100 years of Rotary

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg celebrated 100 years of service with a gala banquet on Saturday, November 6th, 2010. This was the first Rotary club in Canada and was established in 1910 by P.A.C. (Pac) McIntyre who decided to enlarge his circle of friends in Winnipeg by forming a local Rotary club. The special celebration recognized Pac’s achievement and the club’s centenary milestone only blocks away from the actual site of the first Rotary Club meeting at the corner of Portage Avenue and Smith Street. Guests were wined, dined and had the opportunity to listen to greetings from local dignitaries and keynote speaker Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson. The club celebrated (in style) all that had been achieved over the last 100 years.
The Rotary Clubs of Regina

November 3, 2010 was a time for the members of the Rotary Clubs of Regina, their families and friends to gather together and celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Canada and more specifically 100 years of “Rotary International”. It was a great celebration as nearly 200 people gathered in the Delta to share in celebrating 10 decades of “Service Above Self” and “doing good in the world”. There was recognition of past achievement and the need to look forward to the challenges of the next 100 years.

It was a Rotary celebration including such Dignitaries as the Honourable D. Gordon L. Barnhart, Saskatchewan’s 20th Lieutenant Governor, seen below with District Governor Harvey and Lorraine Hanson, Assistant Governor Doug Keam and Rotary Club of Regina Past President Charles Keple
CONGRATULATIONS (See Below) Seated with Regina Eastview Past President Gordon Wicijowski was the evening’s second Paul Harris Awardee, Gordon Staseson, who was joined by grand daughter Brittney and daughter–in-law Marilyn. Rotary’s motto is safely applied to Gordon Staseson who is best described in this way by a friend, “When there is a need in our community you can always count on Gordon Staseson.”
CONGRATULATIONS
The celebration was honoured to have Saskatchewan’s Lieutenant Governor Gordon Barnhart as our guest. In addition to bringing greetings from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Dr. Barnhart complemented Rotarians for their work in making our world a better place for those who are less fortunate.

Under the watchful eye(s) of Co-MCs Past District Governors Peter Peters and Doug Mortin the function almost stayed within the allocated times – until about the time the cake rolled in and the strains of Happy Birthday faded as attendees strolled down the hallway.
Keeping in line with birthday tradition a cake was rolled in ablaze with sparklers adding a further festive touch to the occasion.
To add further dignity to the occasion, District Governor Harvey (below) brought congratulatory greetings from RI President Ray Klinginsmith thanking Rotarians and their families for the service each has provided to add credibility to Rotary.

The meeting was pleased to have in attendance dignitaries from the city of Regina and the Province of Saskatchewan. The event was further honoured to hear a congratulatory message from Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

**Shelterbox Update (a message from DG Harvey Hanson)**

Dear Rotarians

District 5550 is very proud to report that Rotarians Ron and Claire Noseworthy from the Rotary Club of Kenora have been deployed to Indonesia by ShelterBox to help provide disaster relief after the recent tsunami and ongoing volcanic eruptions have left thousands of people homeless.

Ron and Claire are both trained as members of the ShelterBox Response Team (SRT). Ron Noseworthy is also Chair of the new Board of Directors for ShelterBox Canada.
This is the 6th deployment with ShelterBox for Ron and the 3rd deployment for Claire as SRTs.

SRT members from Australia, Canada, France, the UK and the USA are all currently working in Indonesia alongside ShelterBox’s Indonesian affiliate to distribute aid to families who have lost everything. We wish them safe deployments.

Hundreds of families lost their homes in the Mentawai Islands when an undersea earthquake triggered a deadly tsunami at the end of October. Distribution of ShelterBoxes is difficult as access to the islands is incredibly challenging. Families in the Mentawai Islands once again have a place to call home thanks to ShelterBox. After weather delays the first 50 ShelterBoxes were distributed. A further 461 ShelterBoxes are enroute to the islands.

This is what ShelterBox is all about. People the world over are pulling together to go the extra mile and provide emergency aid to families in need wherever they may be. That is why District 5550 is a big supporter of ShelterBox Canada.

ShelterBox is a Global Rotary Club Project. Donations to ShelterBox can be made through the District 5550 World Community Services Foundation.

Building Communities, Bridging Continents

Yours in Rotary

Harvey Hansen
District Governor 2010-2011
Rotary District Governor for 2013-2014

Club and District Leaders I am very pleased to announce that the District Nominations Committee has selected Edward (Ed) Thompson to serve as District Governor for Rotary International District 5550 for the term of 2013-2014. Ed joined Rotary in 1992. He is a member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg Charleswood. He served as Assistant Governor for 3 years and District Treasurer for 3 years. He has also attended a Rotary Project Fair in Ecuador, Rotary Friendship exchange to Australia, hosted GSE team members and hosted many long term exchange students over the years. We extend our congratulations to Ed and Elaine as they move through the next three years of preparation for this office.

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,

Harvey Hanson
Governor 2010-2011
Rotary International District 5550

A Report from the Rotary Club of Regina Oskaya

Oskaya is the newest club in the district. It was officially chartered in July of 2009, and had its Charter celebration night in October of 2009. It was formed with approximately 20 members, and continues to have that amount of members. The Club was sponsored by the Regina Eastview Club.

Your first question is likely “What does Oskaya mean?” Oskaya means ‘youth’ in Cree. We chose this name, as it is our intention to focus on youth, not only in youth programs that Rotary sponsors, but also youth in the inner city in Regina.

In our first year we have been busy. We have:
- Contributed to literacy programs in 2 inner city schools by providing money to a reading program, giving books and school supplies through our First Days program and giving gifts, books and supplies through our Christmas backpack program.
- Contributed to polio plus.
- Contributed to Shelterbox for Haiti.
- Hosted dozens of interesting speakers at our weekly meetings.
- Hosted a student from Sweden (last year) and a student from Japan (this year) and sent a student to Denmark (last year) and a student to Spain (this year).
- Chartered Regina’s only Rotaract Club.
- Continued to sponsor Regina’s only Interact Club.

Not bad for our first year, eh?

We are excited about this year, and have many great plans.
Check out our clubrunner at
http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?cid=4239
for pictures and more interesting stories.

Check out the Rotaract’s website at:
http://www.wix.com/rcofreginaauxilium/rotaractclubofreginaauxilium
for what they are up to and pictures.

We meet on Wednesday nights at 7 pm in the basement of the Good News Chapel at the corner of Elphinstone and 8th Avenue. Please drop by and visit us. You won’t be disappointed.