



**December 15, 2009**

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**Rotary Club of  
Saskatoon Nutana**

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

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**Call to Order**

President-Dorothy Hudson called on David Kaplan to play for *O Canada* and *Rotary Grace*, followed by a medley of songs. Dorothy then thanked those at the desk – Norm Woodcock, Bill Christensen and Kent Creelman.

**Visitors**

Greeter Garry Schlichemeyer welcomed:

- Shelly Loeffler, our guest speaker
- Jim Hutch, Rotary Club of Saskatoon.

**Program – Shelly Loeffler – Ecoquest Program for Grade 8 Students**

Jim Blackburn introduced Shelly Loeffler. Shelly was born and raised in the Humboldt-Watson area. She has 4 children and (just about) two grandchildren. She is a grade 8 teacher at Buena Vista School, teaching an Ecoquest program. (Two of the editor's grandchildren attended her program). She is also the President of the Saskatoon Jazz society and a local radio host. This is Shelly's last year in the Ecoquest program. She will go on to teach a new grade 9 program combining English, History and Fine Arts.



Shelly gave the Club a good insight into a unique and effective outdoor program which was developed for the Saskatoon Public School Board by Shelly and her teaching partner Scott Thompson and has been in place for 7 years. Shelly has come to believe that

education needs to concentrate on the 3 Rs but also students must gain a respect for the environment and for humanity. This means a respect for one another and oneself. The emphasis during this school year is on the student – it is achievement based. A lot is expected from the student, they must learn to take care of themselves. Students are very bright and can learn if the right material is made available to them. This

includes written material and real world experiences. They must be engaged in their own learning – become critical thinkers, develop environmental awareness, become confident in their abilities. They become confident and with a sense of self worth.

Ecoquest accepts 28 students each year from across the city. They have about 80 applications and choose based on a presentation made by each student on why they want to be in the program. They have an equal number of male & female students. They do not have desks, but rather chesterfields. Students are expected to get to school by walking, biking, public transportation – not by being dropped off. Approximately 100 days of the school year are spent outside the classroom and about 40 days are spent on outdoor activities – camping, canoeing, trekking, etc. The students learn the subject matter outlined by the curriculum by applying it to their activities. The challenges are in all areas of academic, physical, social and spiritual activities. Graduates of the program tend to become leaders and successful academics.

The program is carefully followed by administration. It is available to home schooled students and some other programs are being designed that also break the usual scholastic mode of teaching. Shelly is obviously a great booster of the program and its successes and will be sorely missed.

Shelly also gave a quick plug for the new Jazz Society performance location called the Bassment, located in the basement of the old Post Office building on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The building is accessible for the handicapped. It is open Friday evenings from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday evenings. It was pointed out that it would be a great opportunity for Rotary fellowship.

Shelly was thanked by Dick Strayer.

## **Announcements**

### **Dorothy Hudson:**

- The Club Christmas Party will take place at noon on Tuesday, December 22 at the Park Town.
- The Board will meet on Thursday, December 17 in the usual location at the usual time.
- Thanks to the staff of the Park Town for their great service. We will appropriately thank them next week.

### **Garry Schlichemeyer:**

- Today is the last opportunity to make contributions to the Rotary Foundation for receipting in 2009.
- 2 Shelterboxes were purchased by Kenn George in lieu of Christmas presents for various family members. We have now purchased 4 boxes and have \$700 toward another. Garry suggested that others may wish to contribute to bring that amount to \$1,200 in order to purchase a fifth Shelterbox.

### **Bryan Tastad:**

- The Peace Initiative Committee has talked with the Meewasin Valley Authority regarding a proposal to place bricks in the Rotary Peace Plaza to commemorate Nobel Peace Prize winners. They are also tentatively planning events to mark the International Day of Peace each September 21 – stay tuned.

### **Jack Scott:**

- Do not forget to put your name on the Curling Pool being passed around. \$5 per square, the pot to be divided between the winner and the Food Bank. Jacks team will meet Norm's team in January, 2010 in the War of the Rings.

### **Bill Sinnett:**

- Has Coop and Safeway Cards for sale – they make a great gift for grandchildren and are an easy way for the Club to raise some funds for our various projects.

**Goodbyes** for the Christmas holidays were offered to Harold Chapman, David Kaplan and Stan Garchinski – and any others that will not be here over the Christmas season.

## Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant-at-Arms Eileen Harvey was very wide ranging in her collection of fines, happy and sad dollars:

- Those who had Nutana Rotary Club invitation passes and have not used them
- Those who have not obtained invitation passes
- Those persons who went out of town during this cold snap and made it back safely
- Asit Sarkar who is friends with 2007 Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus.
- Bryan Tastad had a happy dollar for his daughter being home for Christmas; and a sad dollar for describing Isabel Anderson and Fred Langford as former members in last week's Rotana, when, in fact, they are honorary members of our club. Fred and Isabel also are interested in being e-members when that becomes a possibility.
- Harold Chapman for the fact that the person that was to relieve him at the Salvation Army Kettle last week failed to show.
- Bill Sinnett owned up to being the one Harold spoke of.
- Helmut Hamp in appreciation of Shelly's talk; and his wife's win of a Kinsmen jackpot.
- Jack Shiffman for Dave Kaplan's birthday on December 12.

## Draws

- Jack Scott won again, this time it was \$28.
- Two tickets for the Bassment were won by Eileen Harvey and Kenn George



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



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

**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.17	Meals on Wheels Driver – Ray Bannister						
Dec.22	Garry Schlichemeyer/ Jim McCartan	Ray Bannister	Bryan Tastad	Joe Dierker	<i>Christmas Party</i>	NA	NA
Dec. 23	Meals on Wheels Driver – Jim Blackburn						
Dec.24	Meals on Wheels Driver – No Delivery						
Dec.29	No Meeting This Week						
Dec.30	Meals on Wheels Driver – Ray Bannister						
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	Stan Garchinski	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	Alice Hegel	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						