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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

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Desk: Jay Cowsill & Jacques Toupin
President Murray opened the meeting and everything went well!

Guests: YES Cesar; Dave Bona; Bruce Acton, Arnie Arnott, Norm Woodcock.

Ralph's Raffle: Chrystel, Cliff & Art W. were the winners of honey and other great items.

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about **The Annual Programs Fund**.



The Annual Programs Fund is the primary source of unrestricted support for the programs of the Rotary Foundation. It funds programs in more than 160 countries on seven continents. From digging clean water wells for villages in Africa to teaching basic literacy skill to children in Latin America, during any given moment in a day, thousands of Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise ensure that all contributions given to The Annual Programs Fund are spent wisely on quality Rotary projects.

Only if Every Rotarian makes a gift to the Annual Programs Fund Every Year, will we be able to continue to do the great work of our Rotary Foundation.

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**
- Ian reminded us about the **Service Above Self award** – need nominations – the presentation will likely be made April 16, but need nominations NOW.
- **John Luross** reminded us of the District Conference in Winnipeg, May 13-15, 2010
- Rob Jaspar announced that the LobsterFest date needs to be set soon and conducted a straw poll. A formal vote will be requested soon
- Les Ferguson—Needs help in locating our previous members and requested that any who had information to please help fill in the spreadsheet that he has emailed for the purpose



Program: Arnie Arnott - Royal Vital Care– an RUHF Campaign

Ian Sutherland introduced Mr. Arnott.

- Arnie gave us a brief history of the RUH foundation and its origins
- Meewasin club has been a supporter in past campaigns such as the one for the first MRI machine in Saskatchewan, and the Pediatric care wing.
- The foundation has been in existence for 26 years and has raised and spent about \$65M health, research and training.
- The current campaign aims at replacing the ageing and broken down vital sign monitors at the University Hospital.
- The goal is to purchase (about) 90 Vital Sign monitors in addition to the 70+ that the Saskatoon Health Region has already purchased.
- The RUH foundation would like the Meewasin clubs support to buy one of the machines for the Pediatric care unit.
- The monitors are indispensable for the acute care and trauma patients as it helps collect data over longer period of time and is also able to store and transmit data to the central stations which will make it available to health care providers without delay.
- More details on the campaign and the Royal University Hospital Foundation can be obtained at their website www.ruhf.org

Arnie was thanked by Bob MacLeod

Sergeant's Report: Sgt. Hayes Not only fined many for a bunch of reasons, including those without pins, and the "antisocial" (Those that didn't participate in community goings on). 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

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and good things happen.

