

Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

The ROTOR

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If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

- Oct 13 "Soul's Harbor" with Patty Humphreys
- Oct 20 "Regina Palliative Care" with Stephanie Kohlruss
- Oct 27 "A Road Trip--Classic Autos"
- Nov 3 "Mental Health" with Pastor Craig Moeller
- Nov 10 "RYLA and Youth Programs" with Ray Ruth
- Nov 17 "Doing Rotary in Seoul Part 2" with President Greg McNamara

NEXT WEEK Sask. Winter Games

With
Dinesh Kashyap

October 6

2016

Registration: Vern Hoyt

Greeter: Kell Sloan

50/50: Ann Grahame

Registration: Today it was Shreedhar Jachak registering us for the meal and fellowship at Eastview. PDG Doug Mortin was in charge of the 50/50. With an ever growing pot of money all are anxious to win. Also seated at the entrance was Vern Hoyt with the Great Pumpkin. Vern has kindly organized a pumpkin contest. We are all, in the coming weeks, to guess the weight of the pumpkin. You guessed it—Vern provided the large pumpkin. This is the start of the Great Eastview Pumpkin Fundraiser The draw date is Oct. 27, 2016. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Proceeds will go to Polio Plus. Two prizes will be awarded to the persons who come closest to the weight of the pumpkin. Thanks Vern for doing this. Good fun

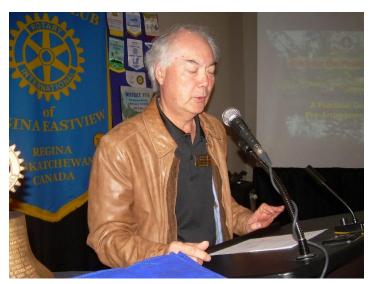


for us and funds for Polio Plus. Right, Maya Starovic greeted us with a warm smile and handshake.





Standing in for President Greg was **Past President Ron Okumura**. While we miss Greg it was good to have Ron back at the podium. Meanwhile we hope Greg and Anne are having a wonderful holiday.



Seated with Past President Ron at the **lead table** were Nathan Gerow and Jeff Weafer (guest speakers), Leif Riesach, Maya Starovic, Doug Mortin, and Shreedhar Jachak. Following the singing of O'Canada led by Nelson, Shreedhar introduced the following **visitors**: we were pleased to have Floyd Manz from the Rotary Club of Regina, as well as Jeff and Nathan at the lead table and another guest, Patrick Masvosva. Welcome everyone. It was good to have you with us.

Barry Strohan provided us with the following quote from Jean Kerr, an author and playright "I'm tired of all this nonsense about beauty being skin deep. That's deep enough. What do you want—an adorable pancreas?" Thanks Barry.

Doug Mortin handled the 50/50 draw and the lucky

winner was Doug Archer. However it seems the marbles were not present which evoked the comment that PDG Doug had "lost his marbles". It was also noted that Doug Archer is often a winner. It was promised that the marbles would return next week and Doug Archer would be the first to draw. The 50/50 pot was \$57 for today and the grand total is rising, rising!

In the absence of the Sergeant today, PP Ron called for **happy bucks**. Shreedhar was happy to report that he officiated at the wedding of his nephew in Atlanta. Jim Powell announced that a new grandchild is expected next March. Doug Mortin reported that he was happy to have spent a morning this past week on a motorcycle ride with Floyd Manz and encouraged Floyd to attend the Eastview meeting today as a makeup. Floyd had happy bucks because he was happy to have had the pleasure of a ride with Doug and to attend the Eastview meeting. There were warm fuzzies everywhere! Dinesh is happy that his son completed his Masters degree in Economics and now has a job. The joy of every parent!

Program: PP Ron introduced our guest speakers, Nathan Gerow and Jeff Weafer from the Regina Funeral Home. Nathan came to the podium and introduced himself as the Manager of the Funeral side of the business while Jeff is the Manager of the Funeral Home. Nathan has been with Regina Funeral Home for five years. The Regina Funeral Home has been serving the community since 1954. The new building on Victoria Avenue

East was built in 1993. He spoke about the prearrangement of funeral plans. 45% of deaths are unexpected and only 33% of these are prearranged. 80% of the time men die first leaving women behind to make all of the



arrangements. He urged people to pre-plan their funeral and financial arrangements. He noted that talking won't make one die sooner or live longer. The advantages of pre planning are peace of mind, saving thousands of dollars and one's personal wishes are respected. The funeral industry is greatly affected by inflation and a funeral will cost 35% more if not pre-planned. Planning ahead also avoids family conflict and reduces the anxiety of family members who may not be able to afford the funeral costs. The Regina Funeral Home will work with families to create the type of funeral that is desired by the deceased/family. There is the traditional burial as well as cremation. Funeral services may vary from the traditional to a celebration of life that may be anywhere with varied content to a

memorial tribute. People do not realize that 87 decisions need to be made in 72 hours. The Regina Funeral Home honours all faiths, burial and cultural traditions. They will also offer support information and tips on how to claim benefits. A properly drawn up Will is the first step with an Estate Planner as a backup.

Nathan noted that with life insurance claims, 1-10 will make a claim, with car insurance, 1-30 will make a claim but with funeral pre paid plans 1-1 make a claim!

Then Jeff (right above) came to the podium to tell us more about the business. First he told us he had attended Sheldon Williams Collegiate and knew some members of the audience. He considers Regina home and is pleased to be able to serve the community at the most difficult time in their lives. He noted that he could tell many strange stories where funerals have involved the RCMP/City Police, Social Services, lawyers. He commented that death is the great equalizer and reality. He has learned in this business to appreciate the "now" of life—the sunshine, friends, family and the great experiences we all have.

Jeff told us that many people move away from Regina during their lifetime but many also make the final journey "home" to Regina. He listens, he helps, he receives calls from around the world. Last week the Funeral Home served its 10,000th family. He advised that people need a final resting place. If ashes are scattered there has to be permission from the owner of the property on which they are scattered. A plot is not required. There are scattering gardens and pools available with some funeral homes. The Regina Funeral Home property is half developed. They will soon be surrounded by the city. It was a very interesting presentation with good information. Thank you gentlemen for coming to Eastview.

PP Ron presented Jeff and Nathan each with Greg's gift of a freezer bag. One could almost hear Greg advising them to be sure and carry the bag proudly displaying the Rotary emblem wherever they went which leads one to imagine the Rotary bag being carried on rather unusual journeys!

Announcements: Nelson Falkowsky advised us to remember the Service Above Self Award and think about nominating a suitable candidate.

Sam Berg reminded us that September is Literacy month and his committee will be undertaking several projects. The Leader-Post supports children's literacy in Regina and Southern Saskatchewan through the Raise-

a-Reader charity. Numerous associated events throughout the year raise money for Raise-a-Reader. Funds raised go to support projects and programs that are aimed at increasing family literacy in our community. Books, collector cards and jerseys can be delivered to the Leader Post for the next fundraiser. To learn more about the program see http://www.canada.com/literacy/raiseareader/index.html.

CHILI FOR CHILDREN Oct. 7-- No school

Oct 14--- Lyle Gollnick, Ann Grahame, Tanya Woroby

Oct 21--- Doug Mortin, Nelson Falkowsky, Jack Wozniak

Oct 28--- Doreen Pankewich, Doug Archer, Hans Gaastra

A ROTARY MOMENT FROM LEO ELL..... THE ROTARY FOUNDATION----THE BEGINNING.

When Paul Harris met with his business friends in 1905 to start a club, because he was lonely and wanted to recapture, in a professional way the friendly spirit he had felt in the small town of his youth, I don't think he had any idea what he was creating. They named the club ROTARY because meetings rotated among the members' offices. I'm sure in his wildest dreams he never dreamt that 100 years later there would be nearly 34 thousand Rotary clubs in every country in the free world with more than 1.2 million members.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving the professional and social interests of club members. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this idea is best expressed in its principal motto "Service above Self". Rotary later also embraced a code of ethics, called the 4 way test that today has been translated into hundreds of languages. In 1917 Arch Klump, the 6th President of Rotary proposed the creation of an endowment fund for Rotary "for the purpose of doing good in the world" in charitable, educational and other avenues of community service. A few months later the endowment fund received its first donation of \$ 26.50. In 1928 the fund had grown to more than \$ 5000 and was renamed "The Rotary Foundation." The Rotary Foundation became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five trustees were appointed to hold, invest, manage and administer all its property as a single trust for the furtherance of the purposes of Rotary International.





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Filling in for Rotor Editor, Peter Peters I am Gail Bradley wishing you a great week