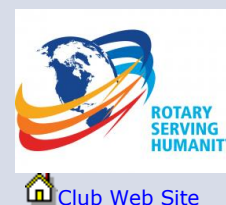


## Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

# The ROTOR

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Mar 9	<b>“Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada”</b> with <b>Lisa Smith</b>
Mar 16	<b>“State of the City”</b> with <b>Mayor Michael Fougere</b>
Mar 23	<b>“Electronic Products Recycling Association”</b> with <b>Gaylene Creelman</b>
Mar 30	<b>“From Away”</b> with <b>Author Jeanne Martinson</b>
Apr 06	<b>“Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board”</b> with <b>Becky Wock</b>
Apr 13	<b>“Parkinson Awareness Month”</b> with <b>Todd MacPherson</b>

### NEXT WEEK

**“Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada”**  
with  
**Lisa Smith**

**March 9,  
2017**

### DUTY ROSTER

**Registration:** **Pat Dell**  
**50/50:** **Gord Wicijowski**  
**Greeter:** **Laurel Mattison**

Volunteerism was at its height today as the **Registration Desk** was staffed by Laurel Mattison in place of Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk who was the **50/50 Ticket seller** for Gord Wicijowski who was replacing Richard Schwan. If readers found this “who is on first” scenario confusing do not be concerned, as being at the meeting was no less so, mainly because both Richard and Gord were at the meeting and seemingly enjoyed lunch.



Doreen Pankewich was the assigned **Greeter**, but because she and Albert are somewhere in Mexico, all attendees had responsibility of making fellow Rotarians comfortable while ensuring our guests felt they were in an organized environment.



**President Greg McNamara** was away and we were honoured to have **PP (Practicing President) Richard Schwan, President Elect**, “stick handle” the meeting (editor thought it important to use the only sports term he knows to impress our Sports Writing guest speaker).

Having gonged the bell at 12:17, PE Richard got the meeting off to a fine start, by welcoming attendees and thanking them for making Rotary a part of their day. Nelson Falkowsky led in our National Anthem and Tania Woroby led in Rotary Grace. This was followed by Associate Club Philosopher Barry Strohan sharing this **Thought for the Day**, which is credited to American humorist, newspaper columnist and film actor, Robert Charles Benchley (left), who said, *"I have Kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it."*



President Elect Richard gathered the following individuals to join him at the **Lead Table**: (l to r) Jack Wozniak, Gord Wicijowski, Rob Vanstone, Sam Berg and Ann Grahame.

Laurel Mattison was asked to introduce our **Guests and Visiting Rotarians**. Today we had two guests, Rob Vanstone (**below left**) guest of the Club and Michael Lai (**below right**) a guest of Chris Hefner.



Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk managed the **50/50 Draw**, which started with having Leif Riesach go for the green marble as the Club had lost the (its) marbles last week and the draw was deferred. Leif tried really hard but came up "blue". Today Tracey noted sales reached \$ 90.00 which adds a further \$43.00 to the ever growing pot. Rob Vanstone drew the ticket which provided Kell Sloan to search for the green marble and he also came up "blue".



**Happy Birthday** greetings were sung to Peter Peters (March 1) and Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk (March 5).

**In Rotary, March is:  
Water and Sanitation  
Month!**

**Sick and Visiting** - Gail Bradley reported on her conversation with **Mary Rogers** yesterday where she learned that **Lloyd** is now in a nursing home - the **Orange Tree Village Home** at 4000 James Hill Road in Harbour Landing. He is in room 211 (which overlooks a park) in the **Memory Care area**. **Orange Tree Village Home** is an integrated facility and offers services to various groups e.g. a daycare, student apartments, a restaurant and many other specialized areas. Mary thinks Lloyd, while he may not remember names, would enjoy short visits with Rotarians. Consider this your invitation to drop in for a brief chat.

### **Chili For Children Duty Roster**

**Mar 3** - Tania Woroby, Ann Grahame, Jack Wozniak  
**Mar 10** - Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Sherry McKinnon  
**Mar 17** - NO SCHOOL  
**Mar 31** - Allan Hillsden, Doug Mortin, Tracey Sparrowhawk

### **Membership Inspiration**

Click below to listen to RI President John Germ on Membership in Rotary:  
<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/membership>



## SERGEANT –AT-ARMS

Pat Dell smiled as she came to the podium and some could sense this would be good for something, and those “sensors” were right. Barry Strohan paid for a significant misdemeanour which the editor failed to record; Laurel Mattison was gifted with a Rotobuck for filling in at the Registration Desk, and Gord was about to be fined for not taking on his assigned task, but gracious Laurel stepped up and paid Gord’s fine with the Rotobuck she just received because...that’s Laurel (as noted earlier it was confusing); John Van Koll was fined for not responding to e-mails when in Mexico on vacation; Allen Hillsden was fined for leaving the



Club without a “go-to-guy” which resulted in the Club losing its’ marbles so the draw could not be conducted; and, if you did not have on your name tag you paid \$2.00.



Happy dollars came from Allen Hillsden who’s granddaughter participated in an International Cheerleading competition in the United States and their team achieved sixth place in the event; Peter Peters was happy to talk about their family’s 3-day ski trip to Kimberley, B.C. (left – *“When the Peters go skiing. We always take photos of “mishaps” before we help.”* This was 10 year old Mia head first into a drift.); Nelson Falkowsky paid his last Rotobuck for the opportunity to tell us that during the singing of our National Anthem, the Sergeant-At-Arms, while mouthing the words, was longingly looking out the window at the Casino, and no words were “coming out” (lesson – focus on the flag and sing); and, Dinesh Kashyap was pleased with the success of the revitalized Family Day *Waskimo Winter Festival*.



## PROGRAM

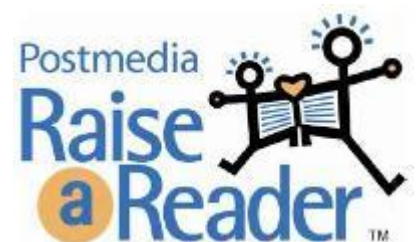
Ann Grahame was invited to introduce Guest Speaker Rob Vanstone and this is what we learned about our guest. Rob is in his 30<sup>th</sup> year with the Regina Leader-Post where he is the newspaper’s sports editor and sports columnist. He joined the paper in 1987 and over the ensuing years has covered seven Grey Cup Games (including two Saskatchewan Roughrider victories) along with two Olympics and “virtually any local event one can name. Rob is the author of two books, about the Rider Grey Cup wins in 1966 and 1989. He claims as his “unquestioned career highlight” was meeting his future wife at a hockey game in Moose Jaw.



His topic for today’s presentation, which he had confirmed on his arrival at the meeting, was to talk about “literacy” and specifically the **Raise-a-Reader** Literacy Program in Saskatchewan. Working in a paper which has seen a reduction in the sports department staff at the Leader-Post reduced to 3 from 9 when he started at the paper, a number of add-ons, while taxing, have also added an exciting dimension to being in the newspaper business.

**Raise-a-Reader** is one of those pieces, and next year taking over the Christmas Cheer Fund from a member of staff who retired, will be an added bonus.

**Raise-a-Reader** started in response to Rob being assigned the responsibility in 2004 of cleaning off “the book shelf”. This shelf contained “valued items of sports memorabilia” (at least it was so described by this self-proclaimed “hoarder”). The items were offered for sale at an advertised “glorified garage



sale” – heaped on to what was on the “shelf”, people (citizens in the community) donated their prized sports remembrances and in that first sale they made \$700.00 (the proceeds were to go to a literacy initiative). From \$700 the first year to \$1,200 the following year and by the third year they were raking in over \$2,200.00 and so **Raise-a-Reader** was born. Last year the program made \$11,300.00 on nickel, dime and \$1.00 items. Rob described the transformation of memorabilia into a positive educational endeavour as “shocking and amazing”.

So what does Rob Vanstone get out of his little creation? He told of us payment for this effort was being invited by his 8 year old niece to sit in on a class where her class of eight year old children who sat around and read stories to their parents. They were reading because someone turned “stuff” into a program that helped children learn to read. Rob Vanstone helped open the world of pages, books and stories to children who will become leaders in school classes, professions and communities.



Rob Vanstone more than a “sports editor and sports columnist”, he is a Regina and Saskatchewan hero.

### **THIS IS MY LIFE**

Today we were privileged to hear about “The Life of Jack Wozniak”. This nice man was born in Regina, but soon moved to Edmonton which was important to his mother. Not long after they moved back to Regina to upgrade his Grandmother’s house. They lived in the Highland Park area of the City where poor Jack had to carry 5 gallon pails of water to his Grandmother’s house and occasionally visit the outhouse in the dead of winter.



He attended Rosemont School and graduated from Marten High School. His football career included a couple of seasons with the Regina Rams.



In 1990 he did the thing all young men have to do and that is “go west” – so he went to Edmonton for one year, Returned to Regina in 1991 where he met his future wife. They moved back to Calgary in 1996 and it was there he met Leo Vandenberg s Financial Planner, “*who changed my life*”. On returning to Regina he learned firsthand the importance of financial planning as he watched the horrendous things the widow of his friend Rob Gill faced when he passed. Jack now has 16 years with Investors Group and life, while parts were tough, now it is good and it is time to “give back”. Jack and Trish have two children, Isaac and Sarah.



Jack credits Allen Hillsden, a fellow church member, with introducing the Wozniak’s to Rotary and Regina Eastview is filling the opportunity to “give back”.

**Thank you, Jack, for making Eastview your place.**

### **ROTARY TIDBIT**

**WASRAG E-Newsletter - Feb 2017**



**WASRAG** is the **Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group**, one of the most active and effective Rotarian Action Groups in the Rotary world. Below is the introductory paragraph for one of the stories included in the February Issue of their Newsletter. To get the rest of this story and the entire newsletter please click below:

<http://myemail.constantcontact.com/WASRAG-E-Newsletter---Feb-2017.html?soid=1102200328080&aid=En2oaDBkEUo>

The importance of “good water” becomes ever clearer after you have read the *Lake Erie Story* in the March issue of *The ROTARIAN*. This is Water and Sanitation Month what can our Club do to *Make a Difference*!

**An Interview with Erica Gwynn** - Recently, past WASRAG Board member, Carolyn Crowley Meub, had the opportunity to interview Erica Gwynn (Area of Focus Manager, Water & Sanitation, for Rotary International).



**Carolyn:** “What is the unique perspective Rotary brings to global WASH projects?”

**ERICA:** Rotarians bring a unique perspective to the project that non-government organizations cannot. Rotarians have relationships with local leaders, and they know the needs and the capacity of the community. Understanding the local culture, water sources and availability, and community resources are critical to the success of the program. Rotarians are key to the design, planning and forecasting. The more we see local Rotarians' involvement, the greater chance for approval.

### **COMMENTARY**



**For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters**