

# THE EYE PENER



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Official Bulletin of:  
**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: Ken Wilson

Presiding: John Luross (due to Murray's abdication?)

Desk: Donna & Cliff

Raffle: Ralph Morgan

Sergeant: Phil Mamchur

**Guests:** Shawn Passmore from Ontario, a prospective member

**Make ups:** Les Fergusson at Saskatoon North and Saskatoon Nutana clubs

13) This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about **Club Goal Setting**.

Clubs are asked to set annual giving goals for the **Every Rotarian, Every Year** effort. We're asking every Rotarian to support our Foundation with a minimum US\$100 contribution. At the President-elect Training Seminar (PETS) this spring, our club president-elect will be asked to submit an annual giving goal for the upcoming year. History has proven that clubs that set goals follow through with them. Many clubs are exceeding that goal now. "We decided to try for a total of \$600,000 or \$200 per capita in our district," says PDG Holly Callen, D5950. "It seemed like a real stretch and it took us three years to get there, but by setting an ambitious goal, we were able to achieve it. This year we have raised the goal to \$1million - \$300 per Rotarian!" As our club sets its goal for the coming year, we should also remember to measure our success by the number of lives we've saved and changed.

## Announcements:

Oh Canada: A disaster! Hari's squeaky cell phone at half speed played into the microphone was a new low. Rotary Grace, without musical accompaniment was a little better, but not by much.

- Bob McLeod: 3300 Shelter Boxes have already been sent to Haiti. Rotary's administrative costs are about 10%, Red Cross' between 10% and 30%. \$1,000 will buy a Shelter Box, a reduction from \$1,200.
- Art Postle: St Matthew's reading program 12h45 to 13h45 on Wednesdays. Feel free to sign up!
- Garth Courtney: Meewasin's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary is April 16<sup>th</sup>. Our celebrations will feature past Rotary International president Wilf Wilkinson. Our meeting, normally on the 12<sup>th</sup>, was rescheduled for noon on the 16<sup>th</sup>. All [Committee?] members are expected to attend.
- The evening event will be attended by other city clubs, other district clubs and district dignitaries. Members, spouses & partners, friends, prospects- everyone except Yosemite Sam are encouraged to attend (is this statement facial-fungus friendly? [ed.]
- Les Ferguson: Appealed to the membership to provide information on certain past members so that we can send invites for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Ian Sutherland: Circulated the *Meals on Wheels* sign-up sheet.
- The *Service Above Self* Committee was to meet immediately following the regular January 18 meeting.
- John Luross: Members are encouraged to attend this year's District Conference in Winnipeg, the city that made Rotary International. Current Rotary International governor John Kenny will attend, as will some North Dakota clubs.
- Harold Empey: Reminder that the Rotaract Steak Night is January 23 and that he has tickets.
- Chrystel Olivier: The Administration Committee is to meet immediately following today's meeting.
- Robert (Fisher, presumably): Thank-you letters were received from *Habitat for Humanity* and from *Sherbrooke Nursing Home*.

### Program:

Unfortunately, our regularly scheduled programming was interrupted due to a missing speaker. Fortunately, we did have a back-up video about the *Human Rights Museum* currently under construction in Winnipeg. Unfortunately, our fancy new computer did not like the DVD, so we didn't get to see the show.

Wayne Claypool then presented some background information. The museum construction project is spearheaded by Izzy Asper's daughter Gail Asper. The museum is planned to be one of the "Adventure" series in Human Rights, promoting peace through understanding.

Chairman John thanked everyone who helped with the day's meeting, including Les who provided the introductory music.

### Sergeant's Report: Phil Mamchur

- Everyone was "encouraged" to contribute due to the less than stellar rendition of "Oh Canada".
- Art Postle was [deservedly] hit up again for failures in song leadership.
- Jack Braidek paid the price for neglecting his name tag.
- Ron Loopkey was fined as a gesture of affection, as this was his first time back in a long time....
- Pam Bennett was hit for having a NEW nametag.

Sad Dollars included:

- Bob McLeod had two friends who passed away due to cancer in the last week;
- Ian Sutherland also had a friend who died recently.

Happy Dollars included, but were not limited to:

- Hari Nair was *happy* that his in-laws were visiting. [As Chrystel's from not far from were my ancestors' origins, I fully understand why he'd be so pleased! Biased? Mais non! ed.]
- Guest Shawn is happy, as he is interested in Rotary. Shawn is with West Winds Aviation.
- Leeanne Kessler's daughter is involved with the Olympic Games' Torch run in Warman and was written up in the RBC's newsletter as well.
- Rob Jaspar attended the symphony and announced that we're looking at a Fellowship dinner near the end of February.
- Chrystel Olivier took her parents to a *Blades* game.
- Les Ferguson went to the Nutana club along with Assistant Governor Donna.