



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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Service Above Self

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Sept 24 **“Updated Financial report and budget for 2015-2016”** with **Wally Dressler**

Oct 1 **“ArrowMight, a Literacy Program”** with **Marcia Kooger**

NEXT WEEK

**“Updated Financial report and
budget for 2015-2016”**

**With
Treasurer Wally Dressler**

**September
24, 2015**

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: Jim Powell

50/50: Dave Edwards

Greeter: Ken Poon

It is late summer and it appears our weekly attendance is “rebounding” very slowly (if at all). However, this does not deter the enthusiasm with which one was welcomed to today’s gathering, for at the **Registration Desk**, Pat Richards took the required token to let you cross the threshold.

Then Wally Dressler took the \$2.00 you offered for a chance on the **50/50** draw. Because it was hardly rip-roaring busy, these two could pause from their tasks to be joined by **Greeter** Lloyd Rogers for a “photo” opportunity.

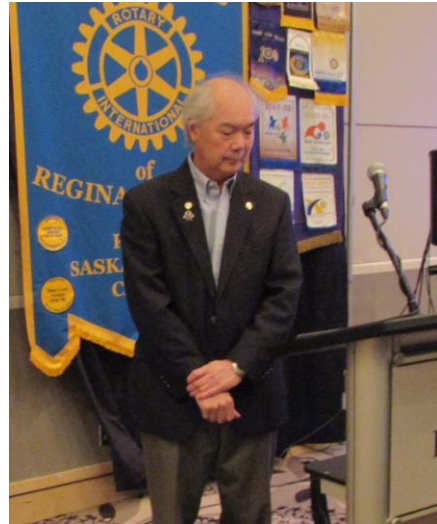


Chili For Children - Duty Roster

Sept 18—Ron Okumura, Allen Hillsden, Lyle Gollnick

Sept 25—Nelson Falkowsky, Ann Grahame, Tanya Woroby

There was a bit of a scramble to find a Program for this week as Regina Eastview had earlier cancelled the meeting for the 17th in favour of the All Clubs *Rotary Awareness Day* celebration scheduled for September 15th. However, **President Ron Okumura** selected a video featuring one of the RI President K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran’s presentations at the Rotary International Convention in Sao Paulo Brazil.



It is not always easy to get the technology to head in the right direction and it often requires for someone to spend time on their knees to “make it work”. Today it was John Van Koll’s turn to humble himself – with the humbling assistance from Jeff Barber (and maybe others) we got to see and hear the RI President “Ravi”.



After a very fine lunch, which reminded one of turkeys and Thanksgiving, **President Ron** invited Nelson Falkowsky to help us with O’ Canada and then Ron led us in giving thanks for our meal and the wonderful fellowship.

It was a full **Lead Table**, as joining President Ron were Jeff Barber, Nicholas Robinson, Charles Sadzamare, Shreedhar Jachak, Madhao Thakre, Allan Smith, and John Van Koll. Wonderful to see you Madhao, thank you for choosing to drop in.



Pat Richards was called on to introduce the **Visiting Rotarians and Guests**, which was relatively easy today as we had neither.

Wally Dressler was the **50/50** draw “guy”. He asked President Ron to draw the winning ticket which would gift the winner with \$15.00. There was a lot of interest in this big pay out and all were delighted to see Doug Mortin win. Doug graciously asked for the money to be donated to The Rotary Foundation. Thank you, Doug.

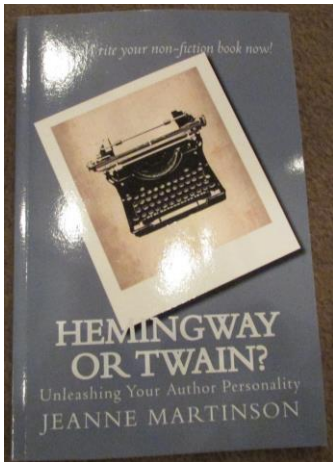


The **Birthday** bell is set to ring for Leo Ell and John Van Koll tomorrow, September 18th. To get the new found twins (separated by a few years) in the mood for their respective celebrations, we serenaded them with a rendition of Happy Birthday which almost certainly created tears of thankfulness.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

In the absence of a Sergeant-At-Arms, President Ron invited members to share “happy dollars”. Jeanne Martinson was happy to share \$5.00 as she announced the release of her new book, *Hemingway or Twain?*



Unleashing your Author Personality. Jeanne says, “It is a book about writing a book!” Congratulations, Jeanne; Jeff Barber stated he was happy to be back and even “more happy” that their daughter and son are both enrolled in University headed for careers that will soon allow them to support their parents (good luck with this); Madhao was most pleased to let us know their granddaughter is off to an internationally acclaimed University; and Shreedhar Jachak had a happy dollar because when he woke up this morning he was confused about today’s meeting, but by making a quick call he became less confused (so should you wake up confused, just make a phone call – Doctor’s orders).



PROGRAM

President Ron introduced today’s program which was a video of one of RI President K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran’s presentations at the Rotary International Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

If you were not at the meeting today, and even if you were (for it is worth a 2nd and maybe 3rd listen), you can access the presentation by going to:

<http://video.rotary.org/LQTH/kr-ravindran-addresses-the-rotary-convention-in-sao-paulo-brazil/>

Therefore, rather than attempt to interpret the President’s message you are encouraged to check out the complete story – you will be glad you did.

Thank you President Ron for opening the door to this opportunity.



[Regina Eastviewians, you are part of this story –](#)

[“Take a bow”](#)

“Ripple Effect has partnered with 7 Rotary Districts, 38 Rotary Clubs in Canada, 10 Rotary Clubs in Guatemala, the Canadian Federal Government, Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development, Rotary International, FUNSEPA, and Carlos F. Novella Foundation in the past year. We’ve invested over \$750,000 in Guatemala, to improve education for thousands of students and teachers!”

Debra LeMaistre, Face Book Post, September 13, 2015

At our meeting we were made aware of the following matters impacting members of our **Rotary Family**. Allan Smith asked us to keep Takayoshi Ono in our thoughts as he continues to struggle with a contagious shingles virus.

Laurence Vigrass told us that Glenna has been in hospital for the past two weeks. The health system is having difficulty establishing a diagnosis and determining a treatment plan.

Lillian Pettigrew advised that Gertrude (Trudy) Jones, wife of the late Eastview member Dil Jones, passed away on Sept. 8th. The Jones’ were keenly involved in Club activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Peace and Goodwill Weekend** to be held in Winnipeg, September 18 and 19, 2015. There will be something for everyone, including Curling, a Visit to the Zoo, and a Visit to the Museum of Human Rights.
- **Christmas Ham Sales** - John Van Koll followed up on the e-mail all members received earlier today which kick starts the Christmas Ham Sale Fund Raiser. Please start warming up your customers so we can exceed the number of hams sold in the last few years. As we do not have a debit machine this year, payments must be made in cash or cheques.
- **Rotary Leadership Institute – Saturday September 26th**. Still time to register for this important learning opportunity in the company of Rotarians from other Rotary Clubs in and around southern Saskatchewan. To register e-mail Kay Doxilly at: kay.doxilly@gmail.com . For information on this event contact Greg McNamara at 306-586-2824; or Peter Peters at 306-781-2231

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

President Ron invited Madhao Thakre to the podium and presented Madhao with a pin to recognize the thirty years of service Madhao has given to Regina and the world through Rotary service. Madhao joined in Rotary in 1985 shortly after he retired from a busy medical practice. Upon retiring (the first time) Madhao spent the next 10 years working as a medical officer for the RCMP at Depot Division, when he retired the second time. Thank you, Madhao for putting your shoulder to the Rotary wheel – you have made a difference.



COMMENTARY

In an attempt to understand the sheer scale of the Syrian refugee situation, opposite is Huthaifa Shqeirat's photo of a Syrian refugee camp in Jordan. This is a crisis we have heard about for years as the story is referenced in newscast after newscast, to the point that we become immunized or calloused to its' tragedy.

Calloused until we see the picture of lifeless boy washed up on the shore. Suddenly we are struck with the life and death reality of many in our world.

May we intensify our world understanding efforts so we can move to a place where there is peace and justice for all.



For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters