



# Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

## The ROTOR

Thursday, September 24, 2015

 [Club Web Site](#)

Service Above Self

**Editor:** Peter Peters [mppeters@sasktel.net](mailto:mppeters@sasktel.net)  
If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

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

### NEXT WEEK

**“ArrowMight, a Literacy Program”**  
With  
**Marcia Kooger**

**October 1,  
2015**

### DUTY ROSTER

**Registration: Doreen Pankewich**  
**50/50: Leo Ell**  
**Greeter: Jeff Raymond**

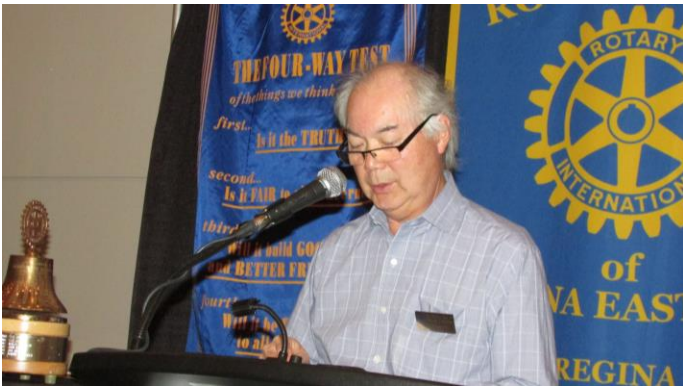
As someone involved in preparing the ROTOR, it is always interesting to see who will be filling the assigned Duty Roster positions. Today was no different, as the smiling faces which greeted us, not one was the person assigned as referenced in the previous ROTOR. Jim Powell asked Doreen Pankewich to fill his place at the **Registration Desk**; Barry Strohan was sitting in for Dave Edwards as the **50/50** ticket seller; and, last week Ken Poon asked Joyce Butler to take his spot as **Greeter** because he would not be at today’s gathering – otherwise everything was the same.



### A Quotable Quote

*You can observe a lot by just watching.*

Yogi Berra



President Ron Okumura clanged the bell at the appropriate hour which brought the hum of conversation and the clatter of dishes and utensils to an end, setting the stage for Nelson Falkowsky to be invited to led us in O' Canada.

In the absence of a Philosopher, President Ron shared with us some reported reasons people join Rotary and more particularly why they stay. Now when you are asked, "Why are you I Rotary?" what do you say?

Joining President Ron at the **Lead Table**, were members of the *Adventures in Agriculture* Committee and Mounir Bouchaibi who just got back from a visit to his homeland, Morocco. The A in A Committee met just before the regular luncheon to begin planning in earnest for the 2015 Students our Club will host from November 25-29, 2015. The Committee consists of Sherry McKinnon, Chair, Wally Dressler, Treasurer, Ron Okumura, Doug Mortin and Peter Peters. This program is one of Regina Eastview's "signature projects" and is highly regarded by clubs around District 5550, and the Alberta Districts 5360 and 5370.



**CHILI FOR CHILDREN**  
**Duty Roster**

**Oct 2--**      **Lyle Gollnick, Greg McNamara, Alda Bouvier**  
**Oct 9-**        **NO SCHOOL**  
**Oct 16--**     **Ann Grahame, Tanya Woroby, Doug Mortin**  
**Oct 23-**      **Nelson Falkowsky, Doreen Pankewich, Lyle Gollnick**  
**Oct 30-**      **Sherry McKinnon, Peter Peters, Allan Hillsden**

Doreen Pankewich was called on to introduce **Visiting Rotarians and Guests**. All visiting Rotarians were absent, but we were pleased to say "WELCOME" to Jack Wozniak (below) a guest of Allen Hillsden.

Barry Strohan was the **50/50** draw master, and having generated \$44.00, was looking to hand the winner \$22.00. Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk was asked to draw the winning ticket which identified Nelson Falkowsky as recipient of the prized pot. Nelson, the generous gentleman choose to give his winnings to *Chili for Children*. Thank you, Nelson.



In considering the challenges faced by our **Rotary Family**, Laurence Vigrass updated us on his wife **Glenna's** condition. Glenna remains in hospital (Pasqua) and is improving, although it is expected she will remain in hospital for the next 4 weeks. On the up side, the medical community has established a diagnosis and a treatment plan is in place. Glenna, you remain in our thoughts and wish you well in your recovery.

Ron President Ron advised that **Theresa (Terri)**, Delta's Banquet Coordinator, and our weekly hostess, slipped on the escalator and severely injured her knee. She will be off work for some time.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

In the absence of a Sergeant, President Ron invited members to share their Happy Dollar stories.



Members identified the following: Doug Mortin was happy his wife Leslie served as his replacement last week at C4C; Ron Okumura had 2 “confessional” dollars as he forgot to fill his duty at last week’s C4C; Allen Hillsden was happy to tell us about their trip to The Pas and Thompson, Manitoba (and parts in between) and the fantastic family and friend reunion; Ann Grahame spoke about the trip she and Gail Bradley took to Ontario, where in addition to a bunch of other stuff, they visited Niagara Falls; Nelson Falkowsky was happy that last Friday he joined other Alumni in the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reunion of his Teacher College Graduation Class; Barry Strohan was happy to tell us that he and Shirley have just returned from their wonderful trip to Europe where they visited their daughter – additionally Barry is pumped as their Toronto daughter and her family are relocating to Regina; and, Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk just returned from the National Training Conference for the industry in which she is involved and was excited and inspired by the experience.



## PROGRAM

President Ron called on Club Treasurer Wally Dressler to present the Club’s 2015-2016 Budget. Early in this Rotary year Wally presented the initial budget, which was approved by the Directors and advanced to the membership for approval. On that occasion a number of concerns were raised specifically related to the funds raised from the Club’s Golf Tournament. In response to the issues raised the Directors were asked to review the budget and bring clarification on the issues identified.



Treasurer Wally, together with Past President John Van Koll reviewed the four year history of the Golf Tournament and the result funds raised. With the exception of the last 2 years, where a portion of the registration fee for golfers was a \$25.00 charitable donation, the funds raised were used to cover



Club expenses. In 2014 the \$25.00 charitable component was for the Ripple Effect Program with receipts issued by the District 5550 World Community Service Committee, and in 2015 receipts were issued by the Canadian Mental Health Association Regina Branch as the funds were directed to one of their programs. Discussion centered on making sure that when we approach donors we are clear on how their gift will be used. Current policy will be reviewed and clarified as required.

The budget which projects a deficit of \$2,502 was approved. Should members wish a copy of the budget please speak to Wally. Similarly, if you wish to see a copy of the 2014-2015 Audited financial statement please contact Wally.

### And on the topic of Charitable Organizations THIS ROTARY TIDBIT from Rotary News

#### [Foundation earns four-star rating from Charity Navigator](#)

For the eighth straight year, The Rotary Foundation has earned a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of non-profits in the United States. The rating, which is the highest that Charity Navigator assigns, reflects The Rotary Foundation’s sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. Learn more about this and other recent announcements from Rotary.

This year's top distinction places the Foundation in the top 2 percent of U.S.-based charities. In a letter to the Foundation, Charity Navigator President and CEO Michael Thatcher wrote, "Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that your organization adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way."



"This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator differentiates The Rotary Foundation from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust," Thatcher said.



**And this encouraging news from the Polio Eradication Program**

From [Ann Lee Hussey](#)

Excellent news in the eradication efforts!!!

In an important step towards a polio-free world, the Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication (GCC) concluded on Sunday that wild poliovirus type 2 (WPV2) has been eradicated. The last detected WPV2 was in 1999, from Aligarh, northern India.

This is a major landmark in the global efforts to eradicate all three wild poliovirus serotypes: WPV1, WPV2 and WPV3. WPV3 has not been detected globally since November 2012 in Nigeria; the only remaining endemic strains of WPV1 are now restricted to Pakistan and Afghanistan.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **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.
- **Service Above Self Award** – Nelson Falkowsky advised that Vocational Services has drafted criteria for this Award and just require the Committee to finalize these before presenting them to the Club's membership. However, he invited members to give consideration to potential Award recipients. Recipients can be individual or an organization but Rotarians are not eligible. More on this will be coming in due course.

**COMMENTARY**

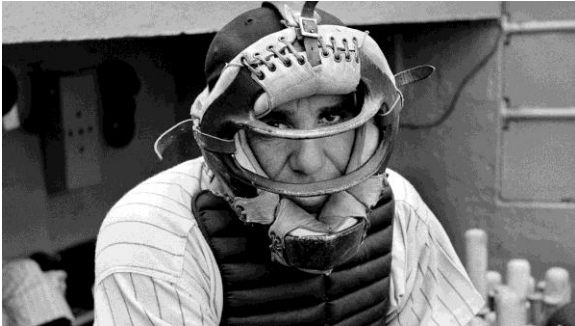
This COMMENTARY from former Eastviewian, Roger Currie, now living in Winnipeg.



**Currie's Corner 349 – September 24, 2015** - The 'silly season' has returned - that time of year when football, hockey and baseball are all happening at once. Thanks to wonderful technology like that amazing toy, the PVR, the sports nut can have it all, and never have to leave the couch. Normally, baseball would

not get much attention from Canadians until closer to World Series time, but right now it's almost our second national game, thanks to them Blue Jays.

I shall not say much more for fear of putting the Curse of the Leafs on them, but how neat it is to witness 47,000 people cheering them on at Rogers Centre for the first time in more than two decades. The Jays' main rivals in their division have been the pinstriped boys from the Bronx, the New York Yankees. Toronto took 13 of the 19 games between the two clubs this year, and the final series was electric.



The Yankees added # 8 to their uniform sleeves when it was learned that Yogi Berra had died at the age of 90. The man who came up with priceless gems like “it ain't over till it's over” was truly one of a kind, and you couldn't help but love him. I was 9 years old and a committed Yankee fan when Yogi leaped into the arms of Don Larsen after that amazing perfect game in the fall classic of 1956 against the Dodgers.

Russell Martin who sealed that final victory over the Yankees this week with a three run homer, was once a catcher for the Yankees, and a good one. Yogi had an amazing career, but he was anything but a 'classic' ballplayer. He was one of the worst 'bad ball' hitters the game ever saw. He would do everything but step in the bucket to smack an outside pitch, rather than settling for a walk. How we will miss him, especially when thinking about restaurants that nobody goes to any more, because they're just too crowded.

**Thank you for sharing your story, Roger!**

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