



ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2025



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".

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

This month is dedicated to recognizing the importance of international fellowship and goodwill among Rotarians with shared interests, promoting participation in fellowships, and increasing understanding of this program. Additionally, the 2025 Rotary International Convention, taking place in Calgary, Canada, from June 21-25, will have the theme "Magic All Around". The new Rotary year, starting July 1st, will have the presidential theme "Unite for Good".



"Fellowship is wonderful; it illuminates life's pathway, spreads good cheer, and is worth high price." Rotary Founder, Paul Harris. What are the benefits for Rotarians in joining the Rotary Fellowships?

Fellowship provides opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own Club, District or country. Fellowships contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace. Also, Fellowships serve as an incentive for attracting new members to Rotary and retaining our existing members. Indeed, Rotary Fellowship, together with the Rotarian Action Groups, serve as an effective tool in promoting membership development and should be actively promoted in our Districts.

There are many Fellowships that would be of interest to our members, and they are detailed on <http://www.rotary.org/fellowships>.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

June 21 – 25, 2025 **Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Alberta**

June 25, 2025 **NO ROTARY MEETING!**

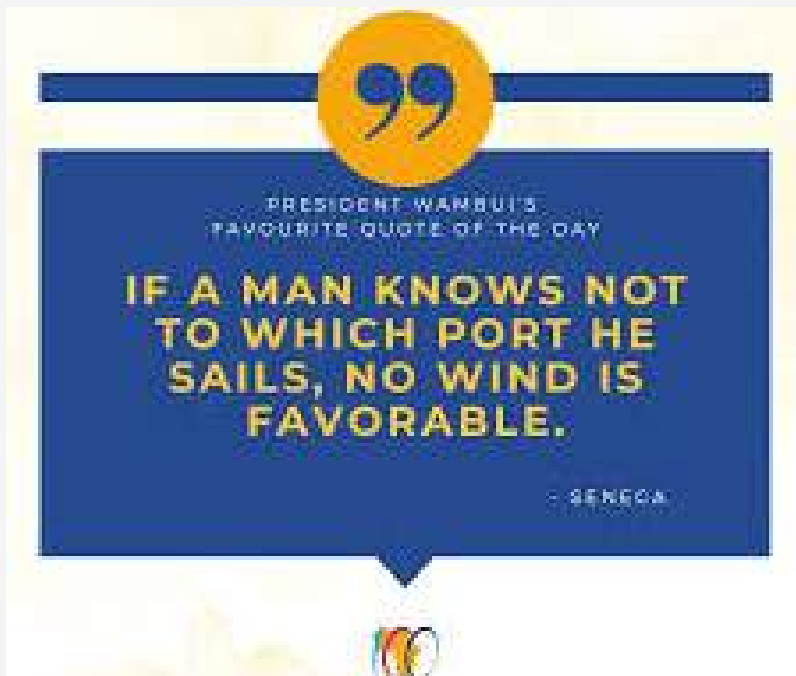
July 1, 2025 **Beginning of our new Rotary Year 2025-26**

July 2, 2025 **Inaugural Address by President Ope Allen**

July 9, 2025 **Zoom Meeting. Speaker & Topic TBA**

July 18, 2025 Our **Club sponsored Genielle Cook** to attend **Rotary Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa in 2016**. Come and hear her story of personal and professional growth and an excellent example of Rotary's IMPACT.

July 23, 2025, **TBA**



HEALTH, WELLNESS AND CELEBRATION:

PRIDE Parade 2025

Our participation in the Winnipeg Pride Parade on Sunday June 1st was supported by 12 Winnipeg Rotarians. This is the 3rd year for the Winnipeg Rotary Clubs to participate in the Pride Parade. Rotary's participation is an expression of our policy promoting Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Rotarian Domenic Sacco of Vickar Ford provided us with a Driver & Pick Up which we decorated with Pride colours. It is estimated that about 60,000 people attended the Parade. This is an excellent opportunity to Expand our Reach.



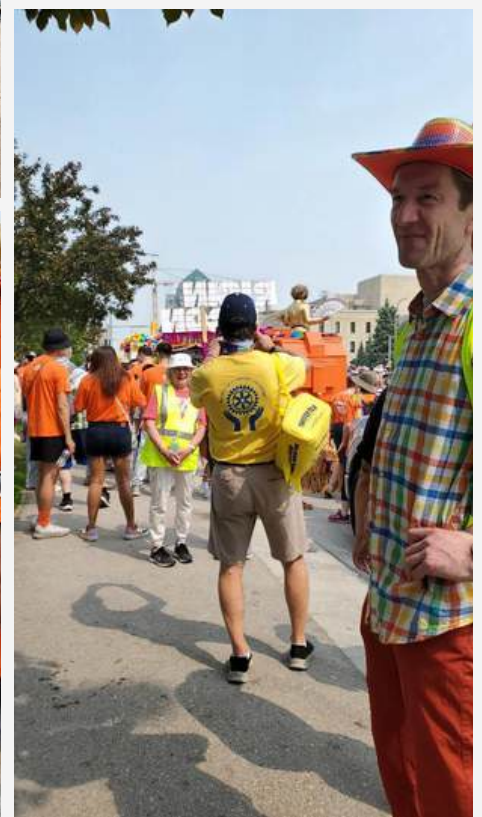
Nancy, Frank & Premier



Nancy & Frank with Minister of Health, Uzoma Asagwara



Nancy with Noelle DePape a former Rotary Peace Scholar

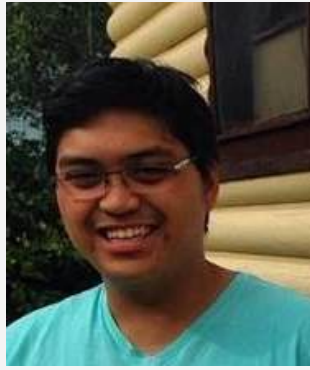


HEALTH, WELLNESS AND CELEBRATION:

At the Virtual District Conference, three of our Members received the Rotary People of Action Award.



· Eva Vida in recognition of her contributions to the Rotary Foundation



· Jorrel Camuyong in recognition of his contributions to RYLA



· Ope Allen in recognition of his contribution to Public Image

CONGRATULATIONS to the Awardees



Izzy (Izzedin) Hawamda graduated on June 4th with a PhD in Peace & Conflict Studies at the Arthur V. Mauro Institute of Peace & Justice, St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba. The journey has been one of deep learning, reflection, and hope. Izzy is a Rotarian in our Club.

Thank you to everyone who has walked beside me, your support, encouragement, and belief made this moment possible. Here's to building peace, one story and one step at a time.

Mohammed Sheheryar Mouzam – Graduated on June 12th at the University of Winnipeg. Mohammed was the First President of the new Rotaract Club formed at the University of Winnipeg, for the past two years. We wish him well in the future.

In the photo on the right are Nancy Cosway, Mohammed Mouzam, Frank Cosway and Anshika Uppal, the new Rotaract President for 2025-26.

Congratulations to Izzy and Mohammed !

HEALTH, WELLNESS AND CELEBRATION:

CONDOLENCE

We extend our heartfelt condolences to our fellow Rotarian, Koffi Tchen, on the recent passing of his dear mother. Koffi has travelled back to Côte d'Ivoire to attend to funeral arrangements. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Koffi, will be serving as our Club Services Chair in the coming Rotary year. We encourage members to connect with him when possible.



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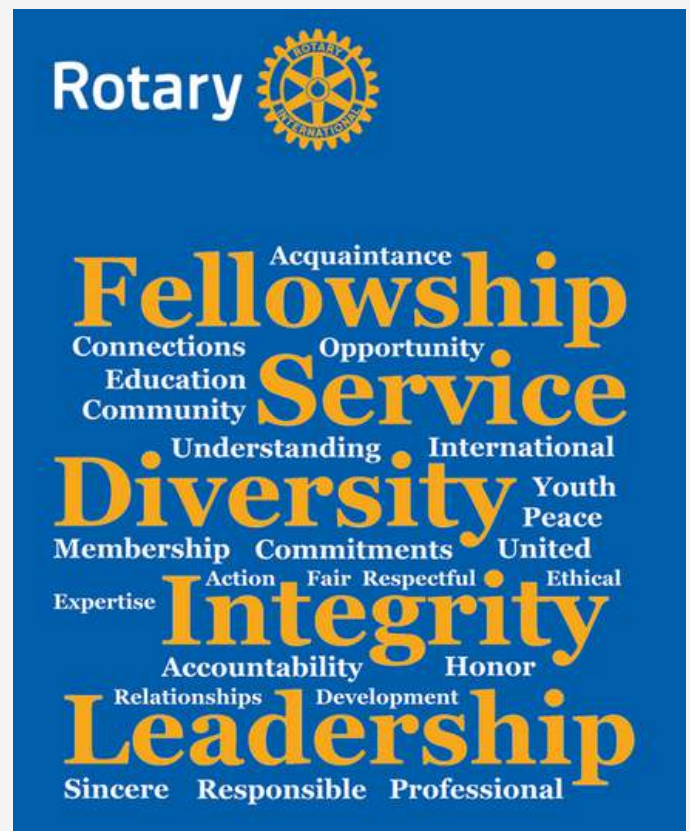
is to encourage and foster the ideal of service
as a basis of worthy enterprise
and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



BENEFITS OF ROTARY MEMBERSHIP?

- You can make a difference in the lives of others
- You can develop skills that can easily be applied to a career, like public speaking, project management, and event planning
- You can network with other professionals
- You can build lifelong friendships
- You can make international connections

What other benefits do you see in Joining Rotary???

You are part of a world wide movement of over 1.4 million people in over 200 countries. Rotary's mission is to serve others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Let's all become active and make a difference!!!

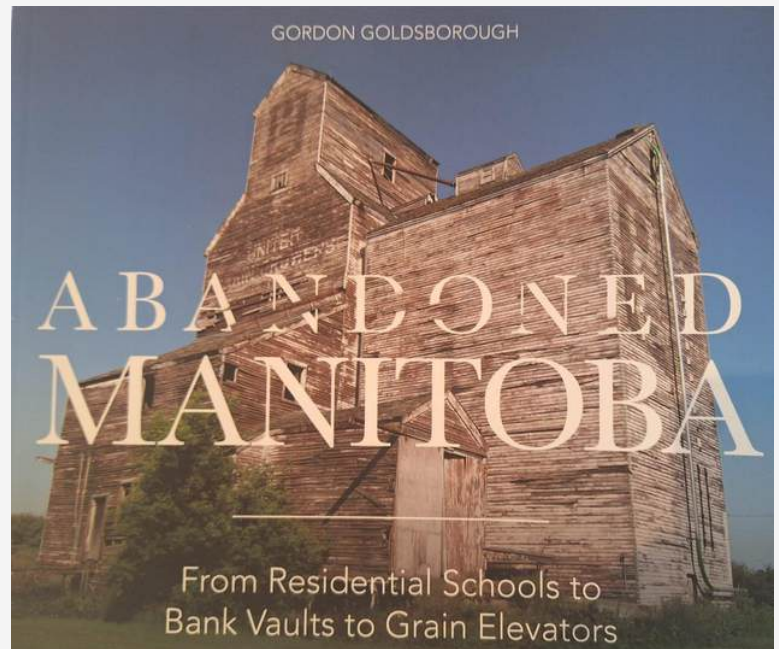


ROTARIAN STEPHANIE YAMNIUK' VISIT



Stephanie also recently visited the RC of Winnipeg West and was welcomed by their President Bob Foster. I think she also spoke to them about ADRA (Adventist Development & Relief Agency) and their work supporting the Wildfire Evacuees.

← Rotarian Stephanie Yamniuk was recently in Williams Lake, BC and took time to visit the local Rotary Club. Rotarians are encouraged to drop into local Rotary Clubs when they are travelling.



Our June 4th In-Person meeting with **Gordon Goldsborough** speaking about "Abandoned Manitoba" was a great success with about 40 people attending – members & guests."

Submitted by Frank Cosway

CIRCLE OF UNITY GATHERING

May 24, 2025, Our Rotary Club partnered with **Spirit Horse** and related Youth helping agencies to hold the First Annual **Circle of Unity Gathering**, at **St. John's Park**. The 3 hour event attracted about 500 Youth and Parents. The young kids enjoyed the two Bouncy Castles and the family groups enjoyed a delicious feast, music and drumming.



Music and drumming.



Volunteer supporting at the bouncing castle



Rotarian & Friends

Our Club provided about 10 volunteers (Rotarians & Friends) who helped with set-up of tents, supervising the Bouncy Castles, cleaned up waste and other duties as assigned. (One friend has already submitted an application for membership.)

RYLA 2025 CALENDAR

DATES FOR RYLA 2025

Junior Week (Ages 12 – 14 years) : July 28 - August 2, 2025

Senior Week (Ages 15 – 17 years old): August 4 - August 9, 2025

www.rotary5550.org/sitepage/ryla



MANITOBA HARVEST VOLUNTEERS



On March 21st our **Rotary Club** volunteered at **Manitoba Harvest** with 20 volunteers, including Rotary members, Rotaractors, Tammy with two students (from a group we are supporting in Elmwood) and Maddy's family of 4 on the right side of photo (Maddy attended RYLA last year. She also participated in the last Bed Build with 6 members of her family)

ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG 2025-26 MEMBER DUES

Dear Rotarian,

Another Rotary year is almost over!

We can take pride in the projects we supported both locally and internationally. Our annual youth programs -- **RYLA, MUNA, and Adventures in Citizenship** are always a hit with our youth. We continue to do service above self with volunteering at Manitoba Harvest, Sleep in Heavenly Peace and the Manitoba Marathon. The Satellite Club had another successful fundraising evening in support of Oak Table.

The **2025-26** member dues will remain the same as last year, **\$350.00 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)**. A new category from last year: **Rotary couples pay \$550.00 (\$275.00 each)**. Satellite Club member dues will remain at \$240.00. We are hopeful that you will choose to renew your membership and continue with **"Service Above Self"**.

The 2025-26 member dues invoices will be emailed under separate cover. If you choose not to renew your membership, kindly let me know by **June 15th, 2025**, as your name will need to be removed from the roster so the Club is not billed for your member dues by Rotary International.

Thanks very much,

Sandy Allen

Club Administrator

DISTRICT CONFERENCE WRAP UP

Jo-Anne Dalton from the District Conference Team tells us:

I have just updated the House of Friendship with the full conference recordings, and a few more memorials.

Also, each clip/video/project highlighted on the House of Friendship, as well as the full-day recordings, are now public on the District YouTube channel.

<https://rotary5550.org/page/house-of-friendship/>

<http://www.youtube.com/@RotaryDistrict-fv9rx>

Jo-Anne

Enjoy exploring the conference materials and videos!

INTERACT CLUB PRESENTATION



From left, Nabonita Sarkar and Anusha Zeeb from Fort Richmond Collegiate Interact Club and Shahd Melhem and Obanijesu Oluyemi from Glenlawn Collegiate Interact Club.



On May 7, 2025 we had an excellent & informative presentation from two Interact Clubs. The 4 students gave a very energetic and impassioned presentation of how their Interact Clubs developed and the many projects they implemented to engage their fellow students.

CLUB MATTERS AND LINKS:



Rotary
Zones 28 & 32



...great ideas for your club and district!



Rotarians, Rotaractors, Honorary Members,
Past Rotarians –

Two years ago, we were mandated by
Rotary International to increase the
number of members in our district. The
June 30th deadline is almost here.

We have made important membership
gains, adding more than 100 members to
our district and starting new clubs. We are
almost there but we still have more to do.
Growing our membership means more
hands, more ideas, and more impact –
with each new member, we strengthen
our clubs, expand our reach, and increase
our ability to change lives locally and
globally.

How can you help?

Rotaractors – Consider becoming a Rotarian while remaining with your Club. The district will pay next year's fees.

Honorary Members – Consider registering as an active member with your club. There are financial incentives for clubs to help with fees.

Former Members – Now is the time to come back! There are financial incentives for clubs to help offset fees.

Nearly Members – Take advantage of our new member incentives to join our Rotary family.
Do you need for information or want to talk about next steps, please contact me by email, text or phone.
Thanks

Peter Tonge

District Governor

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CLUB MATTERS AND LINKS:

Wearing your Rotary Pin is a great way to engage people in conversation as someone asks, "What is that Pin for?" Let's be proud Rotarians and wear our signature Rotary pin. It is a great conversation starter.



House rich: Habitat residents celebrate move-in day



Pollution Solutions: From Fast Fashion to Clean Energy

Click [HERE](#) for Details

Monthly Newsletter From District 5550 -



Monthly Newsletter

Monthly Newsletter March 2025 February 2025 January
2025 December 2024 November 2024 October 2024
September 2024 August 2024 July 2024

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"That's all magic is really:
the space between what
you have and what you
need." - Alix E. Harrow,
The Once and Future
Witches

Home

Meet Peter Tonge Your 2024-2025 Governor for District
5550 The Magical Mystery Tour Join us as we attend and
plan events for our friends and community The Magic Tou...

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The April District Governor's newsletter is now available at: <https://rotarypeterdistrict5550.org/>

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:

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

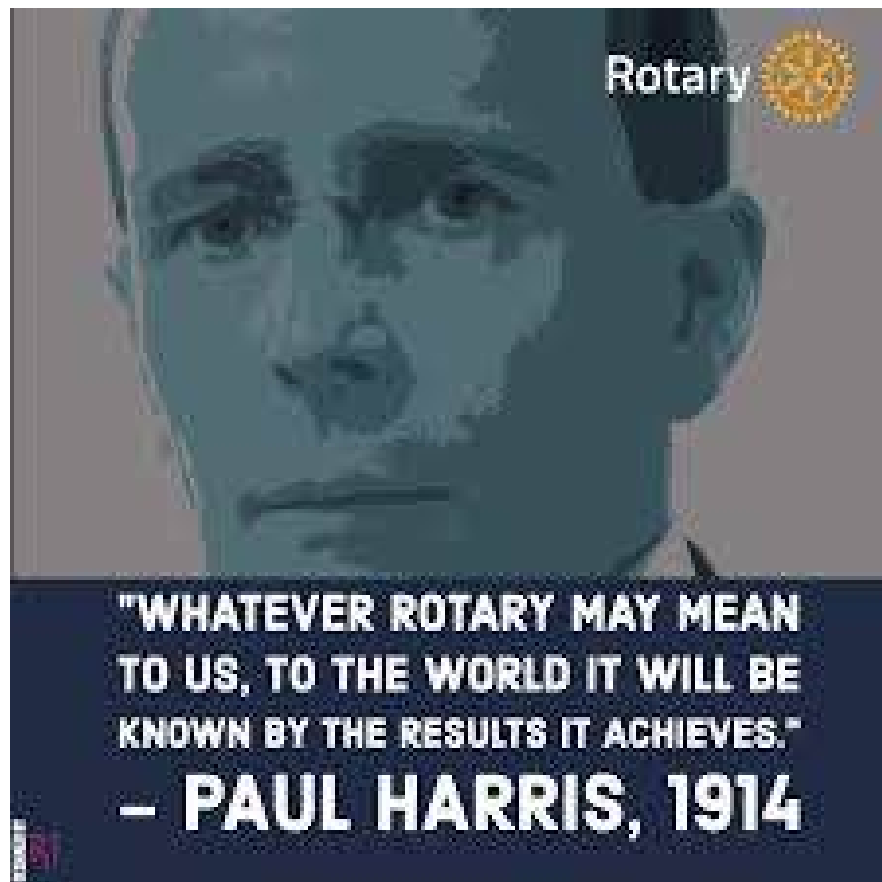
Rotarian Ope Allen has set up a **What's App** platform for the **Rotary Club of Winnipeg Group**. This is a great way to share information, network and keep informed on our club activities. Some of you have been added to the group.

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 Ope Allen (opeallen@googlemail.com) to get the link.

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