



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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Service Above Self

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- Sept 22 **“Diabetes Canada”** with **Alison Luff** and **Virginia Carpenter**
- Sept 29 **“Regina Funeral Home”** with **Nathan Gerow**
- Oct 6 **“Saskatchewan Winter Games”** with **Dinesh Kashyap**
- Oct 13 **“Souls Harbour”** with **Patty Humphreys**

NEXT WEEK

“Diabetes Canada”

With

Alison Luff & Virginia Carpenter

**September 22,
2016**

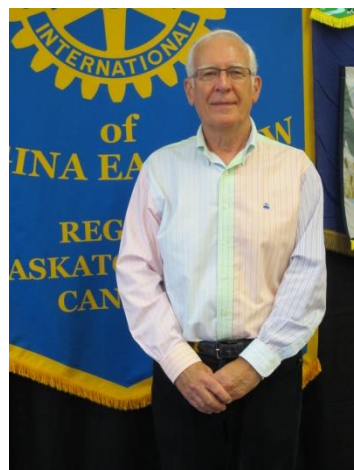
DUTY ROSTER

Registration:	Hans Gastra
50/50:	Ann Grahame
Greeter:	Jack Wozniak

Registration Desk: Lyle Gollnick, having traded duties with Hans Gastra, arrived early to take care of the Registration Desk with his usual quiet efficiency. He was soon joined by **Gordon Wicijowski** to sell the 50/50 tickets.



New member **Chris Hefner** filled in as Greeter until **Chad Cunningham**, another new member and this week's assigned Greeter, arrived.



President Greg McNamara was in charge of today's meeting, which was held in the light and bright Verdi Room so that we could all enjoy this glorious fall sunshine.



Greg had invited our Club and District Secretary, **Allen Hillsden**, to lead us in singing "O! Canada!"

Greg had invited **PDG. Doug Mortin** to lead us in saying Rotary Grace, but stayed at the podium for a hug.

Philosopher Doreen Pankewich had these words of wisdom for us: "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." (*Helen Keller*)



Seated at the **Lead Table** with **President Greg McNamara** were our Guest Speaker, **Linda Ennis**, **PDG. Doug Mortin**, **Pat Richards** and **Doreen Pankewich**.

There were no visiting Rotarians, and the sole guest today was our Speaker, **Linda Ennis**.

However, we were all delighted to



welcome **Jim Powell** to today's meeting, after a very long absence! He and Linda were asked to remain seated while **Allen Hillsden** led us in singing the Welcome Song.

50/50 Draw: **Gordon Wicijowski** asked our Guest Speaker to pick a ticket...and the ticket selected belonged to **Doug Mortin** who was sitting next to her! Doug chose a blue marble, and so the pot continued to grow by a further \$26.00!

Not only were the **Birthday Boys**, **Leo Ell** and **John Van Koll**, (both of whom will celebrate their "Special Day" on September 18), seated next to each other at table throughout lunch, but they were invited forward to the podium together to receive their "gift", an insulated blue bag with the Rotary logo on it.



INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Doreen Pankewich was then called forward to introduce our Guest Speaker, **Linda Ennis** Owner and President of Transitions Estate Services Inc. Their services cover the city of Regina, and a



78 cm. radius area around the city. Linda had been invited to place their brochures on the tables.

PROGRAM

Transitions Estate Services helps people to move from a house to a condo, from a condo to a care facility, and even from there to a nursing home. They visit for an assessment. While they may help people to move, packing, arranging movers for the heavy stuff, unpacking in the new home, hanging pictures, etc, most of their work is "downsizing".

Transition's sales are advertised 2 weeks before the event, in the newspaper, online info@transitionsestateservices.com and by e-mails to 1,400 recipients. The sale lasts for one day, from 8 am. to 5:00 pm, and there is usually a line up before the doors are opened! Only a few people at a time are allowed into the home. They do ask that the sellers, or their family members empty drawers and clear out unwanted items.

Items which are left over after the sale are donated, to the Salvation Army, the Regina Open Door Society, Carmichael Outreach and to the various churches. Teacups and saucers are donated to the Marian Centre. The recipients must take a truck to the home and remove the stuff themselves! Antiquarian books are sent to a specialized bookseller in Saskatoon.

Transitions may have antique furniture, artwork and jewellery appraised. There is no pre-viewing. Prices are clearly marked. There is no haggling! They won't sell vehicles!

The Transitions team charges for 9 hours; they are not on commission. Their charges should be offset by the money raised at the sale. Nothing is priced under \$1.

There were questions about "How does one learn about these sales?" (from the newspaper, from the website, and, if they have one's e-mail address, by e-mail sent out 5 days before the sale).

"Does Transitions try to find the correct home for heirlooms?" Fabric, wool and similar is donated to churches, sewing groups, etc. who will make clothes and other articles out of the donated material. The seller has to approve all donations, (for example, of clothing to Carmichael Outreach).

President Greg McNamara thanked **Linda Ennis** for her presentation, and presented her with a blue shopping bag.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

The President called on **Jeff Barber** to come forward as Sergeant-at-Arms, which he did, walking past members making comments about the smell in the Main Branch, Regina Public Library, since the fire in the Book-Drop, which was discovered on Tuesday, September 6, 2016! Jeff started by fining himself! He then fined Jim Powell, John Van Koll for "stealing an idea", and Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk for something that happened as she arrived at today's meeting!



Happy Dollars poured in from **Doug Mortin**, who had attended a great performance in Moose Jaw; from **Dinesh Kashyap** who had spent a very enjoyable day at Estevan Airport, seeing all the little planes, and best of all, a WW II Spitfire which was flown up from the States for a brief visit; from **Pat Richards**, whose "Calgary grandson", **Brandon**, has been accepted into the Hockey Program at Athol Murray College of Notre Dame in Wilcox; from **Leo Ell** who had taken family members to Banff; and, from **Ann Grahame** who had purchased Raffle tickets to support the Saskatchewan Ovarian Cancer Survivors after she had got the errant ShelterBox tent down at the rained-out Rotary Club of Industrial Parks

Pancake Breakfast, and was informed on Sunday that one of her tickets had won the i-Pad!

President Greg McNamara then paid \$20.00, (\$10.00 for taking a Birthday Bag last week, as he had several things to carry, and \$10.00 because he will be away for the next 4 weeks, in England, Dieppe, Paris and other European destinations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Allen Hillsden** has 5 of the 2016 - 2017 Rotary pins left for sale at a cost of \$4.00 each.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING WILL BE AT THE BEST WESTERN SEVEN OAKS!

The September 22, 2016 meeting will be chaired by Vice-President John Van Koll, and the presentation will be on "Diabetes Canada" with Alison Luff and Virginia Carpenter.

Hans Gaastra will be on the Registration Desk, Ann Grahame on the 50/50 and Greeter will be Jack Wozniak.

Although it was announced that the meeting would end with "O! Canada!", in fact we recited the 4-Way Test!!!

Travel Safely, Greg and Anne!

COMMENTARY

September is now Rotary Basic Education and Literacy Month. There are 23 Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 5550 in Saskatchewan, and during the Rotary year 2015 - 2016, all of these clubs reported and all had Literacy programs. An incredible total of eight Rotary Clubs in District 5550 in Saskatchewan earned Zone 24 Literacy Awards, (meaning that



the club had participated in 10 or more eligible Literacy projects) and another eight clubs in Rotary District 5550 in Saskatchewan earned District Literacy Awards, (having participated in 5 or more eligible Literacy projects). Actually, two of these clubs usually earn Zone 24 Literacy Awards, but their reporting was incomplete.

Remember that Literacy is not just reading and writing! There are about 30 recognized kinds of Literacy. About two-thirds of the time that Literacy is mentioned it does mean reading and writing, the four precepts of which are phonology, (the ability to recognize and reproduce speech sounds), orthography, (the ability to recognize and reproduce spelling patterns), semantics, (the ability to pick out the meaning of words), and morphology, (the ability to recognize and reproduce the patterns of word formation).

Basic, computer and information literacy are discussed the most, and philosophical and medical literacy are discussed the least. The concept of ICT means that many of these forms of Literacy overlap. ICT stands for information, computer and technology literacy. There are subtle differences between medical literacy and health literacy.

There are seven "New" kinds of literacy, information, digital, technological, computer, musical, orality and visual. Of the "Other" kinds of Literacy, five are textual-literacy based, five are for practical living, seven are subject based, and two are based on political correctness!

Note that there is also a lot of overlap between legal and financial literacy.

If any of you have ideas for new Literacy projects, please let me know, as I am always looking for new and exciting ideas, particularly for some of the smaller clubs which are a considerable distance from the larger cities.

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Ann Grahame!