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ROTARY CLUB OF SASKATOON MEEWASIN #22664
2502 Blain Ave., Saskatoon, Sask., S7J 2B6
Founded: April 23, 1985
Meetings: Monday, 0700hr. Hilton Garden Inn
District Governor (5550): Nancy Morris

PRESIDENT: Murray McArthur • FIRST V.P.: John Luross • SECRETARY: Chetan Thakore • EDITOR: Al Muir

Desk: Art Whetstone, Lee Derksen
Sergeant: Garth Courtney
Music: David Russell
Scribe: Al Muir
Chair: President Murray

Guests: César, Brenda Banbury and guest speaker Ben Tan

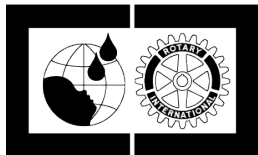
Makeup's: Chetan Thakore, David Russell and Ralph Morgan (x 2)

Sergeant's Report

Garth was in fine form fining just about everyone for everything. Too much to list!

This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about PolioPlus.

PolioPlus



Rotary International

In 1985, Rotarians made a promise to the children of the world to eradicate polio. Since PolioPlus began, the number of polio cases worldwide has declined by 99 percent, thanks largely to the efforts of Rotarians around the world. Rotarians have committed nearly US\$650 million toward global polio eradication efforts. Already, five million children are walking who would have been paralyzed, and more than 1.5 million lives have been saved. None of this would be possible if it weren't for Rotary's leadership and vision.

What a wonderful legacy we are leaving to the children of the world. Goodbye Polio. Thank you, Rotary.

Announcements:

- Brenda Banbury – North Club announces their annual Turkey Shoot fund raiser. Harold Empey is in charge of collecting our Club member's money to participate.
- John Luross – John expressed his appreciation to the Club members for their help in organizing another successful B & W Night fund raiser. The next B & W Committee Meeting Wednesday October 21st at John's home will be a "post mortem" wrap-up to deal with the final loose ends and recap this year's event with suggestions for an even better event next year.
- 2010 District Conference will be held May 13th to 16th, 2010 in Winnipeg. John encouraged all members to consider attending.
- International Conference will be held in Montreal June 20th to 23rd, 2010. Again John encouraged all members to consider attending.
- Membership – Leanne encouraged members to bring potential members to a meeting. There are a number of tools available to assist in promoting Rotary to friends and colleagues such as a brochure on how to propose a new member and a "business card" that can be handed to prospective members. The card briefly outlines Rotary and advises our meeting time and day.
- To qualify for the Presidential Citation this year each club must have 20% of their members bring a potential member/guest to a regular club meeting. Let's ensure that Murray does not miss the Citation through lack of support!
- Garth Courtney encouraged the membership to attend the Shelter Box Event with the founder, of this initiative in attendance.
- Ian Sutherland – B & W thank you letters will be ready shortly. Ian needs to know if your donation sponsors letter should be mailed, or do you want to hand deliver? Please let Ian know.
- Also, Ian needs to know if your sponsor(s) will require a Tax Receipt.
- Ian Sutherland – Meals on Wheels – Ian needs a driver for Thursday November 19th.

Program: Dr. Ben Tan, Infectious Disease Specialist, Polio vaccine Programs

- Western Hemisphere polio free in 1994
- Australia, south Asia polio free in 2000
- European Union polio free in 2002/04
- Pockets of polio still exist in Africa and Asia
- Canada and west countries use "kill" vaccine – most effective.
- Developing countries use oral vaccine because it is cheaper and easier to administer, but three does are required per person for effective control.
- Remote Regions are extremely difficult to access and determine that all children have received an effective dosage.
- Nigeria, Afghanistan, Pakistan and northern India still have significant numbers of polio cases. Only approximately 60% are receiving polio vaccine. 90% coverage is required to be successful in eradication.
- Some of the failure to achieve success is cultural. Nigeria believes that polio is a "spirit" immune to human intervention. Nigeria also has rumors that the vaccine contains HIV and contraceptives.
- The immunization focus is on children 5-years and younger.
- Post Polio Syndrome – usually occurs 30/50 years after onset and causes unexplained weakness.