



ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER

APRIL 30, 2023



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 5, 2023 - MUNA (MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) Opening Ceremonies at 9:00 AM at the Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) All Rotarians are Welcome to attend.

<https://winnipegmuna.ca/>

May 25, 2023 - HumanKind International Fundraising Dinner. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Dinner served at 7:00 PM at the Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain, 340 Provencher Blvd. Tickets are \$60/ person. Strini Reddy will have tickets for the Rotary table(s). Our Rotary Club is a long-time supporter of HKI and their Early Childhood Education Centre, in the Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya. Contact Strini at: 204-996-8937 or sereddy@shaw.ca



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May 11 – 14, 2023 - District 5550 District Conference in Saskatoon

Click on link to Register www.rotarynutana.org

May 27 – 31, 2023 - Rotary International Convention, in Melbourne Australia

Click on link for more information. <https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne>

June 4, 2023 – Rotary will be in the Pride Parade: “Save-the-Date”

All Rotarians and friends are welcome. More information will be coming soon. This will be part of Rotary’s “Diversity, Equality & Inclusion” initiatives. For more information, contact Nancy

Cosway at: ncosway@mts.net <https://pridewinnipeg.com/>

June 28, 2023 - “Kick COVID to the Curb” evening dinner, entertainment and fun evening for Rotarian friends and family. More information to follow. Contact Person is President Jeannette Brigit. E-mail:

jcbrigit@mymts.net

ROTARY MEETINGS IN MAY:

May 03, 2023, ZOOM Meeting at 12:15 – 1:15 PM., with speaker:

Rotarian Sean Irwin, from Royal Roads University, Victoria BC

On “Lessons Learned from a Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) Project in Malawi”

May 11, 2023, In-Person Meeting, with Speaker **Aaron Klassen at Winnipeg Winter Club** at 200 River Avenue. 6:30 pm (dinner served at 7:00 pm)

Shelter U. Contact Sandy Allen at: (sandyrotary@outlook.com) to book your dinner by May 4th. Dinner is \$25.

May 17, 2023, ZOOM Meeting at 12:15 – 1:15 PM, with speaker

Rotarian John Melnick on “Rise Above - Surviving Depression and Living a Better Life”

May 24, 2023, ZOOM Meeting at 12:15 – 1:15 PM. With speaker

Rotarian Mandy Kwansnica on “Bridge of Hope Ukraine - Supporting Families”

RECENT EVENTS:

Successful In-Person Dinner Meeting held at the Winnipeg Winter Club on April 13, 2023:

Major Activities included:

- 43 Rotarians & Guests attended
- An excellent dinner.
- 1 New Member inducted
- 1 New Rotary Exchange Student going to Norway – Sara Graham
- 1 Paul Harris Fellow presented to President Jeannette Brigit
- And lastly, lots of post COVID fellowship & networking



Sip & Savour: A Primer in Wine Appreciation was a big success (April 27, 2023)

- 19 People attended
- \$579 raised for the “1000 Survival Gardens Project” in South Africa



Anti-Trafficking Event (Beyond Net Zero):

Your opportunity to Get Involved and Take Action:

Please sign, and share, the **Canada Declaration to End Human Trafficking and Forced Slave Labour** at: www.canadadeclaration.ca

Human Trafficking is a serious and complex crime stripping women, men, children and toddlers of their rights to freedoms, dignity, and humanity.

In consultation with other stakeholders, the **Rotary Action Group Against Slavery**, IJM Canada, The Mekong Club, and #NotInMyCity - the Authors of The Declaration - gathered April 2&3 at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (Winnipeg) to invite all Canadians to work towards Zero-Tolerance to Human Trafficking in all its forms.
#Rotary #RotaryInAction #humantraffickingawareness



#HumanTraffickingIsNotAMyth #humantraffickingprevention #NotInMyCity #themekongclub #ijmcanada #CMHR

HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Jan Den Oudsten:

Dear Frank,

Thank you for your condolences.

Jan was also a Rotary member from 1975 - 1993 when we lived in The Netherlands. He was also a one year president of the Rotary club of Woerden, Nederland in that period. He received a Paul Harris fellowship from the Winnipeg Rotary club in 2004

From Maria Den Oudsten

For more information on Jan, click on the link below. See if you can spot any of our Members.

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Kay Harrell: A Visit with Kay Harrell in Greenville, North Carolina

By Jane Markestejn

At the end of March 2023 Kathy Knowles and I paid a visit to Kay Harrell who is now in assisted living in Greenville, North Carolina. To give some background, Kay and her husband Jack were members of the “pioneers” who started the Kinston/Winnipeg Rotary Sister Club partnership. For almost 20 years Winnipeg and Kinston Rotarians visited each other’s clubs. Kay and Jack came to Winnipeg every time there was an exchange and graciously hosted Winnipeg Rotarians on return visits and often at other times. Tragically, Jack had a terrible accident in February of 2022, lived for several months as a paraplegic, and died in September 2022.



Both the Kinston and Winnipeg Rotary Clubs have supported Kathy Knowles initiatives in Ghana where she has established many libraries and community centres. In 2006 Kay and I attended the opening of the Nima Maamobi Community Centre in Accra, Ghana. Kay continues to be a generous supporter of OSU Children’s Library Fund.

To say the least, Kay has had an “annus horribilus” to quote the late Queen Elizabeth. Her Parkinson’s disease has progressed to the point of needing more care and thus she has made the move to Cypress Glen Retirement Community in Greenville NC. (<https://www.cypressglen.org>). Kay says that she is gradually making the adjustment but misses the proximity of her many friends in Kinston (about 30 miles away) although they do make time to visit as often as they can. Cypress Glen offers many opportunities to keep active. Kathy and I joined Kay and some of her new friends in a “chair” exercise program and a game of chair beach ball Volleyball. It was a blast.



We were able to take Kay out for the day to an Art gallery in Greenville and lunch at Kings Deli. In her quarters at CG, Kay has created a mini version of her home in Kinston complete with her favorite navy-blue walls and antique furniture.

Kay's sister Laura and her husband Tommy Pressly have been a huge support for Kay and together with Kay, they picked us up at the Greenville airport and took us out for a very southern meal: BBQ. They also joined us for a sumptuous dinner at Cypress Glen. Mary Ellison Turner (who has visited Winnipeg on one of the sister club exchanges) came in from Kinston for a visit. All in all, it was a lovely visit with Kay and to see that she is making a reasonably good adjustment to her new circumstances. Kathy and I both observed that the social interaction that she has at CG has really helped her health status.

NEW MEMBER:

Adenola (Ade) Odunuga:

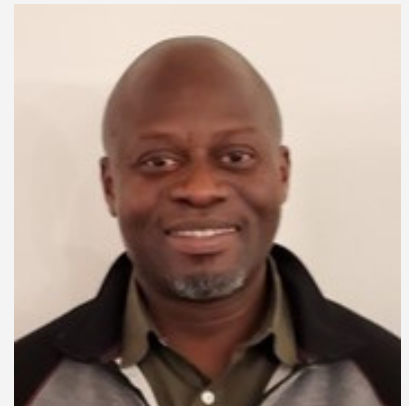
Adenola Odunuga (Ade) is a Financial Analyst with over 20 years' experience in Accounting, Investment Banking and Financial Advisory Services.

Adenola was born in Ibadan, Oyo State in South-West Nigeria, the eldest child with 3 siblings. He attended elementary school at United Missionary College (UMC) School in Ibadan, Mayflower Secondary School and Ikenne Ogun State for High School. He attended Ogun State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting.

Ade moved to Canada in the summer of 2018 and worked as Manager of Finance at Me-Dian Credit Union, the first Indigenous full-service financial institution to be founded in Canada.

His interest in Rotary grew due to the influence of his late father-in-law, Chief Segun Adetiba, a former Rotarian. The life changing impact of the club activities in every corner of the globe has been a major influencing decision in joining The Rotary Club of Winnipeg.

Ade is married to Oyinlola Odunuga (m. 2005) and blessed with 3 amazing children (2 boys and 1 girl).



He is thankful for the opportunity to be a member of The Rotary Club of Winnipeg and looks forward to contributing his quota towards the development of the Club.

RECOGNITION & AWARDS:

Jeannette Brigit - Paul Harris:

Introduced by Nancy Cosway

The Paul Harris Fellowship Award is one of the highest honours Rotary can bestow upon a person. Recipients are Rotarians and community professionals, in recognition of their outstanding contributions, exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary in placing "SERVICE ABOVE SELF."

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

I am very pleased to present this to our club President Jeannette Brigit

She has been very active in all club activities, organised the Habitat build, and participated as a chaperone in the Y to Y event, among many other events. And she also has a full time job. Jeannette is the Community Outreach coordinator for Home Instead Senior Care where she has worked for 8 years.



She came to Home Instead after 20 years with the United Church of Canada where her primary responsibilities, as Order of Ministry, included Community Outreach & Development (in Winnipeg's inner city), Curriculum Development, Administration and Leading study groups.

Prior to her acceptance as United Church clergy she was a stay at home mom for 17 years – volunteering with her church and attending university.

She shares that her life has been enriched by family, friends and the colleagues she has had the pleasure of working with.

Jeannette is a model Rotarian that I look up to and is most worthy of the Paul Harris Award

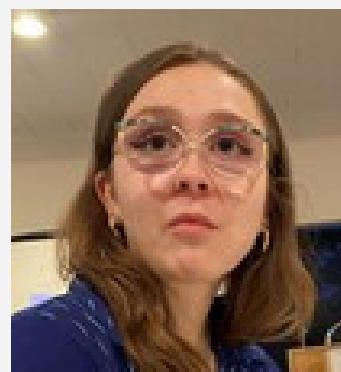
ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Sara Graham – Rotary Youth Exchange Student going to Norway:
(Sara was our Speaker on April 13, 2023)

Introduced by Eva Vida

Sara is currently attending (CJS) Collège Jeanne-Sauvé in grade 12, and

- works part time at Dakota House serving seniors,
- is a member of the senior Hungarian Kapisztran Dance Group and big sister to her twin brothers Alex and Paul.



A long list of accomplishments for someone so young:

- Selected as a natural helper to her peers in Junior High
- Selected as a junior ambassador to the Hungarian Pavilion
- Worked as a private aide to a senior in Dakota House for almost 2 yrs
- She has been a Rotary supporter for some time now, baked and held a bake sale for Rotary Vocational Training Team raising over \$300 towards school supplies that were taken to Guatemala
- She volunteered at our most recent fundraiser at Oak Table
- She attended RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) last year
- Has been selected as an outbound long term youth exchange student – headed to Norway
- And last and most importantly, she is my granddaughter who I am very proud of!

Johannes Schaefer

Rotary Exchange Student from Germany (1985-86) returns to Canada in 2023.

Submitted by Ernie Shewchuk

Johannes made contact with Ernie Shewchuk's daughter Michelle who lives in the Okanagan Valley in BC. Johannes had stayed with the Shewchuk's, as a Rotary Exchange Student in 1985-86. See Ernie's recollections below.

I was recently contacted by Johannes (with whom I had lost contact) who contacted my daughter Michelle (via Instagram and facebook) who operates a winery in the Penticton area as Johannes plans to visit and do some Canadian wine tasting in the Okanagan Valley in August. Johannes is an electrical engineer, works for a French international electric company Schneider Electric (which apparently was involved in refurbishing the Fort Garry Hotel where our club had its meetings and office in the 1980's).



The host families for Johannes were families Cherwick, Forest and Derksen (who were parents of outbound students) plus our family. As incoming President, our whole family travelled to the International Rotary Conference in Munich Germany in June 1987 and spent three days near Mainz hosted by the Schaefer family and other families of exchange students. At 6 am we were met at the Frankfurt Airport by some 40/50 recently returned exchange students and their families. In those days the youth exchange with Germany was coordinated by the Department of Education. I was sternly reprimanded by the Ministry for failing to coordinate our visit without following proper protocol by first contacting the Department as they deemed it an official visit. Although I informed them that we rented a Van in Frankfurt as our transportation in Germany, they informed us we would be met by the Department and conveyed to our Mainz destination. Thus we were chaperoned from Frankfurt to Mainz by two black Limos and 6 motorcycles with flashing lights and Canadian and German flags flying and covered the distance in about 20 minutes instead of 40...what an experience.

Johannes is married to Natascha and they have a son Jacob who is 12 years of age. (photo attached) In his correspondence to us he states "I believe the year as an exchange student has changed the course of my life. I am still thankful for Rotary, my host families and my family in Germany that I could make this experience. I am very much looking forward to our trip to B.C. It will be interesting to see what has changed in Canada but I will be happy to present my beloved second home country to my family. I will be celebrating my 54th birthday during my visit to the Okanagan Valley. What could be better than having a nice glass of wine on that day. Wishing you all the best, I am sending my love to you and your family."

I am very pleased that our Club is again sponsoring and hosting exchange students after too many years of non-involvement. It is a very worthwhile program to help build peace and goodwill in the world.

The Rotary Host Family Experience:

Submitted by Ernie Shewchuk

I became a Rotarian in 1979 and shortly thereafter became very involved with the Rotary long term and short term exchange programs. I was the Club Chairman for the program for most of the 1980's and District Chairman and or Co Chairman with Ed Hollaman from 1984 to the early 1990's. The first student Leona and I hosted along with Al and Wanda Rutherford, the Crawford's, Keith and Wilma Coffin was Karin Schmidt from Germany. Over the following decades we hosted students from many countries, including Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Finland, Belgium, Philippines, Italy, New Zealand, and Japan.



Additionally we hosted numerous exchange students passing through Winnipeg from other parts of the District and Rotary Scholarship students studying in Winnipeg. As a result of our involvement in the exchange program, our daughters were involved in the foreign student buddy programs at university which resulted in us hosting international students from Japan, Colombia, and Mexico who required accommodation for other reasons including financial. All in all we hosted well over 35 students for a matter of weeks, 3 to 4 months, some for the entire year or years. Hisako from Japan (who now lives in Japan) refers to herself as our 4th daughter and has never missed a birthday, or anniversary without sending greetings, photos and best wishes.

Leona and I are glad we were so involved with the Rotary Youth Exchange programs as it certainly opened our eyes and minds for people the world over to understand it is important to meet people from all areas of the globe for building a climate for peace and understanding.

HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:

Youth 2 Youth program on Facebook:

From John W Currie, Executive Director <https://www.facebook.com/john.w.currie>

Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP)

<https://www.facebook.com/720389907/posts/pfbid02mv8SGu7ePzEZhzM2sEb6CkquzFReMbHz9BA7xrQVtyKinugaqL2vQktuSayzWb5yl/?sfnsn=mo&mibextid=6aamW6>

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Kinanakominim – Deep gratitude from the heart – to [Turtle Lodge](#), Turtle Lodge Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Hunters, and Helpers for hosting us. You are amazing people. #HIP #Rotary

50 youth from across the country recently gathered at the Turtle Lodge in Sagkeeng First Nation, Manitoba, to experience traditional Indigenous Ceremonies and land-based knowledge activities.

Honouring Indigenous Peoples - HIP, an affiliate of Rotary Canada, brought the group of 25 Indigenous and 25 non-Indigenous Youth to the Turtle Lodge in the spirit of relationship building.



In keeping with the Spiritual Protocols of the Turtle Lodge, the Gathering began in Ceremony. Each morning, the Youth experienced a traditional Anishinaabe Pipe Ceremony as well as the Water Ceremony, led by the Grandmothers.

Elders and Knowledge Keepers spoke to the young people throughout the Gathering, sharing stories and teachings about many current issues impacting society today, including the history of this country, relationship building, and the importance of connecting with and caring for the land.

The youth participated in various land-based activities during their week at Turtle Lodge, learning how to cut and fillet fish, skin, cut, and cook rabbits, learning how to start a Sacred Fire and build shelter and put up a Tipi. The youth also learned how to make their own medicine pouches, and experienced traditional youth-leadership games, as well as playing Anishnaabemowin Bingo to learn some of the words that come from the land.

Throughout the Gathering, the Elders and Knowledge Keepers shared teachings encouraging all young people to learn their Indigenous Languages, as Indigenous languages come from the land and connect us to the land.

The Gathering concluded with sharing from Turtle Lodge Youth Leaders who have spent many years in Ceremony and on the land.

The Youth from across the country also had the opportunity to share reflections about their experiences throughout the week. They shared inspiring and heartfelt messages that left us feeling hopeful for the future.

We finished with a Giveaway to celebrate and express gratitude for all that was shared and learned during our time together.

Kinanakomininim – Deep gratitude from the heart – to all the Youth, Rotary Members, and Chaperones for their participation in the spirit of respect and kindness. We would also like to express our deep gratitude to Turtle Lodge Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Hunters, and Helpers for sharing their time and gifts throughout the week.

WHAT ARE OUR MEMBERS DOING:

Tatjana Petrovic

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Why do I travel and where am I ?

A few people have asked me about the purpose of my travels. As most of you know I simply love my work. Discovering creative people who improve the lives in their communities as social entrepreneurs is so uplifting. Learning how they do it and teaching these skills to my students around the World is something I truly love to do. Knowledge and wisdom that can change the World and solve global problems like climate change or inequality resides in many cultures. By exchanging the knowledge across the globe we can, I believe, learn from each other and help each other implement the best ideas everywhere.

We learn from each other how to earn the money. We need to start learning how to do it while strengthening communities and keeping our beautiful planet healthy.

I collect this knowledge travelling as a volunteer, visiting scholar, researcher or simply a tourist - whichever way I can. I intend to share stories about social entrepreneurs I meet through my thesis, on social media and in lectures to my students. In a month of Ramadan, I travel between Sahara and mount Atlas. I am among Amezir people in lovely Morocco. If anyone knows about social entrepreneurs in this or any other region please point me toward them.

Note: Tatjana will be our ZOOM Speaker on June 21st and tell us more about **Her Interesting Travels**

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