District Governor Blog

On Wednesday and Thursday August 23rd and 24th Adele and I had an enjoyable visit to Whitecourt. We had intended to participate in a community BBQ, but unfortunately because of weather the event was cancelled. Instead we toured throughout the townsite to see the Allan and Jean Millar Recreation Centre that Rotary has sponsored for many years and the newly named “Festival Park”, formerly Rotary Park. Seeing the many new features and plans for the park was very exciting. We then toured Wellspring Family Resource and Crisis Centre, a home for women being renovated to accommodate 22 residents. Rotary has also been a longstanding partner with Wellspring.

That evening the club presented cheques to various community groups. I then did my official DG visit at their club meeting on Thursday at noon. Thanks to President Carol Zemp and Holly Astill for their friendship and hospitality!



We returned to Edmonton, then a quick turnaround to Drayton Valley for the official DG visit Thursday evening. Thanks to Mayor Nancy Dodds, MLA Andrew Boitchenko, and the many other guests who also attended. We had lovely spread put on by the Day Inn hotel and the fellowship was outstanding. A big shout out to Terry and Mary Drader for hosting myself and AG Terry Demers and her husband Dave. While we didn’t solve any of the world’s problems, we had a great gabfest at the kitchen table!

President Val Thesen then toured me around Drayton Valley to show me all the wonderful projects the club has worked on. The highlight for me was Rotary House, a repurposed school shop that houses an amazing group of community service agencies. Congratulations President Val and the Drayton Valley Rotary Club for their yeomen service to their community.



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