

## September – Basic Education and Literacy Month

Thursday, September 20, 2018 was Regina Eastview's first major program shift of this Rotary year. The gathering was not at noon at the Delta (even though some may have ventured there), but rather we were "off-site" at the Outlaw Trail Spirits. We were hosted and introduced to the "distillery business" by the delightful



John and Charmaine Styles, who in addition to description, provided a tour, "product" to taste, and tasty barbecued ribs and chicken wings.



The Styles' story reads like a "wild west" adventure, where the lady with "cowboy roots" in Montana, lassoes a Saskatchewan "Engineer/Oil Company Tycoon". After appreciated individual careers, they looked for a joint opportunity to complement their now "empty nest home" and fill in and add excitement to their retirement years. So why not set up a distillery. Be introduced to their story by going to their Website at:

http://www.outlawtrailspirits.com/history.html





15 Eastviewians and friends were treated to a tour of the distillery floor where John Styles detailed the steps involved in first making the product and meeting the standards applied to craft distilleries.



In December 2016 *Outlaw Trail Spirits* had one product on "the shelf", they now 17, with 3 more soon to come off the line. In January 2017 they were successful in getting into Sobeys Liquor outlet, they are now in 9 outlets in the Province.



Three

shiny stainless steel tanks are used in the process of making "product". All the grain used in their distilling process is obtained locally with the exception of one grain which is acquired from the U.K.



## **<u>Chili for Children Roster</u>**

**OCT 5-----NO SCHOOL** 

Oct 12----Lyle Gollnick, Ann Grahame, Tania Woroby Oct 19----Allen Hillsden, Shannon Windrim, Vern Hoyt Oct 26----NO SCHOOL

*Outlaw Trail Spirits* focuses on making unique products rather than produce products the same as or similar to product made by other craft distillers in the City.

The distilling of Spirits is controlled and inspected by a host of City and Provincial and federal agencies ensuring producers

account for all product and waste. According to

Charmaine Styles there is a great deal of support for "craft" spirits and they are seeing this as a fine "retirement" adventure.

## **COMMENTARY**

This was a fine evening of Rotary fellowship in a relaxed environment coordinated and marshalled by Pat Dell. If you missed this Rotary outing but would like to join a future "learning tour" check out *Outlaw Trail Spirits* on their Facebook page at:

https://www.facebook.com/outlawtrailspirits/

Oh, and while you are on their page, you might "Like" them.

For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters

