



ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER

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ROTARY MEETINGS | 12:15PM - 1:15PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

(Check the Rotary Website [winipegrotary.org] for upcoming meetings & Speakers.

February 1, 2023 - Is a Zoom Meeting with...

Rooj Ali speaking about "The Present and Future of Activism."

February 8, 2023 - Is an In-Person Meeting with ...

Matthew Davidson, Founder & Action Therapist of the Spirit Horse Initiative speaking on "Working to Combat Violent Youth Crime."

February 27, 2023 : Pot Luck & Games Night

4th Floor, Common's Room, ENCLAVE, at 2008, St. Mary's Road. This event is arranged by Rotarian Strini Reddy. Bring your favourite dish. All plates and cutlery are available, as well as Stove & Fridge. Let's have fun. Who will win at Scrabble, Connect Four, Clue, Farkle and Other games. Time: 6:00 – 9:00 PM.

March 1, 2023 - is a Zoom Meeting with

Stephanie Thorassie, Silver River Watershed speaking on "Protecting the Watershed from Industrial Development as an Indigenous Protected Area."

March 8, 2023 is an In-Person meeting

Celebrating "International Women's Day"

March 15, 2023 is a ZOOM Meeting with ...

Janice Hamilton, Executive Director of MCIC, speaking on "Manitoba Council for International Cooperation"

March 29, 2023 is a ZOOM Meeting with...

Morgan Weinberg speaking on "An Introduction to Little Footsteps, Big Steps: Creating Sustainable Change for Children and Their Families in Haiti" Morgan was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship Award for Humanitarian Impact.

April 27, 2023 Sip & Serve: A Primer in Wine Appreciation

At the Grant Park Liquor Mart starting @ 7:00pm until 9:00pm. The cost is \$50. You must register for this event as wines and food will be based on the number of registrants. Registration details will be sent to you in early April. Thank you to Gary Dawyduk for coordinating this event.

HEALTH, WELLNESS & FEEDBACK:

We wish to express our condolences to **Rotarian Marsha Brick-Cohen** on the passing of her sister, **Lisa Gayle Brick** on January 12, 2023. Click on the link below for the full obituary.

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-313612/BRICK_LISA

Glen Torgerson: Glen spends at least 5 months of Winter in Mesa, Arizona. He sent the following comments after receiving the recent AGM Reports.

“As someone away from the action, I really appreciate you providing me with this information. It is so easy to think that our efforts as Rotarians are not really significant versus the societal needs. But when you read of the programs you find it reassuring to see the projects at work and sometimes even the impact of those projects. Thanks again Frank for keeping us “in the loop”

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS :

Rotary Adventures in Human Rights (RAHR) is now accepting Applications for RAHR 2023 – August 14 – 18, 2023

RAHR is a week of transformational and experiential learning for high school students entering grade 11 or 12 in September 2023 and interested in human rights leadership.

Do you know a high school student interested in human rights?

Please find program details and the registration link on our website: <https://rahr5550.ca>

We look forward to hosting 24 young leaders in Winnipeg, MB from August 14 to 18, 2023! If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

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<https://rahr5550.ca/>

New Rotaract Club formed at the University of Winnipeg

Submitted by Nancy Cosway

Rotary is growing in Winnipeg!

Exciting News - There is an emerging Rotaract Group at the University of Winnipeg. Mohammed Sheheryar Mouzam is the President. I met him at the Volunteer Fair at the University of Winnipeg last Fall and he followed up to see how he could form a Rotaract Club.



We had the formation of the executive January 5th and the group is so excited to be part of Rotary.

We have welcomed them to join our activities when they can and they bowled with us on January 23.

Our Club is the sponsor of this new Rotaract Club and any member is welcome to meet with them, provide support and assistance as they begin their Rotary journey. If you want to be involved please be in touch with Nancy Cosway at: 204-792-6503

These youth will be our future Rotarians.

FUNDRAISING & FINANCIAL AFFAIRS:

Annual Fund campaign to raise a Minimum of US\$50 per Member

Submitted by Eva Vida

Each year we encourage and highlight the need for us to support the Annual Programs Fund by our members and of course friends of Rotary.

The funds contributed are returned 100% (3 years from date of contribution) to our district for use in both local and international projects. This allows us at the club level to leverage our impact with the projects we undertake. Over the years, our club has benefitted significantly from these grants. We have a requirement to have contributed \$50USD per member in order to be able to qualify for grant funding support and we are almost there (\$49USD). To DONATE to the Annual Fund, go to "Rotaty.org" and then click on DONATE and follow the prompts.

Thank you to all those who have supported the Foundation so far this year, and we encourage everyone to support as they are able so we can continue with our amazing projects in our communities.

Warming Up Winter Entertainment – A Fundraiser for Oak Table.

This event was held on January 20, 2023 at St. Augustine United Church, at 444 River Ave. This event was organized by our Satellite Rotary Club. The Entertainment was our Humberto Dantes and the ECCO Choir Co-Directed by our Jorrel Camuyong.

<https://eccosingers.com/events>



I was very impressed by the range of services being provided for the homeless by Oak Table, which is operated out of the St. Augustine United Church. <https://oaktable.ca/>

Oak Table: Our Mission and Values:

People from all walks of life enter our doors and find themselves welcomed. Our mission is to **provide hospitality, support and advocacy for those in need of a safe, respectful community.** 100+ volunteers now support Oak Table Inc., living out the mission working to provide our guests with a safe community of compassion and hope. Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful.



Donate your AEROPLAN points to our Rotary Club



We Invite You to Donate Your Aeroplan Points to Our Rotary Club Charity.

WHY? What can Rotary do with your Aeroplan Points?

Our Rotary Club can use your **Aeroplan** Points to purchase:

- **Air Tickets** for Students to attend
- **Rotary Adventures in Citizenship** in Ottawa or for
- Club Leaders to attend the annual **Rotary International Convention** or
- for **Rotary Exchange students** and/or

• **Raffle Prizes** such as Large Screen TV's and other prizes for our Fundraising initiatives, such as 50/50 Raffles.

How to Donate your Aeroplan Points to the “Winnipeg Rotary Club Community Service Fund Inc.” (There are no fees.)

Google “**AirCanada.com/aeroplan**”

Click on “**Aeroplan – Official Website – Air Canada**”

Click on “**Sign-in**” with Aeroplan (Upper right corner of screen)

Aeroplan Log-in screen.

Enter your: **Aeroplan #** (9 digit number)

Enter your Aeroplan: **Password.**

Click on “**Sign-in**”

Enter the “**verification code**” (This 6 digit code will be sent to your phone or e-mail)

Click on “**Aeroplan**” (top centre of screen)

Click on “**Buy, Donate and more**” (On upper right side of screen)

Scroll down to “**Donate your Points**” and Click on “**Learn more**”.

At the top of the page find “**Search Charities**” and

Enter “**Winnipeg Rotary Club Community Service Fund Inc.**”

On the next screen for “Winnipeg Rotary Club Community Service Fund Inc.”

Click on “**Donate Points Now**”

Minimum Donation is 1000 points

If you want to donate more, enter the amount at “**Specify Amount**”

Click on “**Donate Now**”

Click on “**Confirm Your Donation**” (You should be able to print off a copy of your donation details.)

At the bottom of the page you must “**Check Mark**” the bolded paragraph.

The other 2 items are optional.

Lastly, Click on “**Confirm Transfer**”

Aeroplan response will be: “**Thank you for Your Donation**”

If you need any help, call or text Frank Cosway at 204-294-7079

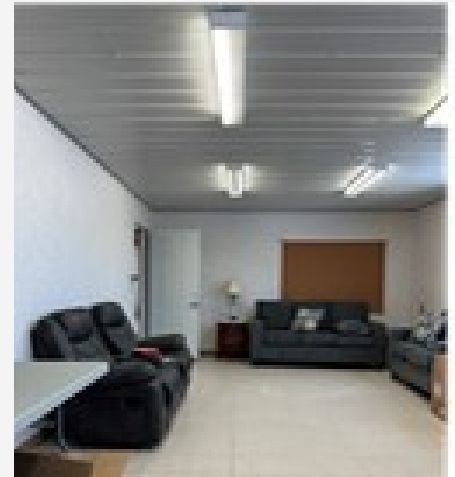
HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:

by Strini Reddy

Our partner community, **Split Lake**, are **making efforts for the preservation of their local Cree language.** To this end they appointed the local pastor as the coordinator of the initiative. His goal is to enlist the help of the local elders to help with the task. Needing a comfortable meeting place for the elders, he acquired a trailer for this purpose. He approached us to ask for help

with providing the necessary furniture. We worked with the MCC Furniture Store on Selkirk Avenue, had the pastor select the necessities and the trailer is now comfortably furnished.

A couple of our Partner communities requested blankets. We worked in partnership with a local charitable organization who does a lot of sewing of winter apparel which they send to Africa. We are working with them to have such items made to include with the clothing shipments to our partner communities next winter. In the meantime, they have been of tremendous help in helping us locate and purchase the necessary blankets and prepare them for shipping. In addition, we purchased some beautiful handmade children's blankets which they had in stock and included a number of these in each shipment. Two of the communities have already received their blankets and the third shipment will be on its way in a week.



We continue to collect books in good condition from various sources. Chris Melnick from Share the Magic continues to offer her invaluable assistance in culling, selecting and packing the most suitable books for all reading levels. In late fall we sent close to 1600 books to Bloodvein. At the time of writing a large shipment of over 4,000 books is ready for shipping to Split Lake. They will be accompanied by a collection of markers, stickers, games, etc.

Our current drive for skates and hockey equipment for one of our partner communities, which is experiencing challenges with youth suicide, is almost over and we expect to have the shipment ready to go over the winter road within the next couple of weeks. Many thanks to all who contributed.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS:

Persistence Pays Off: The Trials and Tribulations of the Taweni Water and Garden Global Grant (GG) in South Africa, by Gary Dawyduk

Residents in the remote community of Taweni in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa recently had a chance to celebrate a major accomplishment after much trial and tribulation with a Global Grant (GG) that was approved in September 2020 with the cooperation of Rotary partners Winnipeg-Downtown and the E-Club of South Africa One.

Phase one -- water collection

The image below shows several community members rejoicing in the successful construction and implementation of a water tower that was the first major phase of the GG. The intent of this phase was to provide a clean, safe, and steady supply of water to the community, replacing the arduous task of fetching water on foot and transporting by bucket from variable sources and at some considerable distance away.



The much anticipated water tower arrives

Initially, the GG was to fund the establishment of two local borehole wells; however, engineers subsequently discovered that the wells were unlikely to be successful as reliable water sources. As an alternative, four viable perennial springs were identified in hillsides reasonably close to the community and the idea of using pumps to transport that water to the community was elaborated.

Unfortunately, the next barrier became the waves of COVID-19 and the accompanying lockdowns that repeatedly brought progress to a halt. It was not until well into 2022 that the project could be undertaken, first in building the infrastructure around the springs to ensure the cleanliness of the water for collection, and second in preparing the appropriate sites for the pump system and water tanks. This was all finally in place by late October.

After this very long wait, the wonderful news is that the system is proving to be very reliable and simple to use, utilizing motor-free ram pumps that harness the natural kinetic and potential energy of flowing water.

Great celebrations ensued at the arrival of this system, which has the ability to fill two 10,000 litre water tanks every day!



The pumps in action

Phase two – residential and community gardens

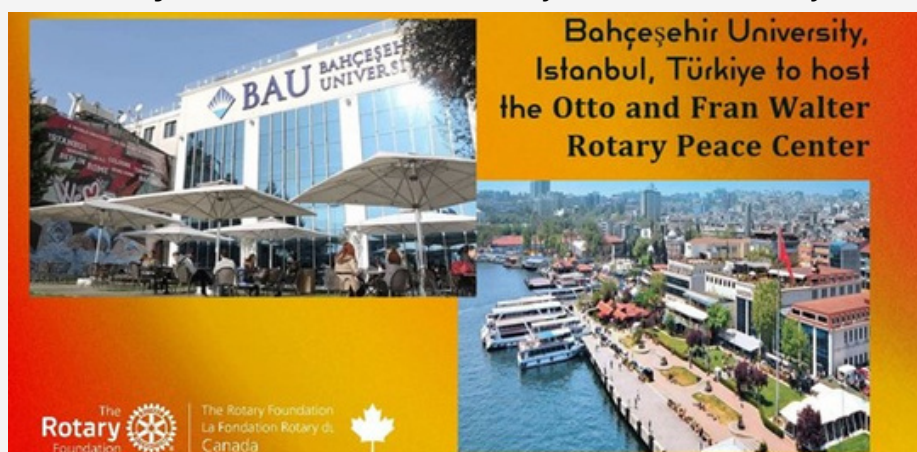
The second phase of the GG intends to devote the time savings that were formerly applied to harvesting water, to the much more rewarding task of developing food security for the community through homestead and community gardens.

This phase will see the implementation of water-efficient garden growing towers that effectively grow greens and various other crops. These foodstuffs that will not only feed the community but also generate income, through a local supermarket chain that has agreed to collect the greens (particularly lettuce) grown in Taweni and sell them throughout the region and beyond.

Once again, efforts to buttress the ingenuity of the people of South Africa are serving to enrich and enhance the independence of deserving communities!

WORLD PEACE PARTNERS:

The Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Centre will be hosted by Bahcesehir University, Istanbul, Turkey



Following a review of three proposals, The Rotary Foundation Trustees selected Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, Türkiye to host the **Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center**.

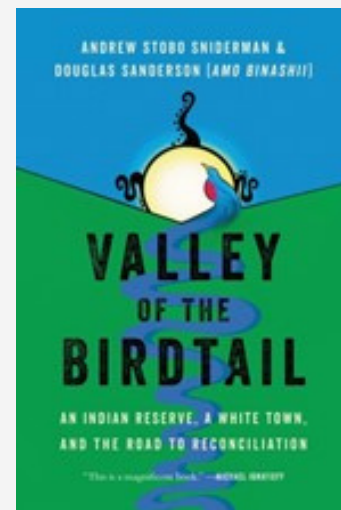
The Rotary Peace Centers search committee was very impressed by BAU's proposed program for Rotary Peace Fellows, as well as the faculty, facilities, and regional recruitment efforts, all of which met or exceeded Rotary's established partnership criteria.

The first application launch will be in February 2024 and the initial cohort of certificate students by winter 2025.

BOOKS:

VALLEY of the BIRDTAIL – An Indian Reserve, A White Town and The Road to Reconciliation by Andrew Stobo Sniderman and Douglas Sanderson (Amo Binashii)

This book was highly recommended by some members.



LINKS:

Ripple Effect Program Quarterly Report for the period October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. This report describes the activities of the Ripple Effect Program during the 2nd quarter of the 2022-2023 Rotary year. Excellent report and photos.

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050018/en-ca/files/sitepage/ripple-effect-program/2022-4th-quarter-report/rep-quarterly-report-october-1-to-december-31.pdf>

The Rotary Foundation Annual Report for 2022



This is an excellent, easy to read report with lots of attractive photos, diagrams and text.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/annual-report-2022>

**“Imagine” Rotary Theme Float Wins Trophy at
Tournament of Roses Parade”**

<https://rotary-ladner.org/Stories/imagine-rotary-theme-float-wins-trophy-at-tournament-of-roses-parade>



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