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Founded: April 23, 1985
Meetings: Monday, 0700hr. Hilton Garden Inn
District Governor (5550): Nancy Morris

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President Murray presided and had all his ducks lined up for a smooth meeting. He was pleased to see Jay back in the saddle and to have Judge Klause with us.

Guests: YES Cesar; Dave Bona – guest of Ian Sutherland; Otto Ulrich and guest speaker Chad Viminiz.

Makeup's: Thanks to Ralph Morgan; Donna Birkmaier and David Russell for making up.



Ralph's Raffle: Another array of wonderful prizes won by excited and appreciative Rotarians!

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about **District Simplified Grants.**



District Simplified Grants allow Rotary clubs to identify, plan, and fund worthy projects in their own communities or internationally. Grants can fund improvements such as kitchen equipment for a food pantry, assistance for after-school programs, dictionaries or encyclopedias for primary school children, or renovations to a playground. The more we contribute to our Foundation's Annual Programs Fund, the more opportunities and funding we will have for such projects.

The Rotary Foundation allows us to "do good in the world" here in our own community, as well as internationally.

Announcements:

- Thank you letters for the Black and White being handled by Ted Hawes.
- Salvation Kettle initiative underway – many signed up – thanks to Bob MacLeod
- Bob MacLeod has approval for a Rotary plaque in the hotel lobby
- Ian announced the need for us to consider nominating a worthy candidate for the **Service Above Self** award, and thanked members who signed up for **Meals on Wheels** then said **be sure to show up!**
- Wayne Claypool is making it easy for us to support **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION** and our goal for this year is only \$11,000.00. Deputy Cliff Hayes will help take our money.
- Del Rue is dealing with some health issues – we wish him well and look forward to his return to the Club.
- We need a representative for the **ADVENTURE IN TECHNOLOGY** program - call Murray.
- Thanks Jack for the new Rosters – they are appreciated
- We are getting a lap top and projector and the Hotel will pay 50% of our costs and arrange for a place where they should be safer.
- Our President Murray will place the Rotary wreath on November 11 at Credit Union place

Program: Money Assassins - Chad Viminiz

President Murray introduced speaker Chad Viminiz a former Saskatoon resident who has written an excellent book called **MONEY ASSASSINS**. Chad spoke very highly of Rotary and of his experience with Rotarians and the Youth Exchange Program which was of tremendous benefit to his nephew.

Chad outlined the financial situations faced by many Canadians who know better but take the easy way until it catches up.

We have record high levels of debt and low levels of saving

Three factors have grown and contribute to the situations – Evolution of a consumer society; Access to debt and Technology

Survivors of previous financial failures developed many good new programs but unfortunately bad things happen to good people

Gambling is a sure way to lose and people spend more than they have

Debt brings stress

Governments need to re-evaluate and Canadians must talk to politicians to bring change

The credit card culture encourages spending on things we do not need and cannot afford

Debt is like wetting the bed – feels warm until the cold reality hits us

80% of home buyers do not seek financial advice and more and more are buying houses rather than homes.

He concluded using our theme that fits well with his book. **The Future is in Your Hands"**

Chad's presentation was well written and his book is an excellent read. It is available at book stores for \$20.00 (I bought some for our family and have already read part of it)

Appropriate thanks were expressed by Don Clements and Murray closed the meeting thanking all for their help.

Sergeant's Report: Sgt. Hayes dug pretty deep and found unique ways to extract dollars for TRF in keeping with our need to be generous as NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH. Amongst the happy dollars was a small dollar for that Saskatchewan football team – in the hopes the next game will be better.

ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE May 13 – 15 in Winnipeg

This year the Conference will be special as it is a joint effort between our district and the US district directly south of Winnipeg. The Conference is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Rotary becoming international with the formation of a club in Winnipeg. Conferences are a great experience where we will meet new Rotarians and gain a new perspective of our organization.

Plan now to attend – you will be glad you did.

G.O.I.N.G. High Tech

Rotary and social networking

Rotarians help provide service through fellowship, and social networking is one of the many ways Rotarians are connecting online. Visit Rotary International's official social networking pages and join the conversation.

Facebook (www.facebook.com)

See who some of the thousands of fans are on RI's official Facebook page. You'll find links to RI news stories and videos as well as comments and discussions.

Official Rotary International Facebook page: (<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#/pages/Rotary-International/7268844551>)

End Polio Now: Join The Rotary Foundation of RI's End Polio Now cause page on Facebook. You can make a donation to support polio eradication, invite others to be a part of the cause, and keep track of how many people you've recruited.

Rotary Centers: Connect with Rotary World Peace Fellows, who promote national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities.

Twitter (twitter.com/rotary)

Use this microblogging site to keep in touch and up-to-date with other Rotarians and friends of Rotarians.

Rotaract Twitter page (<http://twitter.com/rotaract>)

End Polio Now Twitter page (<http://twitter.com/endpolionow>)

LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com)

Network with other Rotarians and friends of Rotary, and see who they're connected to. LinkedIn is a professionally oriented social network that can help you share your knowledge and expertise.

Flickr (www.flickr.com)

Add your photo of a Rotary event to the RI Flickr group pool, and your photo may be selected for *Interactive*. Be sure to include your full name, club or other Rotary affiliation, and a brief caption. Note that by adding your photo to the RI Flickr group pool, you consent to its use by RI.

Official Rotary Flickr group pool (<http://www.flickr.com/groups/familyofrotary/>)

YouTube (www.youtube.com/rotaryinternational)

Rotary International has its own channel on YouTube that offers video content to those interested in Rotary. The YouTube channel supplements video on Rotary's Web site by providing Rotarians the means of embedding video onto their own sites. Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors are encouraged to select from a growing collection of pieces from *RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine* and from *Humanity in Motion* public service announcements.

- Follow tweets from Rotary-UN Day
Keep in touch and up-to-date during Rotary-UN Day on 7 November by following us on our Twitter page (<http://twitter.com/rotary>). Read tweets, hash tag #riunday, on the panels, which will address water, health, literacy, and youth. About 1,300 people -- including Rotarians, Rotary youth program participants, United Nations leaders, and special guests -- are expected to attend Rotary-UN Day in New York City.

CALENDAR

November is Foundation month

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| November 12: | Meewasin Rotary Board meeting 7 am |
| December 3: | Rotary Turkey Shoot – Rodeo's – tickets from Harold |
| December 10: | Meewasin Rotary Board meeting 7 am |
| December 21: | Special program with a hockey and Christmas flavor |
| April : | Our 25 Anniversary celebration |
| May 13 – 15: | Rotary District Conference -Winnipeg |
| May ?: | Lobster Fest |
| June 20 – 23 : | Rotary International Convention - Montreal |