); or, b) an evening event with families, but without the noisy bouncy machine, and without gifts for the children (other than a treat bag); but could include Honorary members and widows of former members. Ann will conduct a show of hands poll next week, so it would be good to have this conversation in your household (at least I shall have it in mine).



75th Annual Christmas Carol Festival – Al Schreiner (left) advised that the Carol Festival will be held on November 30 to December 3 (when the Regina Symphony Orchestra will be featured) in the Knox United Church. Each evening the Coordinators will require a minimum of 40 volunteers. Al is asking each club to identify a contact person with whom he can interact. Ron indicated that Eastview will provide Al with the name of such an individual.

Rotary Youth Exchange – Regina Eastview has the opportunity to Host an In-Bound Exchange Student even though the student selected as an Out-Bound Student decided at the last minute not to participate. This means the Club must find the required host families. Please give this your thoughtful consideration and advise Richard Schwan of your interest in serving in this capacity.

ROTARY TIDBIT

Club Certification 2016-2017 – In order for a Rotary Club to access District and Global grant funds from the District’s Rotary Foundation Grants Program the Club must be “Certified”.

The first step in the Certification process is to have a minimum of two members, but preferably four (or more) members participate in a 2 hour training program. Training for the 2016-2017 Rotary year will be provided through eight (8) Webinars. Dates and times of the Webinars are shown in the table on right. Members of the Club’s Community, International and Vocation Service Committees should be most interested in this opportunity in view of their respective projects.

<u>WEBINAR DATES & TIMES</u>	
November 5, 2015	6:00pm-8:00pm
November 7, 2015	i) 10:00am-12:00pm
	ii) 2:00 PM-4:00PM
November 12, 2015	6:30pm-8:30pm
November 16, 2015	7:00pm-9:00pm
November 21, 2015	i) 9:00am-11:00am
	ii) 1:00pm-3:00pm
November 24, 2015	6:30pm-8:30pm

TO REGISTER: Access the Registration form on the District Website at:

<http://rotary5550.org/Event/9fdee99e-c279-4f08-aecc-154356fe2492>

Or, complete and e-mail the Application circulated with this ROTOR to PDG Eva Vida.



COMMENTARY

Left is my Commentary thought for today – actually I borrowed it from someone else.

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters.