



Rotary Club of Regina Eastview The ROTOR

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- Aug 28 **“District Governor Visit”** all Clubs Breakfast (8:00 A.M.) Evening BBQ (5:30 P.M.)
- Aug 29 **No MEETING today – It was all done yesterday!**
- Sept 5 **“Grandmothers for Grandmothers”** with **Sheila McKague and Heather Gosslin**
- Sept 12 **“Phoenix Residential Home”** with **Sheila Paton**
- Sept 19 **“Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism”** with **Linda Anderson**
- Sept 26 **“Regina Eastview’s 60th Anniversary”** at **The Royal Regina Golf Club**

PROGRAM

“District Governor Visit”
with
DG Fred Wright

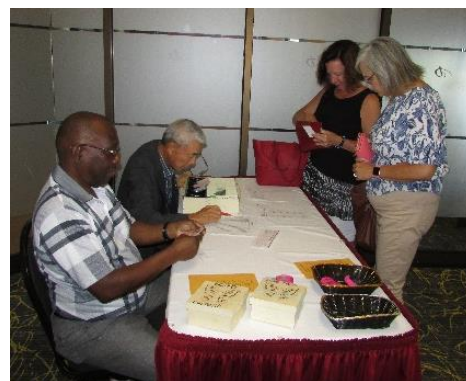
Next Week
August 28, 2019

DUTY ROSTER

Registration: Jizinge Mwela
50/50: Peter Neufeldt
Greeter: Ron Okumura

For the second week in a row, **Takayoshi Ono** was at the **Registration Desk**, and he was again assisted by **Laurel Mattison** who was there to help the “pay by card” people - fine “team work”.

Members were taking advantage of the increasing chance that someone, (will it be me) will get a chance to pick odd colored marble in the decreasing sea of blue and as a result Jizinge Mwela dealt with an usual brisk sale of **50/50 Tickets**.



Peter Peters was the assigned **Greeter**, and was honored to extend a Rotary welcome to all who entered Eastview’s door.

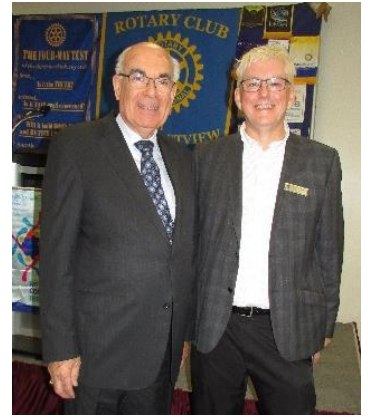
President Jack Wozniak rearranged the process of getting to the buffet, passively calling us to order, leading us in O’ Canada and Rotary grace. Seconds following the latter the stampede was on to the food laden table



August - Membership and New Club Development Month



Following the meal, today’s **Philosopher**, Pat Dell, was invited to share the **Thought for the Day**, which she indicated came from well-known “Author Unknown” who declared, *“If serving is below you; leadership is beyond you”*. Thank you, Pat, this is prophetic!



President Jack introduced these folks who joined him at the **Lead Table** – John Van Koll, Jenna Raimbault, Steve Compton (right with Doug Keam), Pat Dell, Porter Cooper and his Dad, Nathan Cooper.



Takayoshi Ono was called on to introduce our **Guests and Visiting Rotarians**, which consisted of Rotarian Doug Keam; and, Visitors Steve Compton, guest of the Club; Grace Hillsden, guest of husband, Allen; Nathan Cooper and son, Porter (seen left with Grace Hillsden), guests of Doug Mortin; Trevor Wowk (right), guest of Tracey Schick Sparrowhawk; and, Cory Valy (lower right) guest of Laurel Mattison.



Jizinge Mwela managed the **50/50 Draw** which, with today’s portion of sales included, raises the amount to be won to \$884.00. Guest Speaker Steve Compton, a deemed “objective ticket drawer” was called on to pick the ticket allowing the lucky holder try their luck at selecting the odd colored marble. Gwen Friedrich held the lucky ticket, she inspected the box of marbles, saw the marble she needed to select, went fishing and sadly came out “blue”. Be ready for the next opportunity on September 5th.



President Jack invited the following members to come to the podium to receive **Birthday Recognition** and a gift for which celebrants paid a mere \$10.00. Members honored with a fine rendition of Happy Birthday were, (l to r) Clarence Krause (Aug. 18), Jenna Raimbault (Aug. 12), Joyce Butler (Aug. 15), Zarin Zavery (Aug.19) and Takayoshi Ono (Au.10).

President Jack took this opportunity to introduce members to the Regina Eastview’s new Public Relations Director in the person of Jenna Raimbault, and presented her with an appropriate name badge. The President also called up Jeff Barber and presented Jeff with a new badge which recognized his status as the Club’s President Elect. Loud appreciative applause was followed each of these presentations



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Pat Dell was called on for her report and after extracting money from John Van Koll during his Presidency last year, selected Big John as her money collector – it was a good move. President Jack was ready and had a handful of coinage, some of which was taken by corporal Big John, for President Jack’s passive approach in calling the Meeting to Order; Visiting Rotarian Doug Keam was again fined for not having completed his application for membership in Regina Eastview – seems Doug is waiting until we have a membership of 100; members who did not have on their name badge or Rotary pin were fine \$1.00 for each infarction.

Happy dollars came from: Shannon Windrim who told us that her 43 year old son just got engaged (for the first time) and what makes this such a grand event is that Shannon will have a daughter-in-law and a granddaughter all at the same time – she was clicking her



heels; Barry Strohan had a happy dollar to recognize Pat Dell and Glen Tressel for hosting last Sunday’s Eastview Family picnic in their back yard – it was a splendid party which sadly a number of members missed; Sam Berg stood to tell us that two months ago he told us he and Erika were going on a month’s

holiday as a celebration of their 50th Anniversary which would not occur until the later part of August – they were celebrating early just in case they did not make it to the actual date – he paid a happy dollar because their anniversary is tomorrow; Clarence was happy to tell us their children and grandchildren from



Edmonton visited them this past weekend; Ann Grahame told us her Grandson Phin received 2 gold medals in a recent competition; Allen Hillsden was delighted that Grace could join him at today’s meeting; Hans Gaastra proudly told us their Medicine Hat granddaughter, Rayelle Smith (left), who loves horses and is a rider (English style) thought she would try out for the 2019-2020 Medicine Hat Rodeo Queen at Medicine Hat’s 132nd Annual Stampede - to participate she had to become a “western rider”, which she did and became this year’s Medicine Hat Rodeo Queen – another proud moment for the Gaastra’s; Agbor Agbor stood to tell us he is celebrating his 1-year Anniversary as a Rotarian; Jeff Barber, proud to receive his new name tag for the position he has assumed in Regina Eastview, sadly



the tag is for Vice President (I am sure that will be rectified); Chris Hefner is off this weekend to a board game competition in Edmonton; Peter Peters stood to thank members for their support for Multiple Sclerosis Society and specifically for the Peters’ Pedalers Plus 16 person cycling team who raised over \$18,000.00 (final known in early September); and, Gwen Freidrich told us she hosted her entire family this past weekend and they did not fight. It was a wonderful time of celebration.

An Expression of Appreciation: President Jack invited Nathan Cooper, an Alberta MLA to the podium to share an important Regina Eastview connection.

Nathan introduced himself as Regina Eastview’s 1997-1998 Out-Bound Rotary Exchange Student, an opportunity which opened the door for him to spend a life changing year in Australia. He remembered attending the interview with the selection committee.



He remembered Doug Mortin asking him what he expected to be, “when you grow up”. While not at all sure



what that might be he had noted that his dream was to be a teacher, hopefully where he could be involved in sports helping students achieve their dreams; or, alternately an MBA referee. He did not get to fulfill his teaching dream, but now as the Speaker in the Alberta Legislature he has the dream job, as he referee’s two teams of children on the floor of the Legislature. As he did on his return from Australia, Nathan, with 2 plus decades of experience, again thanked Regina

Eastview for selecting him to participate in the Exchange Program, for it assisted him to become the person he is today. He expressed his deepest gratitude to Rotary for the role it has played in his life and career and extended the wish that Rotary continue supporting international exchange programs.

Nathan Cooper – remember that name!

PROGRAM

Pat Dell was called on to introduce our guest speaker, Steve Compton, CEO of the Regina YMCA. Pat noted Steve is a familiar Regina leader having been with the Regina Food Bank since 1995 and served as its CEO from 2012, until he was selected to fill the YMCA Regina vacancy on June 21, 2018. At that point Steve’s observed,



“It’s an innovative way to serve in the community and to work on building community from a different place,” he said. “It’s a really exciting

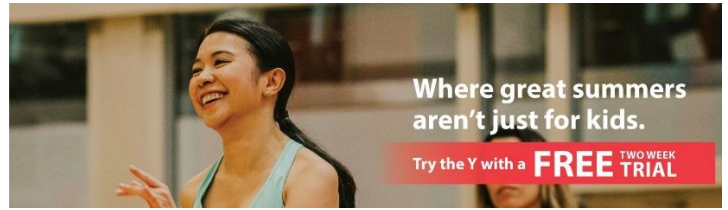
opportunity. It’s a long-term, respected organization and just a really good fit, being I’m from Regina — I just thought it was a good move at the right time.”



Having attended previous meetings of Regina Eastview Steve expressed his appreciation for being invited for a return visit mindful he was in a different role at the time. He expressed his appreciation for the important work Rotary does in the Community and around the world and for Regina Eastview’s contribution to the Regina Community and beyond. From Steve we learned that the YMCA has a 128 year presence in the City. He suggested that few people think of the YMCA as a charity, rather they see it as a place to exercise, to swim, for its children programs. While most people think of the YMCA as a local program, but the fact is it has national structure and is connected to YMCA’s across Canada. While they act locally they think globally and this is the image they like to share with the community and the world. While there are some YMCA similarities around the world there are also notable differences. In Canada we think of YMCA as having buildings, but this is not the situation in many parts of the world. YMCA has three buildings in Regina – Downtown, in the Northwest and on the eastside behind Home Depot. In any one day the Regina Centres serve 10,000 members; there are 625 licenced day care spots; 500 children are enrolled in the *Before & After School* Program (which provides a safe place for children to be before school begins in the morning and a place to go after school); 40 children enrolled in the *Beyond the Bell* Program (at the Arcola School).

As a not-for-profit organization the YMCA could not function without volunteers, e.g. they have 100 volunteers serving as Youth mentoring and fitness instructors, working in youth leadership programs.

They have assisted membership program which is set up to benefit people facing financial challenges. There are inclusive experience programs such as summer camp program and prenatal programs which include childbirth preparation classes and “Y Moms”. The Regina YMCA has the Strong Kids Campaign which helps provide:



- “A struggling family with fun-filled activities at their YMCA Facility;
- Swimming lessons for children;
- Teens with an opportunity to learn how to lead and feel success;
- Enabling children to participate in a recreation or physical activity.

For a more detailed appreciation of the YMCA of Regina please visit their Website at: <https://regina.ymca.ca/>

In expressing the Members appreciation to Steve Compton for his presentation, President Jack presented our guest with a VIP apron as a remembrance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Governor Fred Wright Official Visit to Regina: August 28, 2019 - All Clubs Breakfast with the DG Fred at 8:00 A.M. at the Delta; and, an All Clubs BBQ in Rotary Park in the evening at 5:00 P.M.

Note 1 - Let President Jack know which of these events you are attending.

Note 2 – Evening BBQ Parking is on Regina Avenue or on the Streets west of Albert NOT in the ally next to the park.

60th Anniversary: RC of Regina Eastview is celebrating 6 decades of service on September 28, 2019. Lots more to come. Circle the day!

COMMENTARY



over the next week students who applied for these backpacks will attend the Salvation Army and pick up their new prized possession. A 60 minute “doing good in the world” investment, surrounded by like-minded persons is a gentle inspiration. Thank you all for “making my day”!

I appreciate my involvement in Rotary from many vantage points but am especially warmed by the relationship building opportunities provided through its local and international structure. Last evening 9 Eastview representatives joined a huge contingent from Regina Industrial Parks responding to an invitation from Val Wiks and the Salvation Army to participate in a “backpack packing” frenzy. In under 60 minutes these volunteers, under Val’s guidance packed 500 backpacks for students from K to Grade 12. Sometime



For the Regina Eastview ROTOR, I am Peter Peters