



ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026



The mission of Rotary is to "provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through [the] fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders".

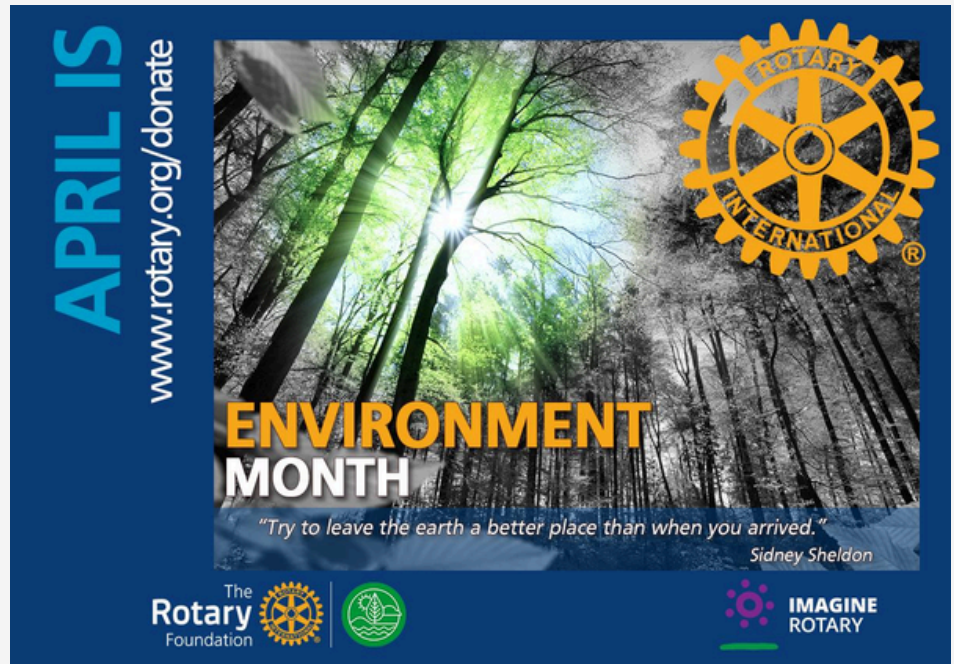
April is Environmental Month - The first Earth Day was held on 22 April, 1970, launching a wave of action to protect our environment, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States. Other countries soon followed suit. Every year since, the day has been set aside to focus on mobilizing for action to protect our planet.

As people of action, Rotarians have been shaping the conversation on the environment for years, from addressing climate change that threatens entire food systems to fighting pollution that clogs our air and water. Rotarians are well-suited for the challenge. They use their connections to find creative solutions and take action to safeguard our vital resources.

How Rotary protects our planet

Rotary enables our members and their community partners to take action by:

- Protecting and restoring land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources
- Enhancing the capacity of communities to support natural resource management and conservation
- Supporting sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture practices
- Addressing the cause of climate change by reducing the emission of greenhouse gases
- Strengthening ecosystems and communities affected by climate change
- Supporting education initiatives that promote behavior that protects the environment
- Advocating for sustainable consumption to build an economy that uses resources more efficiently
- Addressing environmental public health concerns



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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: Apr - Aug 2026

Rotary Club of Winnipeg

April 9th – Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA)

Applications for RYLA should be available on April 9th.

JUNIOR RYLA July 27 – August 1, 2026

SENIOR RYLA August 3 – August 8, 2026

Click on the link below for more information

Contact: Frank Cosway, Youth Services, frankcosway@mts.net or call or text at: 204-294-7079

<https://rotary5550.org/sitepage/ryla/rotary-youth-leadership-assembly>

April 15th – In-Person Meeting at the Winnipeg Winter Club. Speaker will be **Brian Finlayson, Marketing Manager for Winnipeg Goldeyes**. Registration & Fellowship at 6:00 pm, and Dinner & Program at 6:30 pm.

April 18th, Walk With The Earth fundraiser at the Assiniboine Forest - organized by our Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP Committee) The funds will be used to support the HIP – Youth 2 Youth program 2027 (25 Indigenous youth & 25 Non-Indigenous Youth)

<https://honouringindigenouspeoples.com/walk-with-the-earth/>

April 26th, Women Wage Peace/ Women for a Just Peace in Israel, Palestine and in Winnipeg. The conference will be held at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights. Cost is \$30. Some subsidies are available.

<https://humanrights.ca/program/women-just-peace-palestine-israel-and-home>

April 30th, – May 1st, and May 4 – 8th, Chicken Fest organized by Rotary Club of Winnipeg West

May 2nd - Building Beds for Kids in Winnipeg – Volunteers needed. In 4 hours, 40 volunteers can build 40 – 50 beds. Registration starts at 9:30 am and the Build starts at 10:00 am.

Location: Sleep in Heavenly Peace, 820-D Berry St., Winnipeg

Contact: **Jerusha Onyimbo, Volunteer Coordinator** at:

jerusha.onyimbo@gmail.com or call or text at: 204-396-5677

May 5, 2026, 7:00 – 9:30 pm. On the long road to reconciliation; A story exchange. Screening of personal videos. The event will be held at the David Barber Cinematheque, 100 Arthur Street. Tickets are free but you must reserve. More information on the link below.

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/our-communities/event/on-the-long-road-to-reconciliation-a-story-exchange>

May 8th – 9th - Rotary District 5550 Conference 2026 in Neepawa, MB. Check the D5550 website for conference registration details.

<https://d5550conference26.weebly.com/>

Deadline for registration has been extended to April 17th.

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June 13 – 17, 2026 - The 2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan.

Taiwan. <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/>

June 19th, Lobster Fest – RC of Wpg Charleswood

August 16 – 22, 2026 RAHR (Rotary Adventures in Human Rights) For more information and to register. Click on link for further information

www.Rahr5550.ca

August 26, 2026, Habitat for Humanity BUILD. 10 Volunteers needed.

To Volunteer, contact Jerusha Onyimbo at: jerusha.onyimbo@gmail.com or call or text her at: 204-396-5677

August 27, 2026, 1:00pm. Attend the Winnipeg Goldeyes Baseball Game. There will be a Special Group price of \$22 per seat. The event is being organized by Rotarian John Melnick of our Club and all Rotary Clubs are being invited to participate. Tickets will be purchased on-line. This is a great event to invite Exchange students, Rotaractors, Youth from some of our Community projects, Friends & Family.

Contact John Melnick for further information:

Jmel34229@gmail.com

September 11 – 21, 2026, Peace Days Festival

<https://www.peacedays.ca/>

October 24, 2026 – Polio Eradication Concert – Volunteers Needed – For more information Contact: Nancy

Cosway at: ncosway@mts.net



NEW MEMBER

New Member



Tammy Aime

Tammy was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and raised between Manitoba and Saskatchewan. With a diverse and impactful career, she has held leadership roles including Executive Director of Broadway Neighbourhood Centre, where she championed community development and empowerment. Tammy has also worked closely with the City of Winnipeg, supporting the transition of community centres to neighbourhood ownership, helping to strengthen local leadership and sustainability. A huge advocate for change within child welfare systems where she strongly believes our children should not be labelled by price tags.

She is currently the owner of Windblown Therapies/Windblown Therapy Collective, where she continues her commitment to supporting mental health for individuals and communities. Tammy holds a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, an undergrad in Social Work and is a registered social worker in both Manitoba and British Columbia. A forward thinker, she approaches her work with compassion and ensures that kindness remains at the center of everything she does.



Ari Novikoff

Ari is a senior technology executive with more than 35 years of experience in IT, specializing in data protection, business continuity, and disaster recovery. He currently serves as Global Vice President of Sales at Macrium Software, where he focuses on enterprise and OEM relationships, helping organizations strengthen resilience against operational disruption and cyber threats.

Known by peers and clients as “The Bishop of Backup,” Ari has built a reputation for translating complex technical challenges into clear business outcomes. His work centers on ensuring that organizations can recover quickly and predictably from failure, whether caused by cyber incidents, system outages, or human error.

Ari has worked closely with global enterprises across manufacturing, automotive, and critical infrastructure sectors. He is particularly experienced in environments where downtime carries significant financial and operational risk. His approach combines deep technical knowledge with a practical understanding of how executive teams make decisions around risk, investment, and continuity.

Ari is the founder of DrillAudit, an emerging venture focused on recovery readiness and audit validation. The business is designed to help organizations move beyond theoretical recovery plans and toward measurable, tested outcomes.

Ari hosts “The Bishop’s Banter,” a podcast focused on operational resilience and real-world recovery scenarios. The show reflects his belief that preparedness is not a technical exercise alone, but a leadership responsibility.

Outside of work, Ari is a lifelong technologist and musician. He began building computers as a child and has played guitar and bass for over four decades. He values practical problem-solving, direct communication, and continuous learning.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



Jerusha Onyimbo

Jerusha Onyimbo has recently accepted the position as Volunteer Coordinator for our Rotary Club. If you want to volunteer, contact Jerusha to see what volunteer opportunities are available. If you need volunteers for a project, contact Jerusha and she will see how she can help you. Typical Rotary volunteer opportunities in the past have included: the Bed Build, Manitoba Harvest, Habitat for Humanity, and Salvation Army Kettles,

Jerusha is already doing a great job recruiting volunteers for the next Bed Build on May 2, 2026 and she is in the process of organizing a tour of Oak Table for Friday, April 17th at 3:00 pm.

Jerusha has a lot of Rotary experience from being very active with Rotary in Kenya. See a longer bio for Jerusha in our October, 2025 Club Newsletter

Jerusha can be contacted at:
Jerusha.onyimbo@gmail.com
Call or text at 204-396-5677

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION



A few photos of the great fun we had celebrating St. Patrick's day. The event was organized by Rtn. Juliana Romero.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Rotary Club of Winnipeg

Jamaica



1. Jamaica Hurricane Melissa Recovery Project. Two of our members are from Jamaica and have led the initiation of the Melissa Recovery Project. A grant of \$5,000 CDN was transferred to the Rotary Club of Mandeville in Jamaica on December 17th 2025. This was to assist in repairs to a school that was damaged in the hurricane.

Uganda

2. Repairing Classroom in Uganda Support has been provided to the New Talent Rotaract Club in the Nakivale refugee camp in Uganda. Nakivale refugee settlement is located near the Tanzania border in Isingiro district, Southern Uganda. The Rotary Club of Winnipeg provided the Rotaract Club New Talent with a grant of \$1,200 USD to rebuild their classroom which was destroyed in a storm. The Classroom was completed in early March



3. Support to the Mengo Blood Bank in Uganda through the Rotary Club of Catarauqui-Kingston who had a Global Grant approved, first support given was for a TTI machine (an automated analyzer used to screen donated blood for infectious diseases like HIV, Hepatitis B/C and syphilis) and second tranche of funding to provide a cold room and freezer to Mengo Blood Bank to store 20,000 units of blood. Our club has provided \$5,000 USD to this Global Grant.

Ukraine

4. Generators Through the Rotary Club of West Ottawa - generator procurement project for Ukrainian schools, hospitals, and warming centers in areas without electricity and heat. Ukrainians are facing an extremely harsh winter: in Kyiv, over a thousand apartment buildings and hundreds of schools remain without heating, electricity, or water, with temperatures dropping to -29°C and below. We have already delivered over 30 generators, but the need is much greater. Each additional generator is vital for the safety of children, patients, and residents. Our Club sent \$2,500 CDN

BLACKOUT IN Ukraine

Energy infrastructure under Attack
4th year of daily attacks on the energy system

- Autumn-winter → blackouts, darkness, cold
- No electricity for: hospitals, schools, shelters, businesses, residents
- Only solution — generators of various capacities
- They ensure:
 - charging phones & hearing aids
 - cooking food & heating water
 - keeping institutions running
- Cost: = \$667 – \$2,500 CAD

Critical need for Generators

PEOPLE IN ACTION

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

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5. Mental Health Support for Children and Families of Ukraine through the Rotary Club of Saskatoon. This was a Global Grant initiated by the Rotary Club of Saskatoon North. Our club committed to USD\$5,000 to support a Centre in Odesa for children age 5 to 18 and families (spouses and parents) of fallen servicemen. Services include psychological assistance, Socialization and mentorship, Economic and legal reintegration and educational and recreational activities. It will be a 12 month program.

Walk With the Earth

April 18th
2026

WHY?

- come together to support youth programs, truth and reconciliation, and environmental action for a stronger brighter future!

WHO?

- Speaker of Honour Niigaan Sinclair along with local youth will share their message

WHERE?

- starting point: 500 Shaftesbury Boulevard Winnipeg, MB, Canada R3P 2N2
- 5k walk route through Assiniboine Forrest
- 2.5k Accessible paved option

WHEN?

- participants should arrive at 10:30am to register to walk with formal programming beginning at 11am

10:30
AM

THINK

BEFORE YOU SPEAK

T IS IT TRUE?

H IS IT HELPFUL?

I IS IT INSPIRING?

N IS IT NECESSARY?

K IS IT KIND?

Children's Ministry Deals

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

Paul Harris Fellow awards presented to Jeannette Brigit and Strini Reddy.

At our April 1st meeting, Jeannette Brigit and Strini Reddy were presented with a Paul Harris Fellow pin. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition has evolved from a \$1,000 contribution into a powerful symbol of generosity that fuels Rotary's life-changing work. From PHFs and Major Donors to Bequest and Legacy Society members, every gift – big or small – helps Rotary continue to Do Good in the World.

Rotary's donor recognition pins are not just tokens – they are promises kept, lives changed and communities uplifted. They reflect the heart of Rotary: Service Above Self, powered by generosity. Make your mark. Support The Rotary Foundation today.



Jeannette Brigit



Strini Reddy

<https://www.rotary.org/en/history-paul-harris-fellow-recognition>

RED RIVER ROTARACT - Our Newest Rotaract Club in Winnipeg



Inaugural meeting on April 1 with 7 young men including from Left to right – James Gibb, Ronan, Ezekiel, Mina, Jesse, standing (organizer), Jaydon. All are very keen to get involved in volunteering and assisting the community.

From left to right sitting are: James, Gibb, Ronan & Jaydon and standing are: Ezekiel, Mina and Jesse.

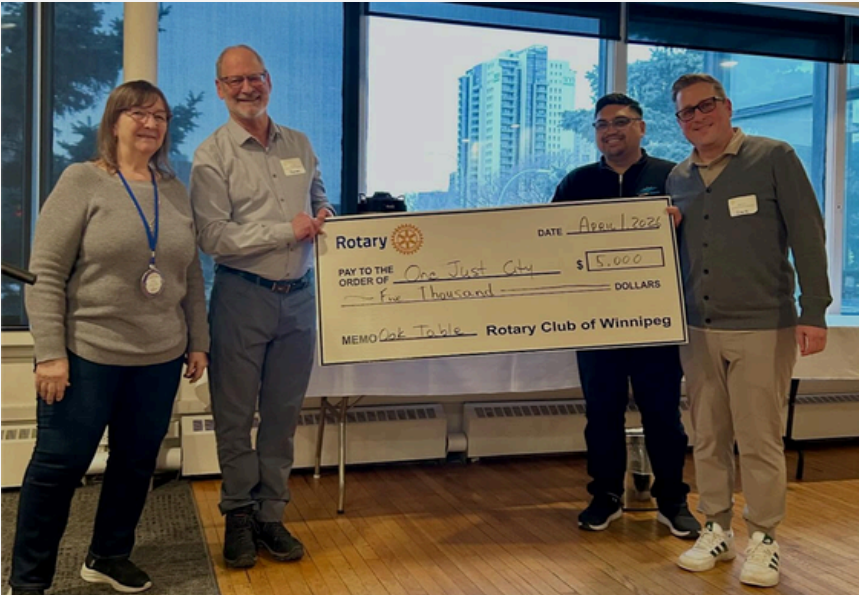
BTW: Jesse is Rotarian Jerusha Onyimbo's son.

OAK TABLE - FUNDRAISER:

Rotary Club of Winnipeg Satellite Club raised \$9,000 for the “Oak Table”, which is part of 1 Just City. 1JustCity's - Thank You

We extend our sincere thanks to the Rotary Club of Winnipeg Satellite Club for organizing Music to Warm Our Hearts, a yearly benefit concert, in support of our Oak Table site. We also want to acknowledge the Rotary Club of Winnipeg for matching the donations raised through the concert, further enhancing the impact of this initiative. Their efforts brought in generous financial contributions, along with much-needed items including bus tickets, men and women’s underwear, menstrual products, backpacks and food supplies.

We are truly grateful for their support, generosity and commitment to our community.



(From left to right) Eva Vida, Satellite Club Advisor, Harvey Heather, Community Development Lead, Oak Table, Jorrel Camuyong, Co-President, Satellite Club and Craig Wynands, Executive Director, 1 Just City

TO BUILD BEDS FOR KIDS IN WINNIPEG

40 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!!!



**TO BUILD BEDS FOR KIDS IN WINNIPEG
In Partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)**

When:

- **May 2, 2026**
- **Registration 9:30 AM**
- **Start construction: 10AM**
- **Finish construction: 2PM**

Goal: To build 50 Beds for Winnipeg Kids in 4 hours



To Volunteer,
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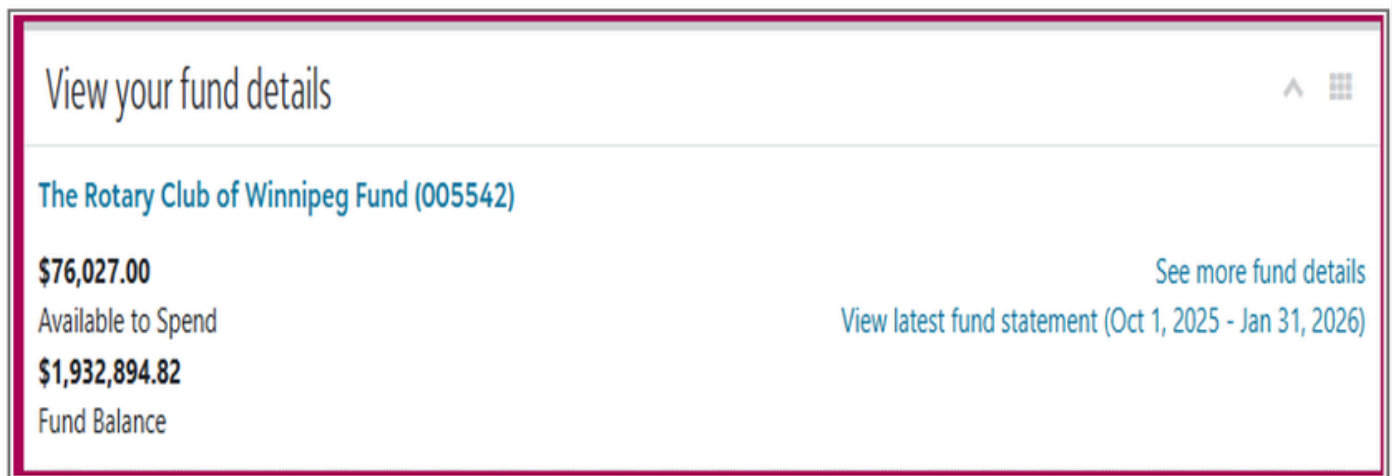
FUNDRAISING:

What is our **BIGGEST fundraiser for our Rotary Club.**

(Sometimes called “Our Best Kept Secret” or “The Gift that Keeps on Giving, year after year”.)

Many years ago, the Club created a Permanent Endowment Fund, which members could donate to, and the Club charity would receive most of the interest earned annually on the Endowment.

During the past year, the Permanent Endowment Fund was transferred to the Winnipeg Foundation, and is now called the Rotary Club of Winnipeg Fund.



View your fund details		^	☰
The Rotary Club of Winnipeg Fund (005542)			
\$76,027.00	Available to Spend	See more fund details	
\$1,932,894.82	Fund Balance	View latest fund statement (Oct 1, 2025 - Jan 31, 2026)	

As you can see above, as of January 31, 2026, the Fund Balance was **\$1,932,894.82** and the available interest for the coming year is **\$76,027.00**

If you wish to make donation to The “Rotary Club of Winnipeg Fund” click on the link below.

<https://www.mycharitytools.com/gift/wpgfdn/donate?fund=6001>

You can make a one-time gift or a monthly gift. **The minimum gift is \$10.**

I would recommend that you try to make a \$10 donation and let me know how well this link really works.



Submitted by, Frank Cosway

CLUB MATTERS AND LINKS:



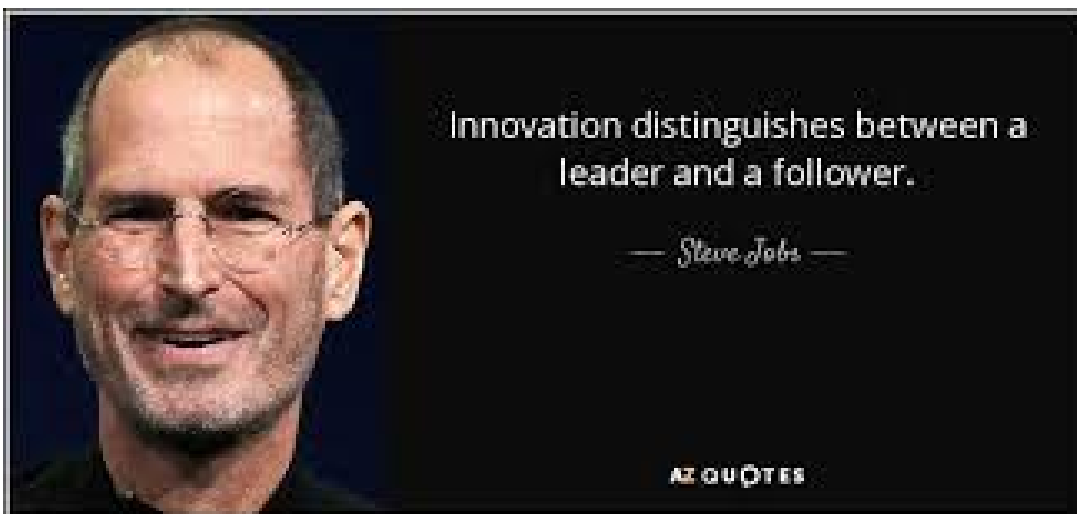
SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:

Please check out the following Social Media platforms for the Rotary Club of Winnipeg on **Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, Instagram.**

The Club has set up a **What's App** platform for the **Rotary Club of Winnipeg Group**. This is a great way to share information, network and keep informed on our club activities. Some of you have been added to the group.

Others need to set-up their **What's app account** and then you can join the Rotary Club of Winnipeg What's App group. Contact Nancy Cosway (ncosway@mts.net) for assistance.

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