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District 5550 Governor

Peter Neufeldt



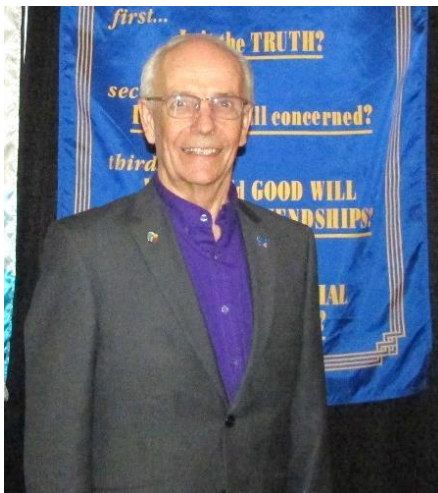
The Conference is over but the work of Rotarians and partners in District 5550 will continue in our efforts to fulfill DG Peter's goal of building world peace through the Rotary organization. In the initial plans for the conference DG Peter told his Planning Committee that he wanted the conference to be inspirational and fun. Peter's lead in all of the planning made this possible. In this edition of the Rotor you will find pictures and personal highlights (in blue) from Rotarians which will capture the essence of the Conference. We hope you enjoy these few of many special moments of a wonderful conference. More pictures and information will be available in future Rotors, particularly of the many award recipients.

The District Conference Planning Committee would like to thank the many volunteers from the Regina Rotary clubs who said 'yes' without hesitation when asked to assist at the Conference. It was a pleasure working with all of you.

Below left: **Sergeant Jerry Boulanger** welcomed and congratulated David Theunissen from the Rotary Club of Swan River—District Governor 1979 to 1980 and a Rotarian since 1965.

The Sergeant was again in fine form and just under \$1800 was raised at this event for the Ripple Effect Program, DG Peter's charity of choice for the conference. Right: **Susan Brown and hostess, Margaret Peters**, posed for the camera.

The Committee acknowledges the good work of R.C. of Regina member, **Al Goudie** for his commitment and dedication to the Silent Auction table. Thank you to Regina Club Rotarian, **Doug Keam** for assisting in a security role at the conference.





Left: Eastview's own PDG's **Peter Peters and Doug Mortin**—always there to support and so each received an award. A great resource for Eastview and the District. Ask them to help you and the response is most always yes and if not yes at the time there is always a possibility that a yes can be negotiated or perhaps they will make 'no' seem like a better option! Well done

gentlemen. Above **Joyce Butler and keynote speaker, Mitty Chang**. Joyce was Mitty's aide and escorted him around, watched the timing for events and went looking for him if necessary. Joyce has had plenty of practice in being on time with world travel experience in catching ships and planes. Pacing, looking at her watch asking—"Where are you Mitty?" And then around the corner he would come and Joyce could relax. Thanks Joyce for this. Hope you had fun. Many of us were old enough to be grandparents of this very gifted young man. You will hear of Mitty again in the future as he is an exceptional individual.



A great picture of **First Lady Janet, Master of Ceremonies, Richard, and peaking over the top, DG Peter**. Great job as M.C., Richard. Master is the perfect title for you—so well coordinated, a few laughs, the occasional opportunity to reprimand (kindly of course) the DG when he ran over time. Well done! "Another one of Eastview's own", we say with pride.

"I thought the entire conference was planned well and executed perfectly! Hats off to the entire committee, well done!"

Secondly, whoever it was that planned the PDG dinner, extended personal invitations and included spouses of PDGs who have passed away, are to be commended! Four PDG widows attended and were most grateful to have been remembered and

included. Fifteen PDGs and their partners in attendance, voiced their appreciation and hopefully the practice will continue."

"There were several thoughts/highlights for me. The graphic design of the program was excellent and was indicative of what was a well thought out conference. Richard was a great MC and he kept the conference on schedule which made it much more enjoyable. Mitty Chang's panel discussion with 6 young Rotarian's was revealing. I found Lisa Peter's informal interview with Gord and Deb LeMaistre to be an innovative way of describing the Ripple Effect program. As one of the deputies for Sergeant-at-Arms Jerry Boulanger I was impressed by the generosity of Rotarians. "



From Chief Cadmus Delorme, the following statements were highlights:

"I got elected to do the right things, and I have learned there is no tougher job than being the chief." When speaking about Truth & Reconciliation Commission recommendations - "We get it, but what doesn't get it is the 'system' - it is the system that needs to 'get it.'"

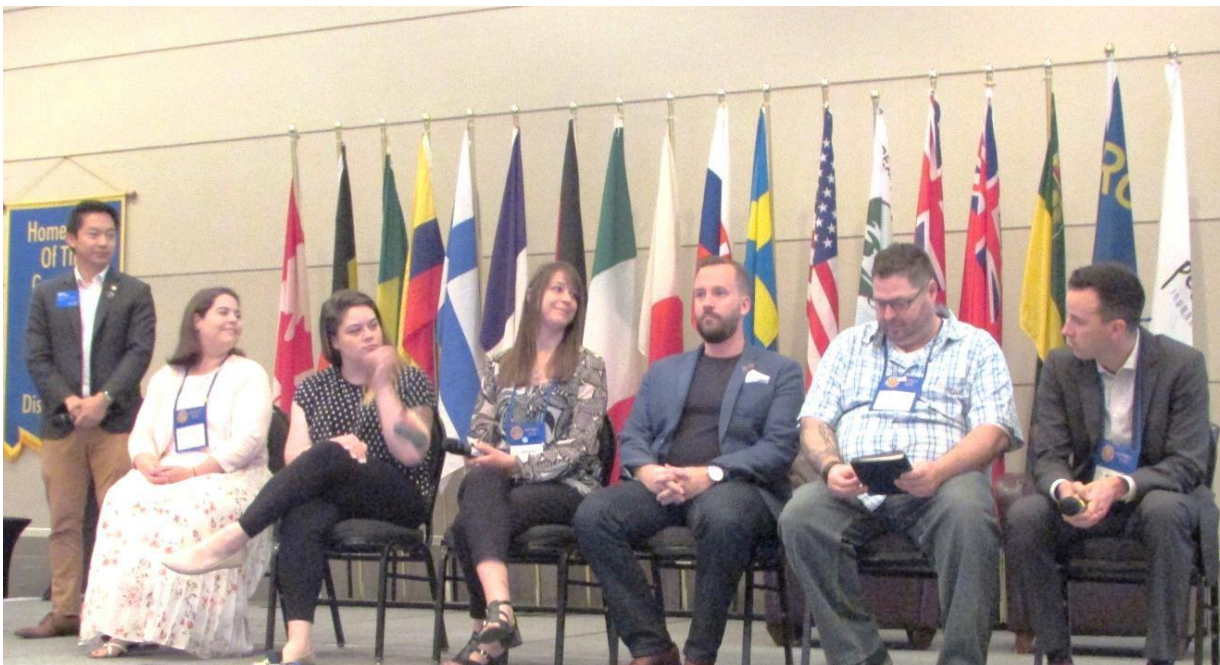
This young man has a powerful message. Another attendee said she walked out of his presentation and thought: *"There is hope."*

About Paul Chappell (right) says one of the attendees: *"I attended Paul Chappell's presentation and wasn't quite sure what to expect. It seemed in the 45 minutes session that he was just getting warmed up but ... fascinating. Paul started with Maslow's*



"Hierarchy of Needs" – and turned it upside down in the most excellent way. He pushed us to think about whether physiological needs (food, water, shelter) were really the most important things – is a well-nourished human necessarily happy? Of course not. Are purpose and meaning, belonging, self-worth, explanation, and expression really higher level needs? Or are they as necessary as food, water, and shelter? How is peace more achievable if we understand our humanness and engage in relationship? Juicy stuff!"

Another attendee: *"Chief Cadmus was refreshing! Liked the way he presented his material. Mitty is one enthusiastic ambassador for Rotary! Mitty has a passion that is refreshing. This was a well-organized conference!"*



Speaker Mitty Chang's challenge to the panel of new and potential Rotarians-

"What would be the first thing you would do if you could be President of RI for only one

week?" Responses were from "make it easier to get access to funds" to "fire everyone". Perhaps a meeting of the minds somewhere in the middle? All agreed that there needs to be more done to inform the public about what Rotary is and what it does. A most commendable job.

From an impressed Rotarian "Mitty's underlying message was clear—If Rotarians don't like change, we will like irrelevance even less. To be sustainable we need to be open to changes that will appeal to the younger generation."

"I really appreciated hearing about the work Rotary does internationally—whether in Guatemala, Afghanistan, or deploying shelter boxes around the world in response to disasters. The highlight was when Stephanie Christensen advised that Shelter box had been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Although it was an exhausting weekend, it was also very energizing and reminded me why I joined Rotary in the first place. Thanks all for your great work."

New this conference—Gord and Deb LeMaistre in an interview with Access TV personality, Lisa Peters. All 3 excelled in this interview—Lisa and the 2 interviewees: Lisa Peters - "What changes have you observed in the past 10



years of your visits in Guatemala, and especially in those local communities we have helped?" Gord LeMaistre, "stronger and stronger partnerships in communities between, parents, civic leaders and teachers". "Support from philanthropic agencies and organizations", "We have developed a strong and respectful relationship with the Ministry of Education"



All look forward to the parade of flags and the student presentation. Following the conference the students dressed for the banquet and dispersed themselves among the crowd. It is a treat to have students in your midst. Soon they will return home with mixed emotions.

Sincere thanks go out to Ann Grahame for arranging for billets for the

students and to the host families for opening their homes to these young people.

"The Celebration of Life was greatly appreciated. It was the best one ever. So respectful, so dignified, so professionally delivered. Thank you for putting it all together in such a meaningful manner."

One registrant reported: "I appreciated the fact the hotel was completely accessible for me and my special needs. I am able to go anywhere in the hotel with no issues and that doesn't happen very often. Everyone from the committee as well as hotel staff has been extremely kind and helpful to me"

"The conference was classy, inspirational and fun. I have many special memories of this conference and the people I worked with on the Planning Committee. They are a special group of people."

CELEBRATION OF LIFE"-- ROTARIANS TO REMEMBER MAY 2018

Rotary Club of Dauphin

Eric Irwin

Rotary Club of Dryden

Walter Denzler

Rotary Club of Gimli

Sidney Alexander Robak, Everett George Lloyd

Rotary Club of Moose Jaw

Frederick Dale Clarke, Ramsey Ross

Rotary Club of Nipawin

James Vernon Mooney

Rotary Club of Prince Albert

Maurice Casgrain

Rotary Club of Regina

Jack Mollard

Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

Robert Murray Lyons

Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin

Wayne Ralph Claypool, Clifford Warren Hayes

Rotary Club of Winnipeg Fort Garry

Louis (Lou) Saunders

Rotary Club of Winnipeg St. Bon-St. Vital

Alan Adams, William (Bill Thomas)

Rotary Club of Winnipeg West

Donald Roderick McKenzie

Rotary Club of Brandon

Ken Elliott, Lore Mustard, Ernie Swierstra

WE REMEMBER THEM—THEY MADE A DIFFERENCE



Bill and Deb Baker, RC of Saskatoon North received the Arch Klumph Society Award for their contribution of \$250,000.00 to TRF—the first in District 5550. Bill Baker "I give because I believe in Rotary".

"My immediate thoughts are gratitude to an outstanding committee and to the dedicated volunteers. This group brought their many talents, their time and dedication to putting this conference together. I could see the special touches of each committee member throughout the conference. I heard many positive comments including comments about the gorgeous welcome graphic on the screen, the great line-up of speakers, the beautiful setting at the RCMP Museum, the excellent MC, the beautifully done conference book, the friendly volunteers, the interesting partner program and many more. I know we all were exhausted and overwhelmed at times. It was a pleasure to watch the pieces come together and result in an outstanding conference that we can all be proud of." Doreen Pankewich, Chair
"Thanks to Doreen for her kindness, patience, and diligence to the task."

“The conference was great in my opinion.” “Rotary was born in a time of peace, but its program of service is even more necessary in a period of world conflict.” Tom J. Davis, R.I. President 1941-42

Thoughts from DG Peter Neufeldt:

I started this response to the request for feedback by thinking about a few outstanding highlights. However, as I began to reflect on the highlights I was quickly drawn into thoughts about all the things that everyone on the committee contributed!

The Conference started with a very well organized Golf Tournament. There was great company, a fun time, and marvelous weather! Thank you John for another great golf tournament!

Our RI Rep Steve and Susan Brown have been to many conferences around the world. They marveled at the highly organized and smooth flow of the entire conference. They enjoyed the friendly comradery of our “Rotary Friendship” They were especially appreciative of Peter and Margaret’s hospitality and friendship. Thank You!

Mitty Chang provided vitality and a youthful perspective with his presentation, during his panel discussion and mixing and mingling. Thanks to Joyce Butler for being his personal guide and chauffeur!

Our MC Richard Schwan was marvelous! He was relaxed, had humour, kept things on track, and carried out his MC role as a pro! Thank you Richard for keeping us “Rotary Ready”!

The AV people were great and always right on cue!

As was previously mentioned in another email, the PDG dinner not only had good food and fellowship, it was so very well organized and thoughtfully led! Thank you Peter and Doug!

All of the above wouldn’t have happened if we didn’t have good promo and a total dedication to the registration process. The website and the promo stuff that went out was excellent. Thank You Jeff and your team! The Registration Team made sure that all who wanted to come were accurately registered and that payments were correct. Thank you, Joanne, for your commitment and dedication! Added to this was a great friendly presence of Brian and Joanne and of all the volunteers who welcomed and directed everyone who came. Thank you!!

Allen Hillsden, the secretary and organizer extraordinaire, kept us on track throughout our planning process with agendas, minutes and reports. Thank you Allen! Time lines have been so critical, especially in the last few months. Thank you Ron for helping us to stay on track!

Scott and Janice Yule and then Carole, you all did a marvelous job of looking after logistics. Thank you for that and for booking and looking after the RCMP Heritage Centre evening. People loved it!

The Partners’ Program was a real hit! Participants loved each location and fun on the tour! It was educational and enjoyable! Thank you Jack for organizing this! Also a big “Thank You” to Albert Pankewich for being the Cheerful Chauffeur for the partners program!

Thanks to Floyd, Clarence and Doreen, we had a continually revised, refined and updated budget that gave us comfort regarding revenue and expenses.

Bevi, helped to provide an “Outside of Eastview” perspective. Thank you for your participation and support!

All of the above would not have happened if it were not for the committed and dedicated leadership of Doreen! She kept us all on track and looked after the big picture stuff as well as so many details! A huge thank you goes to

Doreen! Also, for guidance, advice and mentorship, thank you Peter and Doug! Your support and help were invaluable!

A big thank you goes to Pat Richards and Gail for the decorations and the Peace quotes on the tables. It certainly provided a wonderful atmosphere for an excellent evening. In addition, there were many volunteers and countless little jobs that needed to be done to make the conference a success! Thank you Gail for your organization of volunteers, getting the gifts and the honorariums.

There were comments about the recognition of Rotarians by way of special awards. Feedback was very positive on the award giving process. Having the award presentations spread out throughout the conference provided more attention and interest in the recipients and the reasons for the awards than would be the case if they were all presented at once. There was appreciation for this process of recognition!

*Thanks to everyone on the Conference Planning and Delivery Team and for all the extras you did. There are so many "extras" that I can't list them all! Thank you!
We all really worked together as a team! What a wonderful experience! Thank you all for being on the team and for continuing to make a difference and to build peace through Rotary
With appreciation,*



Peter Neufeldt

THE NEW ROTARY YEAR



Peter and Eastview President, Richard Schwan passed the Governor's banner to DGE Elaine Thompson and Club President Bob Antymniuk.

Next year we look forward to a District 5550 Conference in Winnipeg.

Below: RI Representative Steve and Susan Brown, Peter and Janet

Steve's concluding comments "Susan and I have enjoyed your exceptionally well organized District 5550 Conference & being part of your district for the past 3 days, I am just so proud to be a Rotarian." The accolades do not get any better than that!



A touching moment for him (and all of us) was the flag ceremony and singing of both National anthems. May this never change! Steve and Susan drove most of the way from San Diego. May they have a safe journey home with fond memories of their time in Regina.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can so much." Helen Keller

“Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and tolerance is the element which holds it together.” Paul Harris



The 2018-19 District 5550 Leadership Team: PDG Peter Neufeldt, DG Elaine Thompson, DGE-Fred Wright, DGN Gail Marie Anderson

COMMENTARY

As RI District 5550 Conference 2018 fades into the background and “life moves on” each of DG Peter’s Conference Planning Committee members will be wrapped in memorable aspects of their involvement in this major undertaking. Our leader provided Margaret and me with the special and unique honour to serve as Aides for RI President Ian’s Representatives Steve and Susan Brown. Who better to be the RI President’s Rep. at a Conference with Building Peace Through Rotary as its theme, than a Rotarian whose world is focused on peace initiatives in a host of challenging environments in our world. In my Rotary experience building the Afghanistan school, selected as Rotary

in Canada’s Centennial Project, rates as one of my most memorable and noteworthy international service projects. We had the good fortune in Regina to spend 3 days with Steve Brown, the “Architect” who coordinated what might be considered Canada’s most significant peace contribution to the Afghanistan conflict. Being part of the Canadian Rotary organization that coordinated raising funds to build this school for 4,000 students (majority girls), to which District 5550 was a significant contributor, made the opportunity to be Steve and Susan’s Aides exceedingly precious and a Rotary highlight. PDG Peter Peters



“As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others.” Bill Gates

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