History Update for The Rotary Club of The Pas January 2021

This is a compilation of our projects and our events.

We had to change the name of the club for legal reasons

We had documents coming and going with different names on them and according to the government some of them were not legal and could be refused by government entities.

The official name is: ROTAREL INC. o/a The Rotary Club of The Pas

This gives us some leeway as The Rotary Club of The Pas is acceptable.

We have had our weekly noon meetings at the Wescana Hotel for many years. This has been courtesy of Evans Premachuk, a prominent Rotarian and citizen of The Pas. Evans now is a Rotarian in Kelowna, BC but continues to visit our club as he still maintains businesses in The Pas. Evans also donates funds each year to enhance programs and help with our projects.

The Wescana has provided a room for us to meet. We have moved from the banquet room downstairs to the old bar area upstairs. This is a benefit with anyone who may be handicapped to stairs. They also provide us a noon meal at a very reasonable cost.

Each week we collect fines and have a 50/50 draw. The Sgt. Of Arms picks a ticket. The winner receives a free lunch and must be the Sgt. Of Arms the next week. Then the winner draws a card from the deck. If it is the ace of Spades they win 50% of the accumulated pot. The other 50% goes to our “FAMILY Fund”. This fund is to assist a Rotarian or member of their family in a medical crisis. We live in the North. Most serious medical treatments are done in Winnipeg or Brandon which can create a large expense. To date, the fund has only been accessed twice.

Our fundraising efforts include

Annual Bill Bannock Classic ( 28 years). Started in 1994

Our average attendance was 750. It has been up to 1300 participants. For years we were the biggest derby in the area. Now there are many derbies. The last few years the longest Lake Trout caught netted the winner $25,000. We have a tagged fish each year worth $25,000. to the catcher. It has been caught once during the derby. We combined with the Rotary Club of Flin Flon having a 2-day derby. This increased our attendance and worked well for both clubs. (cancelled in 2020 due to Covid 19).

-this is the second time we have had to cancel the ice fishing derby in consideration of participant safety. The first time being after a fatal accident on the Saskatchewan River. Although the ice was perfectly safe at the derby site, public perception ruled different.

In conjunction with the derby, we also had an ATV raffle that worked very well to increase our fundraising efforts.

Annual Lobster Dinner ( 36 years). Started in 1984

We bring in Lobster from New Brunswick. It is precooked, we reheat it and serve it with baked potatoes, coleslaw, garlic bread, drawn butter and dessert. Normally our attendance is 300.

We have had many different types of raffles over the years. We had a “Spring into Summer” raffle which produced funds to help with our projects. Cash raffles, Vacation trip raffles, ATV raffles.

In 2020 one of our Rotarians brought a new lottery to the club. It resembles “Chase the Ace” ran by many Canadian Legions. The major difference is that the tickets are available at different locations and the winner does not have to be present to win. Due to Covid we were unable to start it until October. It ran three weeks and had to be paused because of new Covid restrictions. We hope to resume it as regulations ease up.

2005 and 2008 Snowbirds Airshow drawing up to 5000 people

The first airshow we did featured the Snowbirds and Airforce marching band

The second one we did feature the Snowbirds and two stunt aircraft

Both shows featured standing aircraft for tours—the waterbombers, F18 jet was awesome. Although it was a static aircraft; his arrival and departure were fantastic. The cadets were given hands on to this aircraft.

We are associated with an annual Marathon at Clearwater Lake. It has expanded into a Manitoba sanctioned event. The Rotary club looks after a fund for Critically Ill children. Funds are donated annually from the Marathon.

Two RCMP Musical rides with extra “Survival” games

We also worked with the RCMP and had a few Golf Tournaments which raised a little money.

Christmas Cards

We solicited the grade schools and asked the grade 3 and 4 students to draw pictures to be used on the front of the cards, made up words for the inside and on the back put sponsor names and the students name and date. We did not make a lot of money, but we were able to get sponsors to cover all the expenses. With the social media now in full swing, cards are not a profitable venture.

Spring dances which brought 350 to 700 people depending on the music provided. This led to us providing sound proofing in the arena. At one dance we had a Rotarian Auction. Rotarians were auctioned off to do different types of work for the buyers.

We worked with the new owners of the paper mill by taking their clients and management on fishing trips. This resulted in a good relationship and sponsorship money.

Community Programs and assistance

“A Senior Wish”. We accepted applications from anyone to grant a senior a wish. It did not work out great as we only received 3 applications. One was too big for us to handle. One was for an 80th birthday in Moose Lake as the recipient was unable to travel. All the arrangements were made but not carried out as the gentleman passed away. We did complete the third request. A lady asked for a new TV for her aunt that live in Kincourt. Her TV was old, and the picture was terrible. She could not hear well, so the volume was way up. Then she could not hear the phone or the doorbell.

We were able to get sponsorship of a new and bigger flat screen and a good set of earphones for the sound. Her doorbell was hooked to the phone. When the doorbell or the phone rang, the phone flashed brightly. The felling was: Now we know why we are Rotarians!!

Bill McDonald Memorial basketball tournament for 8 years which has been a huge success and now is a Manitoba sanctioned basketball event. We give away two $ 1000.00 bursaries as prizes for this event.

Christmas tour and tea. Seniors are taken by bus on a tour to see Christmas decorations and lights. Then provided with socializing and tea.

At parades and Halloween, we usually provide Hot chocolate and hot dogs

We have helped at the Ag Grounds during the rodeo

We work local clubs such as Kinsmen, Cadets, Swim club, Arts council, Blizzard Hockey, The Pas Firemen, and others. Sometimes they help us with our events or donate funding. We in turn help them financially or in kind.

In order to give the club a better profile we did some things to improve our image.

We are on arctic Radio every Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM

Our website is in the newspaper every issue.

We have a virtual answering machine that takes messages and informs five members via an email that there is a message.

We have had some members travel on a Rotary Friendship to Scotland, England, Tasmania, and Australia. We stayed with Rotarian families for two weeks. In turn Rotarians from that area came back to our District. Some of them came to The Pas. We took some of them up to Churchill.

We also had groups from India and Australia visit with us for a few days. They were on a Rotary Group Study Exchange

Student Programs

Each year we have a foreign exchange student. The student stays with us for a full year and must attend school. They have organized trips that they have to attend as well as some optional ones. We host all the exchange students from our District in March. It is a three day trip called Winterfest. We take them fishing, dogsledding, firehall tour, RCMP tour, School tour .and winter games. They used to come during Trappers Festival. We are down to about 15 students from as high as 50 in years past.

Our club is instrumental in taking the students to Churchill to see the Polar bears. We have done that trip for 6 years

We normally send a student from Margaret Barbour on this exchange. They seldom go to the same country our inbound student is from.

Each year we send one or two students from our area to Rotary programs such as:

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) This is a week stay at a camp on Clear Lake. The students learn comradery, leadership, problem solving, and life skills. They do different projects using their skills with no modern tools.

MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly). Teams are formed and a competition is held

Adventures in Citizenship which is at the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.

Our student programs include starting Rotaract and Interact Clubs. Rotaract is for 18 to 20 year old persons while Interact clubs are for 14 to 18 year old students. Both must be sponsored by and associated to a Rotary club.

Farm Day has been held in The Pas in the past where students had the opportunity to see different aspects of safety at home and work.

Museum-each year we donate funds to help the museum. We also have two members sitting on the board of the museum

Conference and District Governor

In 2013 we had one of our members served as District Governor for District 5550. This covers 48 Rotary clubs from Sioux Lookout, Ontario to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and North to Thompson. The custom in Rotary is to have the annual District Conference in the town where the governor resides. We had that conference in The Pas. It was attended by 300 Rotarians and guests. The Kinsmen and Kinettes assisted with this event.

Every year we have a visit from our District Governor. We usually have a BBQ with games, Paul Harris Fellow Awards, and an update on Rotary International affairs. The majority of our club Rotarians attend with their partners. Paul Harris Fellow Awards are to a Rotarian or a citizen that displays “Service above Self” which is a Rotary motto. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary. These awards are given worldwide to many deserving people.

That year was the opening of the Museum of Human Rights in Winnipeg. Our Governor signed an agreement with the Museum to participate in student educational programs. Each year any club in our district may sponsor two students to attend these events.

The pond behind Snakland accessible via the walking path had some work done to it. It was stacked with Rainbow Trout for children to catch. An observation platform was built to allow people to stand at the water’s edge. There are various species of birds nesting in the area as well as the odd muskrat, mink, or weasel. The changing weather and frost made the platform unsafe. It was redone to safety standards and again produced problems. We had thought of removing it, but it has been redone again. Hopefully, it will last longer.

As previously mentioned, the walking path was initially a joint project with Rotary, Kinsmen, and the Town of the Pas. The town continues maintenance of the path. There have been improvements made such as redoing the path after high water from the river had done damage. Rotary has also replaced the benches and table at Sunset Park. A new flagpole has been installed to show the Rotary flag.

The walking path also features benches that have been dedicated to certain individuals.

Playground stuff—The Rotary Club has provided various playground equipment the playgrounds in other areas of the town.

We recently were involved in a major project to have a winter outdoor ice rink. We were able to get sponsors and a government grant to build an outdoor skating rink beside the Roy H. Johnson Arena. The Pas Fire Dept normally floods this rink and volunteers and Town employees keep it maintained.

Over the years we have contributed to the Handivan, Rosy Mayne walking trail, Children’s Christmas, Zombie walk, Mud Run, Street Dance, The Workplace, School breakfast and lunch programs, Northern Gateway Chaplaincy, Grad breakfast (we cook and provide breakfast at their Grad Party), Duck’s Unlimited, Cancer Society, Arts Council, School Bursaries, limited sports activities.

This list shows an average year from 2007/8

EVENT or PROJECT OUR COST Budget

Rotary Foundation (3 years savings)(Polio Plus) $ 10,500. 12,200.

Wheelchair program 220. 500.

Foster parent program 840. 840.

Model United Nations Assembly 1,108. 1,108.

Adventures in Citizenship 2,000. 2,000.

Kelsey School meal program 1,000. 500.

High School Bursaries 2,000. 3,000.

Xmas Gifts for kids 471. 850.

Grad breakfast (2007+8) 725. 800.

The Pas Winterfest for exchange students 500. 0

Hosting GSE team 500. 0

Pummeling Vest for local child 5,000. 0

Kelsey Trail SnoRiders-new groomer 10,000. 0

MSOS senior games 5,630. 5,000.

HandiVan 6,000. 5,000.

Cadets 4,000. 2,000.

Northern Gateway Chapliancy 2,000. 2,000.

The Workplace 8,000. 8,000.

Bocce Ball(M.D.) 1,000. 1,000.

Walking Path 5,000. 5,000.

Airport Boat Launch and dock 2,800. 2,500.

OCN 100. 0

Friendship Center 100. 0

Humane Society 1,200. 0

Sam Waller Museum 500. 0

NRHA TV’s and Cart for Dialisis Unit 3,700. 0

**TOTAL** $ 74,894. 52,298.

We did show “Future Projects”(misc) *12,725.*

*Bill Bannock sign and new Highway signs $ 2,800.* 2,500.

Some of these are annual donations. Some are one time only.

We allocate an annual donation to The Airport Club. They in turn allow us to use the facility for some of our events.

We assist with Trapper’s Festival Events such as the Family Ice Fishing Derby, Open and closing events, hot chocolate and hot dogs at the parade

Our club members provide and maintain the large Canada Flag

We own four tents which we rent out and use for events. Some of these rentals are donated by the club.

Each year new put ten percent of our fundraising into our major project fund.

Our International donations include two orphan children, Shelterbox, Polio Plus, and the Rotary Foundation.

You can still see Rotary Polio boxes around town for loose change. This usually adds up to over a $1000. per year.

Polio is still surviving in a couple countries in the world. In 1986; Rotary International vowed to rid the world of polio. With the help of the World Health Organization, Bill and Melinda Gates foundation, and thousands of volunteers, it is almost done.

Shelterbox is a unique survival box filled with a tent, cooking and eating material, water purification, first aid, and other things needed. When a disaster happens in the world, Shelterbox teams and equipment are one of the first responders.

The Rotary Foundation: made up of different methods to save, earn, and provide funding is a tremendous source for projects in the world. The interest on this fund provides funds to help pay for the few paid positions in Rotary. It helps us by providing grants for our projects.

The Ripple Effect Program, operated by the Rotary Club of Kenora, which provides schooling, school supplies, computers, building renovations, and educational assist programs to Guatamala.

For two years we sponsored dental students and teachers from University College of The North to work with dental educational programs in Guatamala.

We donate less than ten percent of our annual revenue to these programs

We donated to the first all women school in Iran.

We donated funds to the Rotary District 5550 Scholarship program in Humboldt, Saskatchewan. A collision ended the lives of coaches and players of their junior hockey team.

We worked with the hospital and care Home providing a Wig room, special needs beds, TV s in the chemo treatment area, special headphones for hearing problems, and equipment in the dialysis unit.

A Pummel vest was provided to a young man with breathing problems.

2020 was an exceptional year. We just got started getting ready for our major fundraisers and some projects when the Covid virus hit. Starting in March we went through lockdowns where stores closed, meetings and social events had to be cancelled. Our club turned to online meetings. When the first part of the epidemic went through, we did very well and had no cases in The Pas or surrounding area. We went back to regular meeting trying to follow regulations aimed to preventing further spread of the virus. However, when the second wave went through, we were not so lucky. We had lots of cases. We went back to closures and strict contact rules. The case load was receding towards the end of 2020.

We had to cancel our Lobster dinner. Instead, we ordered it and sold it as pick up only. The clients had to pick up the lobster without getting out of their vehicles. The Rotarians involved did an awesome job.

The profit from this was equal to having the dinner with a lot less work.

The disadvantage of no meetings, no dinners, no derbies, no formal projects is the lack of social visiting and gathering.

The Covid virus rules have carried over to 2021.

Over the years we have had literally hundreds of volunteers helping or sponsoring us at our events and projects. The Rotarian’s partners all help as well.

List of Presidents

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| 2020-21 | JULIA MCKAY |
| 2019-20 | KEN KELLY |
| 2018-19 | KEN KELLY |
| 2017-18 | KENT WHALEY |
| 2016-17 | MIKE DICKENS |
| 2015-16 | TIM FURNISS |
| 2014-15 | RICK HUBBS |
| 2013-14 | TERRY MCKELLOP |
| 2012-13 | TERRY MCKELLOP |
| 2011-12 | J ULIA MCKAY |
| 2010-11 | AL GIBB |
| 2009-10 | JOHN COULSON |
| 2008-09 | AL GARDINER |
| 2007-08 | RICK HUBBS |
| 2006-07 | MIKE DICKENS |
| 2005-06 | ROLAND EDWARDS |
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| 2003-04 | KATHY JOYAL |
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| 1997-98 | JIM SCOTT |
| 1996-97 | ALAN MCLAUGHLIN |
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| 1992-93 | MIKE O'ROURKE |
| 1991-92 | ED KLIMCHUK |
| 1990-91 | RICHARD GOUDY |
| 1989-90 | BRUCE UNFRIED |
| 1988-89 | RICK HAY |
| 1987-88 | WAYNE HAWRYSH |
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1986-87 JOHN PIERSON

1985-86 PETE NETHERWAY

1984-85 DON KNIGHT

1983-84 DONALD FISHER

1982-83 J.T. WATKINS

1981-82 M.O. HARVEY

1980-81 W.E. JONAS

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1978-79 ROBT. D. CAMPBELL

1977-78 JOHN V. KENNEDY

1976-77 HAROLD BECK

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1974-75 DENNIS H. SLATER

1973-74 FRANK MCLAUGHLIN

1972-73 WM. HRYCHUK

1971-72 HARRY TRAGER

1970-71 ALLEN HILLSDEN

1969-70 DON MANYCH

1968-69 JOHN P. JOHNSON

1967-68 EVANS PREMACHUK

1966-67 ADAM SUS

1965-66 LEN J. McADAM

1964-65 ANDREW M. GOLDSTRAND

1963-64 WM. H. HARVEY

1962-63 NEIL G. McPHEE

1961-62 HENRY F. BICKELL

1960-61 PAUL FEE

1959-60 PAUL RIVALIN

1958-59 LLOYD R. KEYSER

1957-58 JACK CARROLL

1956-57 CLARENCE M. MORRISH

1955-56 WM. CODD

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1948-49 WILFRED CUDMORE

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1941-42 THOS WM. KENNY

1940-41 J.R. PIPES

1939-40 WM. A. COX

1938-39 HARVEY L. WEBER

1937-38 LAMBERT COLE

1936-37 STEWART N. KING

1935-36 JOHN A. CAMPBELL

1934-35 C.B. HUTCHISON

1933-34 H.S. JOHNSON

1932-33 DR. A.W. PHIN

1931-32 DUNCAN CAMPBELL

1930-31 E.F. PURCELL

1929-30 BARNEY N. STITT

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