

THE EYE OPENER



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ROTARY CLUB OF SASKATOON MEEWASIN #22664
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Founded: April 23, 1985
Meetings: Monday, 0700hr. Hilton Garden Inn
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Desk: Jay Cowsill & Jacques Toupin

President Murray opened the meeting and encouraged members to sing loud and clear without the aid of a leader or piano. The result was not worthy of an Oscar!

Guests: YES Cesar; Dave Bona; guest speaker Dr. Barry Brown and his wife Yvonne.

Makeup's: David Russell

Cliff's Raffle: Leanne, Rob and Harold were the winners of honey and other great items.

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about **bringing smiles to those in need.**



Mother Theresa said "Peace Begins with a Smile" Rotarians around the world put that into action every day. One example of this is a Rotary Foundation Volunteer Service Grant that helped Dr. Marco Antonio Bulas, of the Rotary club of Tehuacan Man-antrails, Mexico and Rotary volunteers from the Rotary Club of Loveland, Colorado, USA carry out project Sonrisas Sin Fronteras (Smiles without Borders). The Rotary volunteers and a team of 23 university dental students provided dentures for 22 patients. "All of the team watched with great satisfaction as each patient was over come with joy and happiness" commented Ronnie Hogan, a member of the Loveland club.

Every Rotarian, Every Year can bring a smile to the face of someone in need.

Announcements:

- Cliff is anxious to have you participate in **Foundation month** – a number of members have done so but the rest were given encouragement.
- Bob still needs more volunteers to help with the **Salvation Army kettles**
- Harold has tickets to the Rotary **Turkey Shoot – Dec 3** only \$25.00 per couple or \$15.00 each
- Ian reminded us about the **Service Above Self award** – need nominations – the presentation will likely be made April 16, but need nominations NOW.
- **Murray** made a plea for Air Miles to bring PRIP Wilkinson to Saskatoon in **April**. Rob Jaspar has generously offered 5000 so who is next?
- After getting an indication from those present it was decided to **cancel our December 28th** meeting since too many would not be attending.
- **Hari** announced that the **new projector** was on hand and already at work today. Anyone wanting to use it must first **obtain the security** code from Hari.
- Web-master Hari also said a **new web site** will be up and running and this will hopefully make it easier for everyone to **receive TEO**.
- The **generosity** of our speaker was appreciated as someone at every table won a container of honey.

Program: Dr. Barry Brown - Beekeeping

Jay Cowsill introduced Dr. Brown.

What a great presentation with excellent photography.

- Bees are very, very complex
 - Females are the workers, working themselves to death in 21 – 50 days
 - A single bee will visit 10,000 flowers in one day
 - The Queen lays 2000 eggs a day - all summer
 - When colonies become too large they split. If we find a very large bunch on a tree or other object call Barry – he will come and get them.
 - Bees are absolutely necessary for pollination
 - Honey is an exceptionally good product and the collection from the hives very labour intensive.
 - A good year in Saskatchewan will see production of 250 – 300 pound of honey per year, which is much better than many parts of the world.
 - Very expensive equipment is required for processing. Photos showed a well equipped and exceptionally clean plant
 - Beeswax is one of the by-products and has many uses. It takes 10 – 12 lbs of honey to get 1lb of wax.
 - Candles and many other products are the result of unique extraction and dedicated employees
 - It is not all sweet – mites – mice and bears are a serious problem as they can destroy hundreds of pounds of honey and bees in short order.
 - **If bees disappeared from the face of the earth humans would have only 4 years of life left!**
- Barry Browns 38 years of bee keeping and hard work showed well in an excellent presentation.

Thanks by Ron Loopkey

Sergeant's Report: Sgt. Hayes Not only fined many for a bunch of reasons but suggested that we better pony up at the Foundation bar or else! As usual our members were happy and donated happy dollars.

CALENDAR November is Foundation month

- 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 16: Our 25 Anniversary celebration
- May 13 – 15: Rotary District Conference -Winnipeg
- June 20 – 23: Rotary International Convention - Montreal

Start with Rotary
and good things happen.

