



ROTARY MEMBERS

WHO ARE ROTARIANS – SOURCE UNKNOWN

Rotarians are people who, through their efforts, Dig wells from which they will never drink, Restore eyesight for those they will never see, Build houses in which they will never live, Vaccinate children they will never meet, Plant trees under which they will never sit, Educate children they will never know, and Feed hungry people regardless of race, colour or creed. **Rotarians know real happiness.**

EMELIA & STRINI REDDY CELEBRATED THEIR 60 TH. WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Strini reported that the Drive Thru Anniversary celebration was “a total surprise and I suppose some rules were broken. The next day, another surprise was a Zoom call with all our family from South Africa and the U.S. - about 45 people.”

Congratulations Emelia & Strini.



ISA & HUMBERTO DANTES AND BABY LOUISE:



Humberto reports that “Baby Louise arrived on December 2nd, at 10:32 am. We are extremely happy upon her arrival and anxious to introduce our sweet girl to her new Rotarian friends. We are very grateful for all the support given to us by our friends during our journey through our pregnancy. The newest Kidnadian in the block is a smiling and healthy baby.”



Norm Podolski (Alumni), a former member of our Club has recently moved to River Ridge I Retirement Residence with his wife Phylis.

Norm would appreciate a call or e-mail. Norm's hearing continues to decline. Phylis is suffering from dementia. Currently their residence is locked down. They cannot go out and they cannot have any visitors. Norm was the Coordinator for the Rotary Career Symposium for several years. He received a Paul Harris from the Club for his excellent leadership.



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Nancy and Frank Cosway are very proud of their **grand daughter Jaya Cosway**, who was one of the finalists in CBC Manitoba Future 40, under 40.

Jaya is the driving force behind **Face Masks for Manitoba**. Jaya coordinates about 30 super sewers. She prepares the sewing kits for the sewers, delivers the kits, collects the finished masks and distributes them free of charge to various groups and agencies. The group has made over 10,000 masks so far.



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Peggy Maycher (Alumni):

We had a brief note from Peggy's husband Paul. They have been in northern Nigeria all year. Initially they couldn't get back to Canada because of COVID. Now, because of the high incidence of COVID in Winnipeg, they have decided to stay in Nigeria for Christmas and at least January. COVID was bad there last March/April but there is very little COVID now. There is little testing and the hospitals are not full.



PEGGY MAYCHER



**YOUSSEF
MOUZAHEM**

Youssef Mouzahem:

(The Najla Alazeh Arthroplasty Fund)

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

I have started this fund with the Concordia Foundation to honor the living memory of my mother Najla Alazeh who passed away in August this year. The Najla Alazeh Arthroplasty Research Fund will be used for hip and knee replacement operating costs associated with the research projects locally and internationally.



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To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Report submitted by President Brent Jorowski

On December 2nd, we successfully held our 2020 Annual General Meeting. I would like to thank everyone who participated. We approved the 2019/20 Financial Statements as well as the nominees for President and Vice President for 2021/22. **Congratulations to President-Elect Nancy Cosway and incoming Vice President Jeannette Brigit**, who I know will both do a great job for the club next year. In addition to taking care of this important business, we also had a chance to reflect on what has happened in the first half of this Rotary year.

This has been a very different type of year. We've had to in some cases try to find different ways, but we have continued to accomplish important things towards our objectives in making this a better club and making the world a better place. Facing challenges and continuing to persevere makes us a stronger and more resilient club.

I revisited the strategic themes discussed at the beginning of the year about sustaining and advancing this club to support the club's large variety of service activities. The first was about **administrative sustainability**, particularly when it comes to our accounting and finances, which must be kept up to a high standard, particularly for our registered charity. Co-Treasurer Jennifer Ash provided an update on some changes being made to our financial system to modernize it, make it more robust and to provide some support for our Treasurers to make the role more reasonable for volunteers to take on. We also talked about the Board looking at whether to give up our office at the RBC CC when our lease is up at the end of June 2021, and the work that the **recently established Office Committee** is doing under the leadership of Frank Cosway to inventory what we currently have in the office, what we need to keep that will require storage, what we can give away or otherwise dispose of. This is an opportunity to save about \$400/month, which is money that could probably be spent on better things, so I think we need to seriously consider it.

The second theme for strategic actions this year was to **recruit members and supporters**.

The strength of our club is our active members, and member recruitment and retention are always important goals. We targeted to recruit at least 8 to 10 new members this year, and with six new members since the beginning of the year, I think we are progressing well on that front in spite of operating in this virtual world. Eva Vida provided an update on membership activities, including the recent new members information session. We also wanted to put some more focus on our public relations and internal communications to help support member attraction and retention, particularly in the face of the COVID related restrictions.

Nancy Cosway provided an update on the efforts to improve our communications as well as our online presence.

Another strategic theme is **member engagement**. The question of how we keep all our members engaged in our club is always an important focus, but it's even more important given our current situation, where we can't meet face-to-face and some of the public events that had brought us together are not happening. At the beginning of the year, we talked about having regular club meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, and that's what we've been doing virtually. I didn't think that we'd still be having virtual meetings at this point, but here we are. And I expect the virtual meetings will continue into the new year, although there does seem to be some light at the end of the tunnel now. We also talked about augmenting these regular meetings with social meetings to promote fellowship. We had one such event at Assiniboine Park this Fall, masks and all, and on December 11th, we held our virtual Wine & Bingo event, which was a lot of fun. I'm hopeful that we'll have a few more of these types of events in the new year as well.

The Directors of Community Service (Jeannette Brigit), Youth Service (Pat Vallance), and International Service (Strini Reddy) also provided updates associated with their respective portfolios, the latter of which included some significant and recently approved Global Grants. Subsequent discussion at the meeting also covered the efforts of our Honouring Indigenous Peoples and Peace Builder Committees. The Club has a lot to be proud of and enthusiastic about in the first half of the year. I'm looking forward to continued successes and ask for your continued support.



BRENT JOROWSKI
PRESIDENT



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BEST KEPT SECRET:

THE PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND - ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG

SUBMITTED BY GLEN TORGERSON, CHAIR, PEF

The best kept secret of the rotary club of Winnipeg happens to be the largest source of funds for the club's projects and activities; yet little is known about it by our members.

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow; and so it is with the PEF, (our shorthand for the permanent endowment fund). we owe a debt of gratitude to Rotarian tommy sill, who, back in 1967, started the fund with a \$5,000 contribution. the initial contributors were tommy, Charlie Curtis, norm Coghlan, Burt Robinson, Jon Spalton, and Bill Anderson.

A side bit of information. there was surprise in many quarters in 1986 at the size of tom sill's estate. My memory says close to 30 million, which was used to create the sill foundation, still active today. one of its aims is to help Manitoba communities and organizations to start endowment funds. he obviously was a proponent of this type of institution to provide ongoing financial support, perhaps due to his experience from creating the PEF!

This type of fund for an individual rotary club was outlawed by rotary international when it created the rotary foundation. luckily, we were grandfathered and allowed to continue. thank you again tom sill!

The PEF is a perpetual fund. encroachment of capital is prohibited. Our goal is to transfer to the club at least 95% of income earned in the rotary year. Lately that has been between \$42,000 and \$45,000 and assets are currently \$1,234,913, as of September 30th, 2020. There is also a small fund with under \$30,000 at ig wealth management.

The PEF is administered by a board of trustees, consisting of chair, treasurer, and 5 trustees. The club president and club treasurer are ex official members of the board. The PEF board of trustees are elected at our annual meeting and then must be approved by the rotary club's community service fund Inc.'s board of directors.

Those members of the rotary club who have contributed at least \$500 to the PEF are deemed to be contributors, and eligible to attend, hold office and vote on PEF issues. The board of trustees is elected from this group as is the investment committee.

The PEF board has recognized that a new member may have difficulty in donating \$500 at one time so that a Rotarian can join the contributors by making payments over time instead of all at once.

This investment committee is comprised of a chairman, the PEF treasurer and 4 trustees, plus Rotarian Frank Wade of RBC wealth management, to oversee the portfolio. Their actions are governed by a set of bylaws and an investment policy document.

The fund investments themselves are held through RBC wealth management and Wade wealth management group, with Rotarian Frank Wade assisting the PEF investment committee. There is a 60% equity maximum, and 40 % guaranteed maximum, in our investments which are targeted at income. Currently we are focussing on high paying dividend investments since gic returns are so low. Despite the unusual investment landscape, we continue to see portfolio returns in excess of \$45,000.

The bulk of the donations to the fund have come from estates of Rotarians that have seen the value of having a steady and reliable source of funding for club projects. Individual Rotarians have made steady donations throughout our history which has also helped us to grow steadily. Since the earnings of the fund are largely paid out there is little growth from that. Occasionally a capital gain can be realized if trades are made within the portfolio. However, we invest seeking steady income, so such trades are not an objective, although welcomed when they occur.

Finally, I would like to mention a smaller, but quite important, avenue for contributing to the PEF. we have a memorial fund; which is a part of the PEF. donations can be made to recognize Rotarians, or anyone, who has passed, with a donation. the donation goes to the PEF and a card is sent to the family from the club verifying this. personally, I started using this to honour fellow Rotarians, but now I use it to honour anyone that i wish to honour. Simply send the donation and the address of the family of the deceased you are honouring. You will get a tax receipt, and you build future income for the club. A win,win,win situation.

The current board of trustees for the PEF is myself as chairman, David Ross as treasurer, Ernie Shewchuk, Elly Hoogterp, Ian Seymour, Jane Markesteyn, and Ron Reider.

The current members of the PEF investment committee are; Glen Torgerson, David Ross, Ernie Shewchuk, Jane Markesteyn, Ron Reider and of course, Frank Wade.

I hope that this has given you a better picture of what the PEF is and how it fits into the operation of our rotary club of Winnipeg. I hope that you can see the value the PEF supplies to our rotary club. We need more Rotarians to become involved in the PEF and its operations. We need new and younger Rotarians to become the trustees of tomorrow.



POLIO PLUS – END POLIO NOW UPDATE:

Bill Gates: On November 19th, at 7:54 pm., Anderson Cooper was interviewing Bill Gates on CNN about the COVID Vaccines and Polio Eradication. Gates mentioned Rotary International as a part of the team that has had great success with polio vaccinations. He especially mentioned the fact that Africa was recently declared to be polio free.

Brenda Banbury's **Walk for Polio and the District 5550 Polio Plus Challenge** was successful in raising \$26,016.22 from 28 participating Clubs.

The Polio Vaccine is successful but poor sanitation can be a problem:

On a sadder note, cases in endemic countries have increased to 56 in Afghanistan and 81 in Pakistan. There are some cases of cVDPV (circulating vaccine derived polio virus) as well. You may wonder what these are So, after oral polio drops are administered, the virus in the vaccine replicates in the intestinal tract, thereby developing immunity by building up antibodies but some of the virus is excreted into the environment, hangs around, often for quite a long time and undergoes genetic changes into a form that paralyzes. This occurs primarily in areas of inadequate sanitation and where routine immunization is suboptimal so children are susceptible to the virus; the problem is low vaccination coverage, NOT the vaccine!

RESOURCES:

• **Rotary Club of Winnipeg – 100 years of Service:**

This book was prepared in 2010 for the Rotary Centennial of our Club and of Rotary in Canada. You can read it on-line or purchase one of the 4 hardcopies still available from Frank Cosway \$20 each. (frankcosway@mts.net) [CLICK HERE](#)

• **District 5550 Video Resources:** There are 6 videos available. [CLICK HERE](#)

I would recommend the following two videos to start with:

- **International President Nominee, Jennifer Jones.** Jennifer is a Canadian and will be the first woman President of Rotary International. I have attended at least two workshops led by Jennifer at two Rotary International Conventions. She is an excellent speaker.
- **Virtual Fundraising Pre & Post COVID/ Reimagining Community Engagement** with Robert Friend.

You can also Google “District 5550 You Tube Channel” to view the above mentioned videos.

LINKS:

Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP) Newsletter for November - [CLICK HERE](#)

COVID 19 NEWS

Bagula Rubasha Namakobwa:

Our Condolences go out to Bagula and the Congolese Community in Winnipeg on the passing of their friend Jean Claude Dianzenza. Jean Claude was the first health care worker to die from COVID in Manitoba. He was a health-care aide at Victoria Hospital during the recent COVID outbreak in late October/early November. He leaves behind a wife and nine children. He was an active community leader and served as President of the Congolese Association of Manitoba



COVID 19 HUMOR



Guess who is open
to do your hair,
nails, and
eyebrows?
The funeral home!
If you want an
appointment,
keep running
around.

If you come in
WITHOUT A
MASK.....
We Will Have to Take
Your Temperature..
P.s. we only have Rectal
Thermometers.
CHOOSE Wisely!!





This is Timeless....

It was written in 1869 by
Kathleen O'Mara:

Reprinted during Spanish flu
Pandemic, 1919

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone
prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think
differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and
heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.

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