



ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2024

Theme 2023-2024




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".

JANUARY IS

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

"Of all the hundred and one ways in which men can make themselves useful to society, undoubtedly the most available and often the most effective are within the spheres of their own occupations." Paul P Harris

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TAKE ACTION: Engage Rotary, Change Lives

January is Vocational Service Month....

Vocational Service focuses on:

- Adherence to and promotion of the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just those that are pursued by Rotarians.
- The contribution of your vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of the community.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

January 10, 2024, An In-Person Dinner Meeting **6:00 – 8:30 PM** at the **Winnipeg Winter Club**. Speakers are **Jim Thiessen & Bonnie Emerson**, Co-Presidents of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) – Building Beds for Kids. We could volunteer in the future to assist in Building Beds and providing Bed Sheets & Pillows.

January 17, 2024, A Zoom Meeting (**12:15 – 1:15 PM**) with Rotarian **Brent Jorowski** presenting an Update on **Peace Days events from September – October, 2024**.

January 26, 2024, An In-Person event hosted by our Satellite Club (Rotary Club of Winnipeg) to raise funds for **Oak Table who is supporting those in need with the necessities of daily life**. The event is being held at **Augustine United Church at 444 River Ave, at 6:30 PM**. Tickets are **\$20/ person** and are available from: <https://tinyurl.com/WarmHearts2024>

February 7, 2024, A Zoom Meeting (**12:15 – 1:15 PM**) Our Speaker will be **Caroline Flett**, reporting on **the Rotary Adventures in Human Rights, in Winnipeg**. Each year our Club sponsors one student to attend with students from across Canada.

February 14, 2024, An In-Person Dinner Meeting and **Valentine's Day Celebration**  at the **Winnipeg Winter Club** at 6 PM with Dinner at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$25 by e-transfer to: accounting@winnipegrotaryboard.ca Come and celebrate with your partner and friends. Photos to be taken in a Frame of Hearts, Chocolates & Flowers. Plus a time to hear about new projects and how you can be involved.

February 21, 2024, A Zoom Meeting (**12:15 – 1:15 PM**) Our Speaker is **Abdi Ahmed**, reporting on **Humankind International's work providing Early Childhood Education in the Dadaab Refugee camp in Kenya**. We support them annually. Last year's funds helped Solar Panels for their school.

February 26, 2024, An In-Person Dinner and Fund Raiser hosted by the **Charlewood Rotary Club for Rossbrook House**. The event is being held at the Caboto Centre at **1055 Wilkes Ave, 5:45 – 7:30 PM**. Tickets are \$60/ person and are available from cathy.skene@gmail.com or on the Charleswood Rotary Club Home Page. Our Club has supported Rossbrook House in the past. This is an opportunity to show our support to the Charleswood Club and Rossbrook House www.rossbrookhouse.ca

NEW BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS CALL - OUT:

Hey Rotary Rockstars!

Our club's success is in your hands – embrace your skills, cultivate new ones, and step up as a Rotarian leader! Perfect opportunities await you to shine or level up your leadership game.

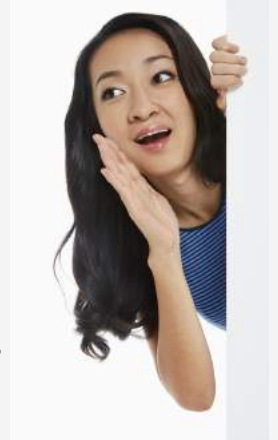
Guess what? We're on the lookout for Board and Committee superheroes for the 2024-2025 Rotary Year!

Whether you're eyeing the President's chair, dreaming of being the Fundraising Guru, or envisioning yourself as the Honoring Indigenous People's Champion – we need you!

Worried about the learning curve? Fear not! Every new board member gets a mentor to guide them through this exciting journey. 🍌

These roles are the lifeblood of our club, keeping it buzzing with awesome projects.

Ready to dive in? Contact the fabulous Nancy Cosway, your gateway to Board stardom. Shoot her your questions or dazzle her with your application of interest and skills. Let's make the Rotary Club of Winnipeg shine brighter together! Email: ncosway@mymts.net



2023 ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD



Indian Food, conversations, meeting new Rotarian friends and celebration evening. Our Club was 113 years young last November. Nancy Cosway received the 2023 Rotarian of the year award



WHAT WE DO BEST...

We supported a women's shelter this holiday season. They had requested lots of items for babies, small children, and women. We received donations and purchased diapers, toiletries, underwear, toys, etc. Thanks to all who donated. Our best wishes for a wonderful 2024



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Helen Campbell and Rotarian Graeme Rowsell on their marriage on August 12, 2023, after a 25 year courtship. Their wedding was held in their backyard with 10 immediate family attending.



International Day of Peace

“The Annual Peace Days Festival - “BE THE CHANGE” was held on November 12th, 2023 - “Be the Change” event. Was so well-organized. Speeches, insights, music, dancing and opportunities to network.



SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:

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

“Have you set up your **What’s App Account yet?** Then you can join the Rotary Club of Winnipeg What’s App group.. Contact Ope Allen (opeallen@googlemail.com to get the link.



*"Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness in people."
Roy T Bennette.*



INTRODUCTION OF OUR NEW EDITORS: TSUNGAI MUVINGI & OLUWAFEMI ADEBAYO

Dear Rotarians, Former Members & Friends of Rotary,

After many years at the helm, Frank Cosway has retired as editor of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg's newsletter.

As the new editors with big shoes to fill, we would like to introduce ourselves - Tsungai Muvingi & Oluwafemi (Femi) Adebayo.

Oluwafemi is an Occupational Health, Safety, and Environment professional with over 18 years of professional experience.

He was born in Northern Nigeria, in Africa, and raised in a warm, loving family of six. He is happily married to the dearly loved wife of his youth and blessed with three wonderful 'nations', who bring immense joy and fulfillment to his life.

He earned a Bachelor's degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from a reputable Federal University of Technology, Nigeria.

Oluwafemi is an accomplished professional and holds numerous certifications, including Project Management Professional (PMP), Chartered Occupational Safety & Health Professional (CMIOSH), Lean Six Sigma Black Belt (LSSBB), and Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP). He brings a diverse skill set to the table having worked with prestigious multinationals throughout his career. He recently made a transition from the United Kingdom to Winnipeg.

Oluwafemi practices as a Six Sigma Black Belt and a Continuous Improvement Specialist. His role allows him to harness his passion for driving positive change and growth within the organization. Beyond his work, he finds great fulfillment in helping and developing others. Empowering individuals to reach their full potential is a core value he holds close to his heart.

In his leisure time, he enjoys exploring new places with his family and finds solace in reading, as it fuels his curiosity and broadens his perspectives.

He looks forward to connecting with the great minds of the Rotary Club Winnipeg and contributing to further entrenching the Club's positive impact in the community and the world at large.

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