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Desk: **John Luross & Bob MacLeod**
Sgt: **Ron Loopkey**
Music: **David Russell** (welcome back!)

17) This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about **fundraising for PolioPlus Partners**.

What would you do to eradicate Polio? Would you shave off all your hair? Rotarians in District 5040 did just that and raised \$10,000 for PolioPlus Partners. Would you hike 2,658 miles over six months? Rotarian Chrissy Wallace of California did to raise money for Rotary's PolioPlus program. Would you cycle 4,165 miles on the Trans-America Trail? Rotarian Robert Keegan of Tennessee did to benefit PolioPlus Partners. Dedicated individuals, clubs and districts continue to promote and support PolioPlus Partners at every opportunity possible. Many districts also gift their District Designated Funds to the polio effort. What can you do for PolioPlus Partners?

Raffle: Chetan Thakore, Jacques Toupin, Kevin Wilson

Announcements:

- **Art Postle** lit a fire under us to sell tickets
- Art also circulated a sign-up sheet for the reading program
- **Leanne** welcomes **Dave Proproski** as a new member
- **Dave Sunby** flogged the golf pool and he is looking for billets & drivers for AIT
- **Ian** circulated a sign-up sheet for Meals-On-Wheels
- **Murray** advised that the usual tactics will be used to build a team for Lobster Fest 2010. The Soccer Centre is booked for June 12th

Program: Restorative Action Plan

Don Somers (Saskatoon) introduced **Winston Blake** as coordinator of the Restorative Action Plan (RAP).

The Saskatoon Club had been struggling for some time over worthy causes to support with its reserves. It developed a strategic plan and identified a focus on youth in the inner city to meet its criteria. Since inception in 2006, RAP has now spread to 5 Saskatoon high schools, covering 4,000 students. The budget has grown from \$60,000 to over \$400,000. Support comes from the City of Saskatoon, schools boards, Saskatoon Foundation, Credit Union and others. Rotary provides leadership at various organizational levels. Don's purpose in speaking to Meewasin includes recruiting Meewasin support to help the program spread across the entirety of Saskatoon as well as to introduce the RAP coordinator – Winston Blake. The goal is to make Saskatoon the safest city in Canada.

Winston is a certified conflict management professional from Alberta. He defines conflict resolution as a core set of skills not only to learn but to practice. He intends to make youth caring & responsible adults. At the schools he coaches youth on behaviours that develop caring, integrity, responsibility as well as interpersonal skills. He finds that many youth today lack empathy but have a strong sense of entitlement.

He addresses Prevention through leadership training, Intervention through Restorative Justice Reconnection through Transitional Readiness. All of these are non-academic issues.

RAP has initiated a number of projects including CFL (chick flick lunch hours) that focus on relationship building. The program takes away the drama and focuses upon the problem behaviour.

The stated mission is "We're saving kids" (and our society) & making Saskatoon a safe community.

Bev Sheil (North) addressed the club. She was introduced to the program at Walter Murray CI. Bev described her experience and involvement by attending school meetings and helping to resolve program management issues promptly.

Don Somers thanked **Harold, Art & Murray** for the opportunity

Murray announced the donation of a book back to the St Michael's reading program.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Sgt Ron** with **Dave Proproski** raised a tidy sum for the Foundation:

- Africa Night – non-attenders
- **Sgt Ron** for winning the 50/50 and for giving it back
- **Cake Chef Murray** 'pretty in pink'
- **Bob** for stumbling over Meewasin wheel introducing guests
- All tables without guests as well as the table with the greatest concentration of guests
- **John 'twinkle toes' Benesh**
- **Ralph's** prize winners
- **Leanne** was happy with the announcement of a new middle school in Warman
- **John Benesh** gave praise to Les for being brave enough to fill in for David on the ivories
- **Cliff** for being pronounced healthy again
- **David Russell** happy to have celebrated a significant birthday with his father
- **Ken Howland** was pleased with the club support of Ronald McDonald House and is looking forward to a trip to Palm Springs
- **Bernie Sontag** announced the cancelation of the Saskatoon Club's regular meeting in favour of Meewasin's 25th celebration
- **David Popkin** was pleased to take his grandchild to see the butterflies at Gardenscape.