#### **ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG**

Newsletter April 4, 2022



#### **UP-COMING EVENTS:**

April 15, 2022

Deadline for purchasing Bedding plants, Flowers and Shrubs from **Glenlea Greenhouses Spring Fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Winnipeg.** 



See ordering Instructions at the end of this Newsletter

#### Plant Catalogue:

https://www.glenleagreenhouses.com/collections/fundraiser-2022-homepage?utm\_campaign=emailmarketing\_137947807988&utm\_medium=email&utm\_sourc e=shopify\_email

April 28 – 29, 2022 64<sup>th</sup> Winnipeg Virtual Model United Nations Assembly https://winnipegmuna.ca/

May 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 2022, 7:00 – 9:30 pm each evening District 5550 Virtual Conference "Our Youth, Our Future"

See more information on the District Conference at the end of this Newsletter

#### July 6 - 7, 2022 SAVE THE DATE Imagine Rotary Canada Tour Rotary International President-Elect Jennifer Jon

Rotary International President-Elect **Jennifer Jones** will be visiting our district on July 6 - 7, 2022.

Jennifer is a Canadian Rotarian and the first Woman President-Elect for Rotary International.

Check the District 5550 website for more details, closer to the date.

## APRIL ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS:

**April 6th** Zoom Meeting Speaker **Joelle Foster of North Forge Technology Exchange, "Driving Innovation in Manitoba"** 

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** In Person Meeting at the RBC Convention Centre – Pre-registration required by April 6<sup>th</sup>., Speaker **Kristie Pearson**, "Linking People's Time, Treasure and Talent with those in Need"

April 20<sup>th</sup> Zoom Meeting Speaker Sean Rayland Boubar "Turning Pain into Purpose"

**April 25<sup>th</sup>** In person **Evening Club Assembly** at River Heights Community Center 1370 Grosvenor Ave at 6:30 to 8 pm Pizza and Pop provided. Let's share ideas to improve Winnipeg. More info to come later.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS:

**Jack Harrell:** A month has passed since Jack had a very serious fall backwards down some stairs. I will not attempt to tell you about all the small incremental steps that he has made over the past month. For the daily updates you can click on the link below to the Caring Bridge and click search in the upper right corner for Jack Harrell. On the Caring Bridge you can leave greetings and messages for Jack.





https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jackharrell/journal/view/id/62112336d73a09531a8b55

In the past few days, Jack has been moved from the ICU to the Step Down Unit which is a very positive change. He has had the tubes removed from his throat and he can now talk. He has a new cell phone and is trying to make up for lost time.

One of the next big steps is to identify a Rehab facility that is suitable for Jack's Rehab needs.

Events are moving faster than the publishing this Newsletter. Jack is now in a Spinal Rehab Centre in Chicago

Any mail, cards, or otherwise that you want to send to Jack should be as follows:

Shirley Ryan Ability Lab Attn: Jack Harrell, Rm 2216 355 East Erie Street Chicago, IL. 60610

## Al Hoeft (Rotary Alumni)

Al was a member of our Club and was President-Elect before he was transferred to the Salvation Army office in Prince George, BC. Al has been a member of Rotary for 30 years and is currently a member of the Regina Eastview Rotary Club.

Al was recently appointed to be:

- Co-Chair of the Rotary District 5550 HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) sub-committee of the Rotary District 5550 World Peace Partners Committee, and
- Coordinator for Rotary District 5550 on the HIP National Board

## Denzil Feinberg (Rotary Alumni):

I received the following message from Denzil on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

I am feeling very well in Winnipeg's St. Boniface Hospital for Hernia Fix-Up. I am in Winnipeg till Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.





I arrived in Winnipeg on Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>, St Paddy's Day. Now I am in St Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg, emergency preparing for surgery on my right Inguinal Hernia that was in limbo (in gutso) for months, to fix this year. Took myself to Emergency at 3am Wed. morning March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Operation should be tonight Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. No pain or discomfort, just the same lump of the last 4 - 6 months, a bit larger!

My cell phone (with me) 613-799-3346 Our Ottawa home phone is 613-231-5915.

Denzil

## An Engagement Party for Wendy Rhymer and Youssef Mouzahem:

The Engagement Party was held at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, on Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Youssef** was born and raised in Egypt, has a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, Master



degree in Project Management, and a Certificate in Contract Management. He worked on construction sites in many countries with various industries (oil & gas, power generation, and infrastructure). Moved to Canada in 2015, Youssef worked for the City of Selkirk and currently is working with WSP Canada in the Northern/First Nations infrastructure group. Youssef likes travelling, reading, swimming, and music. He is founder of the Arab Engineers Chapter in Manitoba, has been a member of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg since 2015, and volunteered in many places in Winnipeg.

**Wendy** was raised in rural Manitoba and completed a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Winnipeg and a Bachelor of Nursing at the University of Manitoba. Wendy has been nursing for 19 years in various locations in Canada and abroad. Wendy began her career at Women's Hospital in Winnipeg in Labour & Delivery, then completed additional training in midwifery and joined Doctors Without Borders as a Nurse/Midwife. Wendy spent most of a decade volunteering in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. In between missions, Wendy worked in and ran Nursing Stations in Northern Manitoba, Nunavut, and remote Australia. While in Australia, Wendy completed a Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and a Graduate Certificate in Research. Wendy returned to Canada six years ago, working with First Nations in British Columbia and most recently with the Public Health Agency of Canada. **Isa & Humberto Dantas:** Isa & Humberto celebrated their 6<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in March of 2022. Baby Louisa is now 16 months old. Isa is the new Chair of the Satellite Club and she is now a Customer Service Representative with Bookings.com. She works from home and looks after Louisa as well. Humberto has had a promotion with the Civil Service Commission, Province of Manitoba. Congratulations Isa & Humberto.

## **ROTARIAN'S messages:**

Ron Reider posted on Linkedin that "Westland Insurance Group has donated \$100,000 to support relief efforts in Ukraine"

https://www.westlandinsurance.ca/news/westland-insurancegroup-donates-100000-to-support-relief-efforts-in-ukraine/

**Simone Cohen Scott** reports from Winnipeg via the Rotary Club of Jerusalem Newsletter.

#### Message from our friend Simone Cohen Scott from Winnipeg:

You may be hearing from one of my fellow members of Downtown Winnipeg Club (the Club that made Rotary International, as you know). He and his parents emigrated here about twenty years ago. His name is **Izzeddin Hawamda** and he will be visiting family in Nablus. He mentioned he'd like to attend a Jerusalem Club meeting, if it works out, and I told him I was sure he'd be welcome, either virtually or in person. My stay in Jerusalem was very short this year. Your bulletins keep me connected. I appreciate that you keep me on your list. Best regards, Simone

Shana (Goulbourne) Goodridge: Shana has been very busy helping to organize a Wellness Seminar & Fitness Challenge in Honour of Jamaica's 60<sup>th</sup> Year of Independence. The events were organized by the Jamaican High Commission in collaboration with the **PegCity** Steppers. Shana is the Founder of the

PegCity Steppers which is a Winnipeg-based club composed of new Canadians from the Caribbean, Africa and Afghanistan. One of the group's primary objectives is to







provide a safe, judgement-free fitness environment for BIPOC runners/walkers in the community.

Shana said, "This is a great opportunity for Canadians to enjoy Jamaica's fun approach to fitness and for Jamaicans across Canada to connect and relax in a time of so much stress and trauma" <u>https://www.facebook.com/pegcitysteppers/</u>



## LOCAL PROJECTS:

## Delivery of the 9000 Books to Northern Manitoba Indigenous Communities:

The Books are going to the following 5 Manitoba Indigenous Communities: Pukatawagan, Tadoule Lake, Lac Brochet, Manto Sipi/ Gods River, and Wasagamack.

Some of the books have already been delivered to the communities of Pukatawagan and Tadoule Lake and others are on their way. The books were delivered over the ice roads. The ice road are now closed because of the warmer weather.

The books for Wasagamack will be used to stock their new school library. Some of the other communities will be holding "Book Give-Aways' to get the books widely distributed within the communities. For some of the students, this will be their first personal books. You can imagine how happy they will be.

The Indigo Book Drive provided books for Red Sucker Lake (500) and St. Theresa Point (1000) with support from True North Aid in Ontario. Thank you to all the Members who donated books to the Indigo Book Drive for Red Sucker Lake and to True North Aid for books for St. Theresa Point.

## Holiday Season donations for West Broadway Community Centre + 1 Just City:

**Jeannette Brigit and Elly Hoogterp** from the Community Services Committee dropped off all the things which we collected over the Holiday Season for the West Broadway Community Centre (WBCC) and 1 Just City. (Photo L-R Jeannette Brigit, Kyleigh from WBCC and Elly Hoogterp) "The WBCC were grateful to receive the donations in early March instead of in December. In addition to all the Toiletries, we also sent 100 pairs of winter socks, boxes of Boost, puzzles, games and craft supplies and \$500 in cash donations from the Club."



## FUNDRAISING & FINANCIAL REPORTS:

#### Order your Chocolate Bunnies Now.

This is our newest seasonal Fundraiser for our Rotary Youth Programs.



Easter is fast approaching (April 17) and we want to make it a **Wonderfully Delicious** day for you and your family while raising much needed donations for our many local projects. We have purchased, from Mordens' of Winnipeg, 150 pure milk chocolate flat solid bunnies. They are 90g in weight, 6" tall and will cost \$6. Taxes included.

Please respond to this email so I can keep track of the numbers requested. With the approval of the Board Members all payments will be made to me so as not to overwhelm Sandy. I will take cash or an e-transfer. E-transfer to <u>icbrigit@mymts.net</u>.

When they arrive the Bunnies can be picked up from my office - please call ahead as I'm sometimes out in the community - or I may be able to deliver them to you. My phone number is <u>204.898.5227</u>.

Wishing you all a beautiful spring day, Jeannette Community Services Director



## We have Qualified for Global & District Grants for 2022-23:

To qualify, Clubs must contribute a minimum of US\$50 per member by March 31<sup>st</sup>. To date our Club has contributed over US\$ 5,000 with a per capita rate US\$68. Much of our success was due to the 75 Day Challenge which was co-chaired by our Eva Vida. Thanks Eva for encouraging and engaging our members to exercise and donate.

## Our Fundraising for Humanitarian Relief in Ukraine:

Members have contributed \$1,900 to date and the Club has matched member donations with an additional \$1,000. The funds are being donated to the Canadian Red Cross for their Humanitarian Relief program. It is hoped that our funds will be matched by the Canadian Red Cross.



Thank you to everyone who donated. We know that some members also made donations through other organizations.

## **INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS:**

**Beyond Subsistence – Food & Economic Security in Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa** Funds totaling \$12,833 were sent to the Rotary Club of Hillcrest, South Africa by our Club. These funds included a matching grant of \$6,417 from the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC)

## **ROTARY LEARNING RESOURCES:**

#### How to Learn More About Rotary – From President Nancy

Did you know there is a Learning Centre on the Rotary International website under "**My Rotary**". Create a user name and password if you do not have one. Click on the **Learning and Reference**. Learn by Role, Learn By Topic, About Rotary, Policy and Procedures, Webinars. Let's all take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about Rotary. <u>https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference</u>

### Testimonial from Jeannette Brigit, President-Elect for 2022-23

<u>"</u>After attending the Leadership Seminar for Incoming Presidents and thinking, "What have I gotten myself into"?! I was delighted to learn of the existence of Rotary International's Learning Centre and the tutorials that are available to all Rotarians.

Last week I took the *President's Basics* course. It was 8 units, about 4 hours, of information that truly boosted my



understanding of the role and tasks of the Club President. Now I am really wondering, "What HAVE I gotten myself into"?!

I would highly recommend the Learning Centre to all Rotarians. The on-line courses provide the perfect learning opportunity for a Rotarian who wants to learn more about the various roles, polity, projects and programs Rotary offers. Through the use of technology, the learner is provided a rich learning experience at the their convenience. Open 24/7 the course availability is outstanding, interactive and informative."

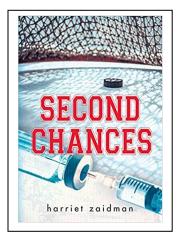
To access the Learning Centre go to the Rotary International website at <u>www.Rotary.org</u>

## **RECOMMENDED READING:**

## Second Chances by Harriet Zaidman from Winnipeg

"It's 1955, yet feels like 2021. Fourteen year old Dale fights to recover from a terrible **polio** epidemic as well as **racist** attitudes that risk poisoning his friendship with Charlene a Metis girl." The story is set in Winnipeg, Dale is an aspiring hockey player and Charlene is from Rooster Town (where current day Grant Park Shopping Centre is located.)

The book is written for young readers and up. Issues discussed include: polio, iron lungs, vaccines, racism, vaccine hesitancy and Rooster Town.



https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/entertainment/books/polio-pandemicparallels-poignant-576308822.html

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIJvmUBkds0

## LINKS:

## Financial Literacy & Youth – The money-mind-body connection.

New financial literacy campaign brings economic education to youth where they are at – on their screens, in the classroom – to not just make them financially fitter, but healthier overall, too.

https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/business/finance/the-money-mind-body-connection-576260172.html



# Rotary Club of Winnipeg (Downtown) Spring Fundraiser

## PLACE YOUR ORDER ONLINE UNTIL APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> Shop early to avoid disappointment at www.glenleagreenhouses.com

\$25 Plant Cards also available! It's a perfect gift for any plant enthusiast!

Gift Cards are a physical card that can be used in store or at our booth at any of the markets we attend. They are not accepted as payment for wholesale or fundraiser purchases.





Hello Everyone, - Rotarians, Friends and Family,

This year's spring fundraising campaign will be a sale of excellent quality and competitively priced bedding plants, perennials, hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, succulents, and container gardens. Fall Garden Mums can be easily ordered now in the spring for delivery shortly after Labor Day in the early Fall. Gift Cards are also available.

You as the customer can **follow these simple steps** to shop and pay online at Glenlea Greenhouses website at **www.glenleagreenhouses.com**.

1. On their homepage select Spring Fundraiser.

2. Once you are finished shopping, **go to the cart page** and select "**to support & pick up at a fundraiser group**". Afterwards, **three fields** will appear.

- 3. Please select from the dropdown *Rotary Club of Winnipeg (Downtown)*
- 4. Under Name of Seller please leave this field empty.

5. Lastly **check** the **Checkbox** to confirm all the information in the above fields are correct and click **checkout & pay**.

6. Input your email and personal information and click Continue.

7. Select "Fundraiser - To Support and Pickup at the Fundraiser Group I selected on CART page and continue to payment method.

8. Once on the payment method screen, payment can be completed with VISA, MASTERCARD, and AMERICAN EXPRESS credit cards or INTERAC e-transfer to the Greenhouse.

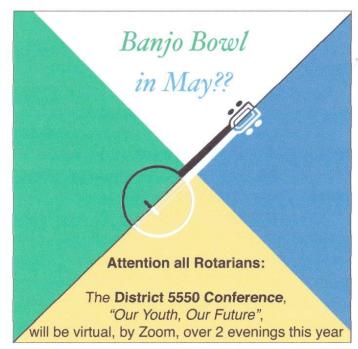
Shortly after completion of the order, an email confirmation is sent to the email address provided confirming delivery location and date along with the products ordered. **Online orders will be able to be placed until 11:59 pm on April 15th**.

The plants will be delivered to CARSTAR 1310 St James Street Winnipeg\_on Tuesday, May 31st, 2022 and we will need all orders to be picked up by 5:00 pm. All the proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards Rotary Club of Winnipeg Programs. Let's raise at least \$1,000.

We thank you for your support!

Questions?? Contact Dan Jonsson (204) 792-9895

Top: Impatiens Beacon, Middle: Calibrachoa Cabaret, Bottom: Proven Winners Vegetable & Herb Raised Planter



We will host two informative and interactive sessions, on Thursday evenings, May 5th and May 12th

May 5, 2022 Session #1 "Reducing Child Poverty"

7:00pm "Kick Off" to the conference with Troy Westwood and Andrew Greene, "Football and the Community" and featuring KidSport.

7:30 - 8:30pm Speakers • Niigaan Sinclair PhD, Native Studies, U of M; Beyond Philanthropy: How to Engage Child Poverty"

 Shauna MacKinnon PhD, Chair Urban Studies, U of W; "Born into poverty in the Canadian context: What does it take to break the cycle?"

 Dorota Blumczyńska, CEO, Manitoba Museum;
"Starting over from below the poverty line; the experiences of migrant children."

• Q and A session for speakers 8:45 - 9:45pm Showcase of Projects by Rotarians May 12, 2022 Session #2 "Saving the Environment for Our Youth"

7:00pm - Kick Off Part 2 including Choloe Chapple; Rotary Peace Fellow

#### 7:30 - 8:30pm Speakers

• Alex Crawford, PhD, Centre for Earth Observation Science, U of M, "Climate Change in Canada: Research at the Centre for Earth Observation Sciences, U of M"

• Matthew Loxley and Izabella Robak, Prairie Climate Centre, U of W; "The Climate Atlas of Canada: a tool for visualizing climate change"

 John Dove, MD, CM, Dryden, ON, "Electric Vehicles: Coming of Age in a Changing Climate"

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