



ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER

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#DAUPHIN STRONG:

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of the victims and the injured from this tragic accident.

Nancy Cosway sent a note to the President of the Rotary Club of Dauphin. The President replied saying "Thanks for reaching out."

At least two of our members (Erica Irwin, and Juhi Joshi) have strong ties to the community of Dauphin.



ROTARY MEETINGS | WEEKLY

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SUMMER MEETINGS & EVENTS:

July 5, 2023, Zoom Meeting, 12:15 – 1:15 PM., Speaker: Peter Neufeldt, Topic: The Ripple Effect Program in Guatemala.

July 19, 2023, Zoom Meeting, 12:15 – 1:15 PM., with Rotarian Bagula Namakobwa, speaking on “My Experience attending the Rotary International Convention” in Melbourne, Australia.

July 26, 2023, 5:30 – 8:30 PM. Social Evening of Mini Golf at The Golf Dome at 1205 Wilkes Ave., Cost: \$25/adults and \$15/children & youth. Family and friends are welcome. Includes supper, a round of mini-golf & more. Register with Jeannette at jcbrigit@mymts.net or Tel: 204-898-5227. Send payment in advance to: accounting@winnipegrotaryboard.ca Memo: Mini Golf. **Deadline for payment is July 19, 2023.**

August 2, 2023, Zoom Meeting, 12:15 – 1:15 PM. Speaker: Pleasant Oyela speaking on “My experience attending the Rotary Adventures in Citizenship, in Ottawa.

August 16, 2023, Zoom Meeting 12:15 – 1:15 PM. TBA

August 25, 2023, 12:00 – 4:00 PM. A Social Event: “End of Summer Celebration for Newcomers & Indigenous Folks” is at Kildonan Park in cooperation with the City of Winnipeg. Volunteers are needed. Contact Nancy Cosway at talk or text 204-792-6503.

August 30, 2023, Time: 6:00 PM., Social Evening at Assiniboine Downs – “Prime Rib Supper Buffet & Live Horse Racing” Cost is \$62/ person (includes taxes and gratuities) paid in advance. Register with Jeannette at jcbrigit@mymts.net or call 204-898-5227. Registration deadline is August 23rd.

RECENT EVENTS:

Our Rotary Club participated in the PRIDE Parade on June 4, 2023.



For the first time, Rotary participated in the Pride Parade. Rotary was showcasing our commitment to **‘Diversity, Equity & Inclusion’**. Participants included Rotarians, Rotaractors, potential new members and friends. Vickar Ford provided a brand new Electric Vehicle and driver for our banners and supplies.

Rotary Club of Winnipeg Dinner Meeting June 14, 2023

- 28 Members & Guests attended at the Winnipeg Winter Club.
- Three new members were inducted, and two more are waiting.
- Two Paul Harris’s were presented – Ron Reider & David Newman.
- Very good buffet dinner was enjoyed by all.
- President Jeannette delivered her farewell address.
- Bagula returned from attending the RI Convention, in Melbourne.

Rotary Water Station at Winnipeg Marathon – June 18, 2023



This event is organized annually by Rotarian John McClellan and his two daughters, Wendy & Shannon who are great organizers.

- Volunteers included Rotarians, Rotaractors, two new members, and some students.
- The event started at 7:00 AM and finished by 10:30 AM.
- It is a high energy event with very busy volunteers handing out water and electrolyte replacement drinks to the runners.
- Thank you to all the volunteers.

National Indigenous People Day – June 21, 2023



NEW MEMBERS:



Ope Allen, Juhi Joshi, and Jaideep Johar

At our dinner meeting on June 14, 2023 at the Winnipeg Winter Club, we inducted three new members into our Club.

Ope Allen was born in Ekiti State, Nigeria. He finished his secondary education in the prestigious Christ's School Ado-Ekiti in 1994 before proceeding to the University of Ado-Ekiti where he graduated B.Sc. (hons) in Geology in 2002. He did his master's degree in network computing from Coventry University, United Kingdom and graduated with flying colours in 2009.

Ope started his professional career in Odua Telecoms, Ibadan in 2004 as a Network Executive, before moving to 21st Century Technologies in 2005 where he rose to become a Network Manager before proceeding for his master studies in the UK.

He returned to Nigeria as the Head of Network Infrastructure and Administration in Suburban Telecoms Limited in 2010 and worked with Globacom between 2013 and 2022 as Head of Network Operations and IT Infrastructure. He is Currently the IT Operations Lead at University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Science, Winnipeg, Canada.

An ICT Expert, Public Commentator, Political Strategist, Motivational Speaker, Business Consultant and astute gentleman with a tenacious ability for organising and giving back to the society.

Ope Allen is a Paul Harris Fellow and was the Chartered Secretary of the Rotary Club of Lekki Golden (2019 -2020), Polio Chair (2020 – 2021), Treasurer (2021-2022) and Immediate Past President-Elect (June 2022 – Dec 2023).

He is a member of Project Management institute, CIPS, IIBA, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers IEEE and Nigeria Institute of Management. He is blessed with a beautiful wife and two lovely children.

Juhi Joshi: I work as Permit technician in planning and permits department at City of Winnipeg. I moved to Canada in 2019 to live in Dauphin and its like home to me. As a immigrant, volunteering has connected me to amazing people, experienced fun times and made me feel seen while I still felt like and outsider.

I was in Dauphin for 2.5 years until I moved to Winnipeg last year. There was not much to do in Dauphin so I volunteered at various community events like teaching English in Immigration Connections Centre,

outdoor picnic by Friendship Centre, women build Habitat for Humanity two days in Brandon, coldest night of the year fundraising, team build through my office in Dauphin for Habitat for Humanity, Craft sales at senior centre, etc, where I had opportunity to meet some interesting people, learned new things and felt good that I utilized my time for better cause.

Volunteering has huge impact on my journey as an immigrant in giving me exposure to various cultures and making me realise how we all are same.

I am international architecture graduate and want to be licensed architect in Canada someday. I like to learn new skills when possible. I play badminton & pickle ball and like to go to different types of workout drop-ins. I like to socialise by taking part in sport activity, community events, joining clubs, I am member of social committee in my office.

I want to travel the whole world, I started to travel internationally in 2016, I have travelled to Thailand, Dubai, Major provinces of Canada, Mexico, Few states in US. I am trying to overcome my fears and expose myself to adventurous activities. I was able to do sky diving and Scuba diving (I could not swim at that time) (with the thought that if I die I won't die alone I would at least have my instructor, LOL), (fun fact)

I am an extroverted introvert-as much as I like to socialize and organize events, I am shy person when it comes to talking to group.

My mentor in Dauphin was Darren Eddie, an active Rotarian, who inspired me to join Rotary. I am excited to be part of Rotary club of Winnipeg in making positive impact on our community.

Jaideep Johar began his professional career in the shipping industry at a young age and obtained his ship captain certification by the age of 26. He has sailed worldwide and currently serves as a senior advisor with Transport Canada's Marine Safety and Security branch. Jaideep has extensive experience in marine safety and security and has held various managerial positions in the Prairie and Northern Region. He is also pursuing a Master of Marine Management and has a Bachelor of Maritime Studies. He immigrated to Canada from India in the year 2005.

Jaideep is actively involved in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusivity in the community. He serves as the Chairperson of the Winnipeg Public Library Board; volunteer citizen on the Winnipeg Committee for Safety; volunteer at the Winnipeg Folklorama program Festival, Manitoba 150 sports event, and has served as an executive member of the South Sikh Centre.

He actively participates in the Winnipeg Pride Parade, supports the Global Citizen movement and is involved in organizations such as the David Suzuki Foundation, CASARA, and the Royal Canadian Legion.

His contributions to society have earned him recognition, including the Hind Rattan ("Jewel of India") award from the NRI Welfare Society of India.

Jaideep's family members, include his wife Narinder Johar, a daycare teacher; son Harsh Johar, a business college student; and daughter Sage. Harsh and Sage were recently chosen as Ambassadors for the Punjab Pavilion of Folklorama.

ROTARIAN INITIATIVES, AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

Sid Ritter was presented with Paul Harris Award on May 11, 2023

By Glen Torgerson

I have a very enjoyable opportunity today to help in recognizing a special person, a very special Rotarian in our Club. This Rotarian has been a member of our Club for over 61 years!!!

Sid was elected President for the 1984/85 Rotary year, and what a year it was! His year marked the 75th Anniversary of the Club that made Rotary International. It also marked the 60th anniversary of the Goodwill Weekend and the RI President, Carlos Consecro visited Winnipeg to celebrate those milestones.

Another famous personality also attended our Club Meeting during Sid's tenure; Sir Edmund Hillary of Mount Everest Fame. But Sid's Presidential year also marked the beginning of our involvement with the Polio Plus campaign. And look at our progress there. However, there was another beginning during Sid's year! The first Rotaract Club in Winnipeg was started. All in all, a year to be proud of.

I will thank Sid for being a Contributor to the Permanent Endowment Fund and I would welcome any and all of who would like to join us.

Sid played a pivotal role in the operation of Folklorama for many years. Another contribution to the betterment of our City and Province.

Sid— this is a special moment for me, and the club. I have the honour to announce that the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, is providing a Paul Harris Award to you in recognition of all that you have contributed to Rotary and this Club over the years!

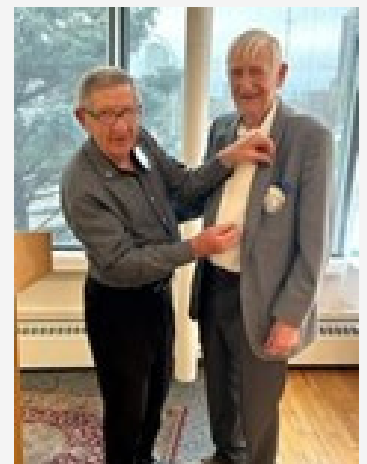


Glen Torgerson Receives Paul Harris Fellow award on May 11, 2023.

By Ernie Shewchuk

A Paul Harris fellow recognition is Rotary Foundation's way of recognizing individuals who have contributed \$1000 US to the Foundation . It is because of gifts such as these that the Rotary Foundation can carry out an array of programs around the world that achieve beneficial changes: improved living conditions; increased food production; better education; increased understanding and eradication of polio, amongst numerous other initiatives to improve living conditions around the world.

Glen has been a Rotarian since 1983, is a close personal friend, a past president of our club (1992-93), and is also a major contributor to our Rotary Club's Permanent Endowment Fund as well as chairman of the Fund's Board of Trustees .



Glen is a true exemplification, of the four-way test, and one of the kindest persons you'll ever meet. As well. Glen was very athletic and has been inducted into Manitoba Hall of Fame. Glen has now achieved the eighth Paul Harris multiple fellowship recognition and has provided continued support for Rotary's international programs around the world. Glen you make our club members proud to be associated with you. On behalf of the Rotary club of Winnipeg and the Rotary Foundation I am honoured to present you with the 8th multiple Paul Harris Rotary pin.

David Newman was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow on June 14, 2023,

in recognition of his many years of service to Rotary. A Person can receive a Paul Harris Fellow when US\$1,000 has been donated to the Rotary Foundation by them or in their name.

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

Presented by Rob Tisdale:

- I have known David since 1968 at university .
- We made contact again in 1987 when I joined Rotary.
- The majority of David's life has been dedicated to service. He served as a minister of the Crown in the provincial government and has served as club president and on many district board and committees.
- I recall when he came back from the RI Convention in Melbourne a few decades ago he had this huge smile on his face. He still has it. Rotary has changed his life and he has changed Rotary.
- It is for this reason that the club is presenting him with his fourth Paul Harris Fellowship award.



Ronald Reider is the incoming President of the Winnipeg Rotary Club.

The Club that made Rotary International. In 2012 Ronald was honoured to join the nearly 1 million other Rotarians who received The Paul Harris Fellow recognition. When travelling Ronald always take the opportunity to visit other Rotary Clubs. Ronald epitomizes integrity, hard work and compassion in every detail of his personal and professional life.

Ronald served as President of the Winnipeg Executive Association in 2016 and has continued to fill various other WEA board positions over the years. In addition Ronald has volunteered and taken great pride in serving on the boards of Winnipeg Kidney Foundation, Children's Hospital, Huntington's Society, Downtown Rotary Club, Corydon Biz, not to mention the countless volunteer hours at the Rotary Career Symposium, Huntington's Society events, Beyachad Dance School and Limmud Winnipeg.

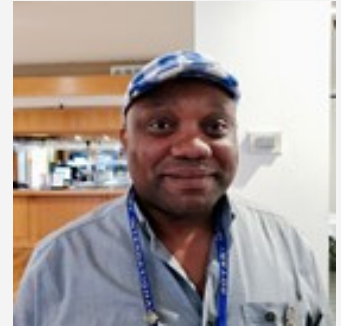


Ronald grew up in Garden City, where his family still resides. Today, Ronald and wife Jane along with their daughter Tiffany and son in law Lucas can be found at the heart of most activities in their community. Ronald has built his career in the insurance industry, working in the family business founded in 1966 by Ronald's father Morley Reider. Ronald along with brothers Ray and Shale and daughter Tiffany worked to provide the best products to meet their clients needs.



Jaideep Singh Johar (A new Rotary member) has been selected to receive the “**Distinguished Service Award for 2023**” from the **India - Canada Culture and Heritage Association**.

Bagula Namakokwa recently attended the **Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, from May 28 - 31, 2023**. Bagula was the only member of our Rotary Club who was able to attend this year's Convention. He will be sharing his experience with us on July 19th.



Izzedin (Izzy) Hawamda is a busy person. Check him out on Facebook and LinkedIn. He works tirelessly to foster improved relations through dialogue and engagement between Muslims and Jews in the Middle East and here in Canada.

Peter Tonge is a busy Rotarian with the Charleswood RC.

- Peter is D5550 Chair for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- He was a Speaker at the D5550 District Conference in Saskatoon, in May.
- He was invited to be a Speaker at the RI Convention in Melbourne, Australia in late May
- Peter is the project lead for Arts AccessAbility Network Manitoba's venue audits.

<https://rotary5550.org/Stories/dg-nominee-peter-tonge-accessing-the-arts>

- And he is a vocal Disability Advocate.

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/2023/06/16/citys-proposed-transit-plus-cancellation-changes-raise-concerns-among-riders>



Rebecca Deng (a former Rotarian and South Sudanese Canadian) was instrumental in creating the Excel Empowerment Centre, here in Winnipeg and in South Sudan. The Centre received a grant from The Winnipeg Foundation to build sewing skills for newcomer women. Click on the attached link for more information pp. 36-38 .

https://www.wpgfdn.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/WpgFdn_Working_Together_Spring2023_Magazine.pdf

HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (HIP):

Strini Reddy & Frank Cosway visited Niiwin Minisiwiwag, a new one-room educational facility on Selkirk Ave which is providing “Education through Engagement.”

Please read the attached article link which will provide you with the basic information.



https://www.pentictonherald.ca/spare_news/article_3f402244-7e55-5c5e-9124-01d78aafc320.html

The HIP Committee is providing a small grant so that about 20 students can celebrate their educational efforts with a day at Thunder Rapids Go Cart Track in Headingley.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS:

Human Kind International (HKI) Annual Fundraising Dinner raised about \$11,000.

The funds were being raised for the **Early Childhood Education Centre** in the Dadaab Refugee Camp, in Kenya. Dadaab has a population of about 400,000 people, and many are from Somalia and South Sudan.

This is an on-going project of Human Kind International. Each year the funds go toward the expansion of the Centre – More classrooms, play equipment, fencing etc. Our Rotary Club has supported this project for many years by attending the annual fundraising dinner plus providing an Annual grant. This year the Club provided a grant of \$640 and we filled 3 Rotary table at the Dinner.



LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Share the Magic Book Program - A Rotary Partner

Chris Melnick, Executive Director

“Congratulations, Chris!

Share the Magic, and especially you, are doing amazing work in enhancing the magic of literacy. Our Rotary Club is very grateful to be working in partnership with you to support the efforts of our northern Indigenous partner communities to encourage literacy. The work you do is invaluable.”

Thank you.

Strini Reddy, HIP Honouring Indigenous Peoples Committee

For immediate, press release June 6, 2022
**Share the Magic Book Program to hit milestone
With 700,000 books given away to kids & adults**

WINNIPEG—As the school year comes to a close, Share the Magic Book Program will surpass a major milestone by topping the 700,000 mark in books given away to folks who have limited access to good-quality reading material.

“Literacy is one of the keys to success in today’s competitive world, so it’s important that everyone has the opportunity to master this skill,” said Share the Magic president John Helliard. “Share the Magic will continue to collect and donate books with the goal of increasing literacy skills among individuals and families that face challenges in obtaining books, either for financial reasons or because they live in isolated communities.”

Share the Magic has been giving away books since 2004. The milestone is expected to be reached when books are given away on June 13 and 14 at King Edward Community School, 825 Selkirk Ave., in Winnipeg, Helliard said.

https://www.winnipegssd.ca/_ci/p/26247

Check out the Share the Magic Facebook page for more information.

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

“Winnipeg Rotary’s 2023 MUNA: Our 65th Model UN”
Report by Jerry Storie

More than 120 young people (61 teams) signed up for Winnipeg Rotary’s 65th Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), held this year at the Canadian Mennonite University, May 4th – 6th. High school students from across Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario spent time developing plans to combat and mitigate climate change impacts and respond to continuing conflicts in our world.

After two years of “virtual events”, this year’s debate was as thoughtful and passionate as ever. What was unique about this year’s event was its organization. Although Winnipeg Rotary members continue to direct and support the MUNA Organizing Committee, much of the work of organizing and running MUNA has been undertaken by MUNA alum and current delegates chosen for leadership skills. The event’s President, Secretary General and other table officers were delegates or former MUNA delegates. The crafting of strategies to deal with the global issues under consideration were conducted by high school student committee chairs and facilitators. They led discussions, built consensus and facilitated small group and committee decision-making.



Bert Friesen Award Winners: (Best Prepared Delegations) L to R:
Russian Delegation, MUNA Committee Chair, Farya Farangi (centre)
& Japan Delegation

One of the other highlights of this year's event was a trip to the Canadian Human Rights Museum on Friday evening. Counsellors and students, particularly those who had not had a chance to visit the museum, got to visit this stunning building and its thought-provoking displays.

The support offered to MUNA teams this year by Rotary Clubs across the province, and in Saskatchewan and Ontario, has been phenomenal. (Unfortunately, the East Grand Forks (US) delegation, which has been supported for many years by East Grand Forks Rotarian, Willem Schrage, had to withdraw.) MUNA's Organizing Committee would like to thank Rotary members for their generosity and continuing support of MUNA and its goal of developing leadership in our young people.

After decades of support, two of our long-time MUNA committee supporters are looking to lighten their load. The Organizing Committee is looking for additional support from Rotary Club members for next year. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out with MUNA next year. And please check out the Winnipeg MUNA website <https://winnipegmuna.ca/> and see what we achieved at MUNA 2023.

ROTARACT Clubs Meet in Portage La Prairie on May 6, 2023



Rotaract !! What an awesome meeting between the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg Rotaractors. Brandon U is also going to have a Rotaract Club in the near future and Portage is also trying to organize a Club at Red River College. Enthusiasm, ideas, compassion and commitment by these young adults. They are the future of Rotary! Submitted by Nancy Cosway

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:

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

Rotarian Ope Allen, a new member of our 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) to get the link.

Thanks to Rotarian **Ope Allen** for setting this up.

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LINKS:

Are You Interested in World Peace?

A new course by World BEYOND War, developed in collaboration with the Rotary Action Group for Peace: Ending War 101.

Click here: <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/ending-war-101-making-the-impossible-possible?source=email&>

Recommended by David Newman, World BEYOND War is a global network of volunteers, chapters, and affiliated organizations advocating for the abolition of the institution of war.

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