



**December 8, 2009**  
**Editor: Bill Sinnett**

## **Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana**

**Club No. 1380**  
**Founded May 31, 1961**

### **Club Officers**

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## **Websites**

### **Club**

[www.rotarynutana.org](http://www.rotarynutana.org)

### **District**

[www.rotary5550.org](http://www.rotary5550.org)

### **Rotary International**

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## **Call to Order**

President-Dorothy Hudson called on David Kaplan to play *O Canada* and *Rotary Grace*. He also provided a rendition of *In the Good Old Summer Time* – wishful thinking? Dorothy then thanked those at the desk – Keith Downey and Dick Strayer, plus the editor.

## **Visitors**

Greeter Philip Asea welcomed:

- Murray Scharf, our guest speaker.
- David Russell, Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin.
- Les Ferguson – Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin.
- Karen Jones – guest of Kim Horan.

**Makeups** - Kenn George at the Rotary Club of Melfort

## **Program – Murray Scharf – Rotary Friendship Exchange to Scotland**

Jim Blackburn introduced Rotarian Murray Scharf who, along with his wife Marjorie, headed up a Friendship Exchange to Scotland from September 5 – 19, 2009.



Murray graduated from Nutana Collegiate in 1956, obtained undergrad and master degrees from the U of S and a PhD from University of Alberta. He spent almost 40 years with the College of Education at the U of S and was Dean of the college for 10 years. Among many other activities, he is a farmer. His Irish-Scottish heritage was stressed by the introducer and by Murray during his presentation.

Murray and Marjorie were joined by 9 other Rotarians from various locations within District 5550 for a visit to southern Scotland. They were hosted and/or associated with 10 Rotary Clubs in Scotland. Murray showed a series of pictures with excellent and humorous explanations of what we were seeing. His pictures included the following:

- Leeds – trying to capture tourist trade – the Queen’s boat Britannia is docked at a shopping center.
- Steading – refurbishing historic site. This was the spot that the Scots defeated the English in one of the many battles.
- Dunbar Castle – converted to a multiple sclerosis respite and care facility.
- Port of Imock – wild seals were a problem in the harbor so the fisher persons made pets of 6 seals and they kept the wild seals out of the harbor.
- Coldstream – where the Scottish army went into England.
- River Tweed – a bridge joins Scotland and England – once had a marriage house where English couples would cross into Scotland to be wed.
- Alnwick Castle and gardens – owner was a great gardener. Site of Hogwarts in Harry Potter movies.
- Roslin Chapel - site of filming DaVinci Code movie.
- Border area – battlegrounds for many of the wars between the English and Scots.
- Abbey Church ruins – site of burial of Sir Walter Scott and Sir Douglas Haid.
- Melrose Church – Robert the Bruce’s heart is buried here.
- Dumphries – Robert Burns’ home and tomb
- Various other sites including Edinburgh Castle, a curling club attached to a hotel, an automated cheese packaging plant, a Scotch distillery, Whithorn Priory dating back to 508 A.D.,

Murray strongly recommends the experience of the exchange – an opportunity to connect with other Rotarians and provides great publicity for Rotary. The return visit by Scottish Rotarians will be July 27 – August 12, 2010. Jack Scott thanked Murray and presented him with a token of our thanks.

## Announcements

- **Dorothy Hudson** – reminded the club that December 15 is the deadline for early registration discount for the 2010 Rotary International conference in Montreal.
- **Dorothy Hudson** – announced that there will be no visit from Santa Clause at our December 22 luncheon.
- **Dorothy Hudson** – Past Members Isabel Anderson and Fred Langford send their Christmas greetings to all Nutana Rotarians.
- **Norm Woodcock** – held a draw for the gas card – won by Philip Asea.
- **Jack Scott** – encouraged members to buy a square for the annual curling match/fundraiser which is scheduled for January 24, 2010 so get your 50/50 ticket and help raise \$250 for the Food Bank. Norm Woodcock says “they are going down!”
- **Lorne Braithwaite** – The club is ringing the bells at **Zellers – Safeway on Friday, December 11th** with the schedule as follows:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> 10:30-11:30 Jim Blackburn	374-9751
<input type="checkbox"/> 11:30-12:30 Bob MacGillivray	227-7622
<input type="checkbox"/> 12:30-1:30 Kim Horan	230-6697
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:30-2:30 Jim McCartan	374-5918
<input type="checkbox"/> 2:30-3:30 Joe Dierker	955-3706
<input type="checkbox"/> 3:30-4:30 Harold Chapman	955-5452
<input type="checkbox"/> 4:30-5:30 Bill Sinnett	343-0319

- **Bill Sinnett** – we have a good supply of Safeway gift cards (\$10,000) for sale – we earn 8% on the cards. We have also sold \$18,100 in Co-op gift cards and as our limit is \$20,000 in one year, the last \$1,900 are for sale. We won't be able to obtain any more until 2010. They make great Christmas gifts and help Rotary painlessly earn income.
- **Bill Sinnett** – I noted that a member has purchased 2 Shelterboxes instead of gifts for a multitude of relatives. What a great idea – why not consider a donation for a Shelterbox or some other charity in lieu of “stuff” that we may not want or need. Garry is ready to receive your donations and donation receipts are available.

## Sergeant at Arms

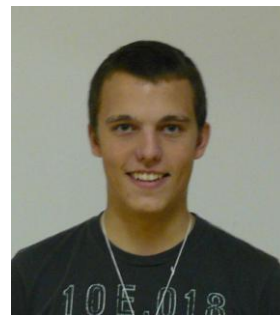
As there was no time left, Sergeant-at-Arms Jack Shiffman asked for \$1 from each member in honor of the weather outside.

## Draws

Ed Pek won the 50/50 draw again, this time it was \$30.



**Lara Prado**  
**Brazil**  
 Now at the home  
 of Wayne Janzen



**César Janssens**  
**Belgium**  
 Now at the home  
 of John Benesh

## Message from Julia Bidonde

One week to the end of my placement in Bots and no matter how you look at it, it has been a fantastic experience. I am eternally grateful to those who helped me in this adventure: people from Canada, my family in Argentina and of course Botswana. Since my last e-mail, I had the privilege to attend AORTIC - Cancer in Africa conference in Tanzania in November, which provided me with a clear picture of cancer in other African countries. At the same time it was good to see Africa far away from South Africa's influence and have experience the warmth of the Swahili culture. It was an eye opening about Bots' position and health care system when compared with other less fortunate, more conflicted countries. All and all, it was an excellent opportunity. To end, I've learnt Bots is in a unique position to be an example for other African countries. It has a health system organized in a way I have never seen before and provides healthcare to everyone in the country. Although it sounds very nice in theory, the day-to-day operations are far from perfect. I believe a giant remains dormant among Botswana people, and what that giant wakes up (and starts speaking out) things will shine for this country. There is no doubt in my mind Bots has the capacity to grow and improve the quality of life of its people. Thank you once again for your support. Please extend my greetings to everyone at Nutana Club. – Julia Bidonde

**Program Calendar December 2009**  
**Theme: Family Month**

**Program Chair: Jim Blackburn**

Date	Attendance Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Sgt-at-Arms	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Dec.10	Meals on Wheels Driver – Jim McCartan						
Dec.15	Norm Woodcock/ Khysar Pasha	Garry Schlichemeyer	Bill Sinnett	Eileen Harvey	Shelly Loeffler <i>Ecoquest Program for Grade 8 Students</i>	Jim Blackburn	Dick Strayer
Dec.16	Meals on Wheels Driver – Joe Dierker						
Dec.17	Meals on Wheels Driver – Ray Bannister						
Dec.22	Garry Schlichemeyer/ Jim McCartan	Ray Bannister	TBA	Joe Dierker	<i>Christmas Party</i>	NA	NA
Dec. 23	Meals on Wheels Driver – Driver Needed						
Dec.24	Meals on Wheels Driver – No Delivery						
Dec.29	No Meeting This Week						
Dec.30	Meals on Wheels Driver – Driver Needed						
Dec.31	Meals on Wheels Driver – No Delivery						

**Program Calendar January 2010**

**Program Chair: Sergey Fedoroff**

Date	Attendance Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Sgt-at-Arms	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Jan 5	TBA	Alice Hegel	TBA	TBA	<i>Club Assembly</i>	NA	NA
Jan 6	Meals on Wheels Driver – Driver Needed						
Jan 7	Meals on Wheels Driver – Driver Needed						
Jan 12	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Tom Kishchuk <i>Large Pressure Vessels for Oil Companies</i>	Boris Kishchuk	Dick Strayer
Jan 13	Meals on Wheels Driver – Driver Needed						
Jan 14	Meals on Wheels Driver – Driver Needed						
Jan 19	TBA	Boris Kishchuk	TBA	TBA	Vivian Ramsden <i>Working in and with Vulnerable Communities</i>	Bryan Tastad	Bill Christensen
Jan 20	Meals on Wheels Driver – Driver Needed						
Jan 21	Meals on Wheels Driver – Driver Needed						
Jan 26	TBA	Larry Neely	TBA	TBA	Norm Woodcock <i>Building Roads in Saskatchewan</i>	Stan Garchinski	Rick Lee
Jan 27	Meals on Wheels Driver – Driver Needed						
Jan 28	Meals on Wheels Driver – Driver Needed						