



EDITOR NOTES

Thank you for all of your support for the Newsletter during the 2020-21 Rotary year. This will be the last Newsletter for this Rotary year. If you have any important announcements or information to share during the summer months, you can send out a message to all members via Clubrunner or send the message to me and I will distribute it for you.

At last weeks Zoom meeting, President Brent presented an excellent "Year in Review" Report. He will be sharing his Report with all Members and Alumni in the next few weeks.

In response to the COVID Public Health regulations and restrictions, the Club was able to "pivot" to bi-weekly Zoom meetings.

I would like to extend our Thanks to President Brent and the Board for their excellent leadership during a very challenging year.

We hope that all of our Rotary members and Alumni can get their two shots of vaccine during the next month, so that our Public Health regulations can be relaxed and we can all look forward to a new normal of more human contact with family & friends, summer travelling, and more employment opportunities as businesses re-open.

The next issue of the Newsletter will appear in September, 2021.

Have a great summer.



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UP - COMING EVENTS

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH - JUNE

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**JUNE
2021**

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD:

Habitat for Humanity Build: Our Rotary Club is planning to participate in a Habitat Build during the summer. A date has not been set yet for Rotarians to participate in the Templeton St build. HH are waiting for the COVID19 Restrictions to be lifted before offering dates.



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“DID YOU SEE US? REUNION, REMEMBRANCE, AND RECLAMATION AT AN URBAN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL” VIRTUAL BOOK LAUNCH ON JUNE 23, 2021

This book contains the words of 12 Assiniboia Residential School survivors as they strive to reclaim and commemorate their presence in the Winnipeg suburb of River Heights. The old school is located at 621 Academy Road.

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ROTARY MEMBERS



TRISHA KULATHUNGAM

Trisha is one of our members and is the founder of the Higher Learning Foundation.

Check out HLF's new website: www.higherlearningfoundation.com



HUMBERTO & ISA DANTAS

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Humbert & Isa are pleased to announce that they became **Permanent Residents of Canada** on June 15, 2021. Congratulations to Isa, Humberto & Louisa.



ROTARY ALUMNI



DONNA ALEXANDER

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Donna is a retired educator, presently chairing the Rotary Model United Nations Assembly organizing committee. She earned her Bachelor of Education, Post Baccalaureate, and Masters at the University of Manitoba. Donna has worked as a trainer for the Bank of Nova Scotia in Toronto, and at a variety of schools including Balmoral Hall School in Winnipeg and McLaughlin College in Oakville Ontario.

While Donna primarily has taught history and English at the high school level, she has been lucky enough to also teach courses such as Women's Studies, Advanced Placement Psychology, AP European History, Marketing, Accounting, Biology, and Cinema as a Witness to Modern History. She has also worked as an English as an Additional Language instructor, Reading Recovery specialist and university and guidance counsellor. During the last few years, Donna has been involved with the Yazidi refugee community in Winnipeg, helping a few families navigate the health and education system, and advocating for them as they attempt to bring over their young children and spouses still stranded abroad.

ROTARY ADVENTURES IN CITIZENSHIP

The Adventures Program has been run by The Rotary Club of Ottawa for many years, but sadly it had to be cancelled last year because of COVID. We had two Indigenous students ready to make the trip last year but they were not able to take part this year.

The five day program had to be totally revamped this year to suit an on line presentation and thanks to two young tech savvy Rotarians who are members of the Ottawa Club they did a great job.

Our Club registered an Indigenous student by the name of Sage Fontaine and she sent me a brief report of her experience below which I would like to share with all of you.

"My experience in participating in the Adventures in Citizenship program was very inspiring. It was an honour to be a part of such an amazing conference.

"I enjoyed all the brilliant people who spoke and I loved how they answered any questions we as students had.

"From being in this 5 day event, I learnt more about citizenship, politics, the Parliament Hill, COVID - 19, freedoms and rights, health and safety, vaccines, small businesses, the Canadian economy.

"I met veterans, pages, citizenship judges, prime ministers, indigenous influences, students across Canada and many other incredible individuals.

"My favourite part about the program was the fourth day called "Indigenous Affairs". I met a lovely family, who gave us teachings about the earth and strawberry tea. Their son spoke as well and taught me, "in order to be comfortable you need to get uncomfortable". That was very eye opening.

"Next I met a guy named Stranger. Yes, that's his full name. I myself am Ojibwa, Cree (first nations) and Metis but not Inuit. He taught me about the Inuit culture and I found it very interesting. He taught me that Inuit peoples are not the same as First Nations. Inuit peoples have different teachings and beliefs than First Nations do. Stranger also talked to me and it was heart-warming to be noticed, even if it was in the slightest way. The fourth day truly meant the most to me and I grateful to have experienced it."

I was very touched by Sage's comments and happy that we were able to give her this opportunity. I worked with Britney Wilson from CANU who knows Sage and her family well. Sage did not have a home computer that she could use so CANU provided one and Britney set it up for her.

Sage will be presenting a fuller account to the Club at a later date.

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SUBMITTED BY

PAT VALLANCE
YOUTH SERVICE DIRECTOR

AN HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (HIP) PROJECT

15 BOXES OF BABY WIPES DELIVERED TO ST. THERESA POINT FIRST NATION:

FYI: These boxes of baby wipes were for RIBFEST 2020, but because of COVID our RIBFEST event was cancelled. The boxes were kept in heated storage for RIBFEST 2021, but it was soon realized that we would not be having a RIBFEST in 2021. Then the RIBFEST Committee asked how “could these baby wipes be put to good use now”. The short story is that Strini Reddy made contact with people in St. Theresa Point First Nation and they were very interested in these items. Below is a Letter of Gratitude which Strini received.



Subject: Letter of Gratitude

Date: May 4, 2021 at 10:14:05 PM CDT

To: Strini Reddy <sereddy@shaw.ca>

Dear Kind Sir,

I am writing this letter to you and your partners who are true humanitarians. Your organizations and teams of people have once again set an example for us all to remember how important it is to provide for those who are in great need of even the simplest items to ease the strain of daily living during these uncertain times. Many of our homes here in St. Theresa Point do have running water, but, for many, they are not hooked up to the main water line: water is held in tanks outside the home. This pandemic has given us great challenges of providing safe drinking and washing water for people. Our water trucks run 24/7 and honestly, they simply cannot keep up with the demand.

So water is rationed at homes; many families have asked for sanitary wipes and when your shipment came in, it was given out to families that had exactly that type of water system. These wipes are being put to good use! I had asked the Mitigation team to focus on families that live in overcrowded homes, or rely on social assistance as well as families that have chronic health problems to deal with within their homes.

We have families that have up to 17 people living in a 3 bedroom house, so as you can imagine, these wipes sure came in handy and were happily received, it's a small luxury and that goes a long way. We have started a little emergency food bank for babies and elders in the event of a family being moved suddenly or if there is a hungry family (where there always is) many of us give out of pocket and I'm proud to see our staff do that. We do, however, have a large community and things are simply not always available when it's needed. For example, we know not every home always has hand-washing available and though we try our best to promote good hygiene, access to wash water is a challenge for many families. It's overwhelming sometimes but we don't stop, we simply can't stop trying, can we.

Thank you so much for your generosity and the spirit and inspiration your gifts carry with them when they arrive here. Your compassion and kindness is a blessing and a reminder to us all that we can never stop helping one another even if it's something small, it can mean the world to someone.

Forever grateful and humbled,

Stephanie Wood
Mitigation Team Lead 2021

MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA) 2021

This year MUNA was held using Zoom technology, which reduced the cost to teams significantly. 51 teams from B.C., SK, MB, ON and North Dakota came together on April 29th and 30th. To begin the session, Knowledge Keeper Wally Chartrand performed a smudging ceremony after first explaining the significance of the ceremony and how he passed down the teachings to his son.

Delegates were then treated to opening remarks in the morning by Lieutenant Governor Janice Filmon, Grand Chief Arlen Dumas, MP Jim Carr, US Consul Bryan Koontz and Rotary President Brent Jorowski. When the assembly was turned over to the student leaders, the President and Secretary General gave their speeches on the state of the world and the challenges facing the UN including threats to cybersecurity and the devastation of the coronavirus pandemic. Students were then asked join either the First Committee or Second Committee to discuss those issues and come up with solutions in the informal consultations, which were also led by students.

This format of providing more leadership opportunities to students was very successful. Students not only lead the breakout groups, committee meetings, but the General Assembly. Additionally, instead of debating only topics designed by the committee, this year more time was allotted for students to bring forward their own resolutions. In keeping with tradition, students were encouraged to end MUNA with a fun resolution and they were able to reach consensus on the following: "Comic Sans MS font shall be adopted by everyone for everything."

Despite some small issues with teachers having to go into isolation, students late logging in, or finding their preferred breakout group, MUNA was a great success. Students were asked to consider joining the MUNA committee and Linda Connor has volunteered to lead that group as they help to plan MUNA 2022.

So in closing there were many innovations this year and students were highlighted throughout and will continue to be central to MUNA in the future.

TESTIMONIALS FROM MUNA 2021

From Jean-Baptiste Bitwenge, Vincent Massey Collegiate, Winnipeg

I appreciate all the work you did to organize MUNA in this difficult time. I was impressed how it went.

From Kamal Dhillon, Garden City Collegiate

I am glad that I was able to participate in the virtual MUNA event with my students last week despite not being there with them in person. They had a great time. I will definitely ask them to fill out the evaluation and to consider taking on a leadership position next year.

Thank you for all of your hard work in organizing the event, and for your guidance as we prepared these past few weeks.

From Christine Robinson, River East Collegiate

I wanted to make sure that I extended my thanks to you, Darren and the entire behind the scenes group of people who made this year's MUNA happen and helped it to be a success. In our debrief my student delegates expressed how much they learned, how interesting the dialog was in the committees and breakout sessions and at least 3 of them will want to do it again next year (2 of those are looking at University Model UN groups because they are graduating this year)!



From Avinashpall a delegate from River East Collegiate

You may recall that in the Fall of 2019, this very same group from REC gave a presentation on the Youth Nuclear Peace Summit, which the Rotary Club of Winnipeg supported. You urged us to take part in MUNA - that we all remember. It's very nice to virtually see you again, and we're especially grateful for all the work you put into making MUNA 2021 possible. One heck of an experience which we will all remember for a lifetime!

From Bryan Koontz, the US Consul in Winnipeg

I congratulate you and your Rotary colleagues for supporting such a fun and important event, and I'm thrilled that you've been able to carry on despite the circumstances we all find ourselves in.

From Trevor Belrose, Beaver Brae Secondary School In Kenora

I know they welcomed the challenge and I will always be grateful to you and all the great people at MUNA for finding a way this year!

From Chris Enns, Nelson McIntyre School

This experience was truly an honour to participate in. We loved watching the various students in their roles and representing their countries. The world is in good hands.

I would like to participate in this in the future. Our own students really appreciated this unique and authentic experience.

Thanks for taking the time to guide the students and provide workshops and feedback to the students. You were always available to help along the way. I cannot begin to estimate the logistics and work involved in putting an event like this on. Thank you!

From Michael Friesen, Fort Richmond Collegiate

Thank you so much for putting together such a well-organized event! I know that this year definitely presented challenges, but you managed to make it all as seamless as possible! Here's hoping that we can do this again in person next year!



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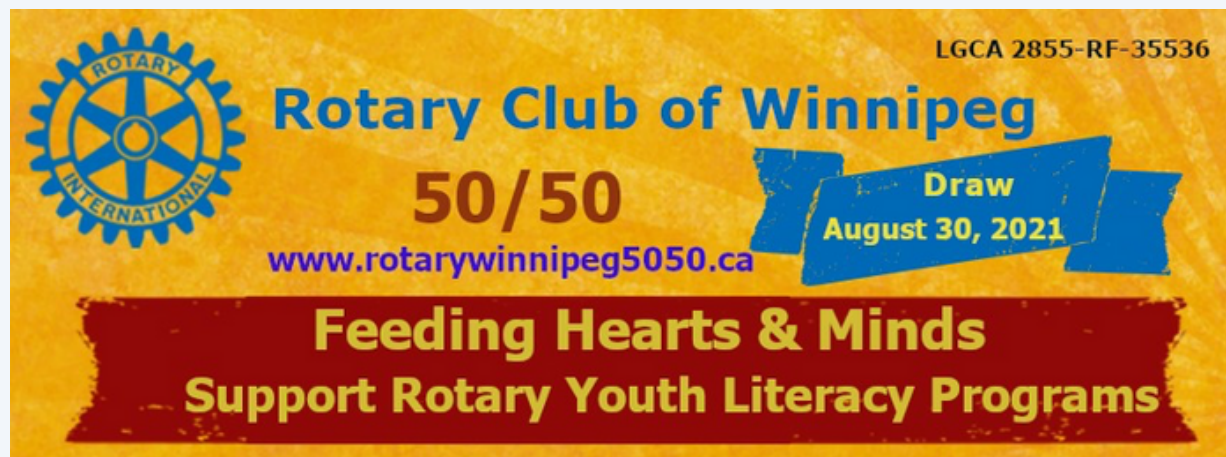


FINANCIAL MATTERS:

WE QUALIFIED FOR GLOBAL GRANTS FOR NEXT YEAR 2021-2022:

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, BY OUR CLUB MEMBERS, TO **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUND** ARE US\$4,548.

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CLUB MATTERS

ROTARY SATELLITE CLUB OF WINNIPEG YEAR END REPORT

BY HUMBERTO DANTAS, CHAIR OF THE SATELLITE CLUB

During 2020- 2021, The Rotary Satellite Club of Winnipeg assisted the Rotary Downtown Club by providing volunteers with ongoing efforts to pursue fundraising and grant opportunities to support our community and international service projects. We worked to inform our members about Rotary projects during the pandemic, such as the Rohingya refugees, the Hippo Roller project, and the 1000 Survival Gardens. At the beginning of last year, none of us had any idea of adapting our club to the new reality of the pandemic. Thanks to our Rotary member's innovative and creative leadership, we participated in online meetings with our sponsor club and Rotaract Club at the University of Manitoba to support local and international Rotary projects. The following are the main projects that we have been involved.

- The 2020 **Rotaract Backpack initiative**. Rotarians and friends gathered food items and backpacks to be donated to individuals at the Oak Table inc. We gathered the donations on a picnic day, safely planned by our sponsor club, to celebrate its 110th anniversary. Our Satellite Club also helped prepare warm soups offered to individuals of the Main Street Project and Oak Table Inc. Our club continues to assist these projects by donating food collected monthly by the Winnipeg Spiritist Society Food Drive project.
- **Online meeting with president Emanuelle Barreto from Rotary Club Natal Potiguar-Brazil**. We learned about their food and hygiene items donated to local communities strongly affected by the pandemic. We are looking forward to continuing our contact with Emanuelle to open the opportunity to collaborate with their Rotary efforts to minimize the pandemic impact on families at their location.

- Satellite Club member Jorrel Camuyong is the head of the eRYLA 2020, which is planned to replace of **RYLA 2020**, and was a great success. The eRYLA had over 30 youth participate, and the plan is to make it part of annual youth programming.
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We are also looking forward to keeping our successful projects and supporting our sponsor club on the current Manitoba **Habitat for Humanity Build** project and any other effort to eliminate poverty and disease.

I am pleased to inform that my wife Isa and I are now **Permanent Residents of Canada** since June 15, 2021. We are excited to be part of a Rotary community that open opportunities that can help us change the world.

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This link will take you to some of the Convention speeches.



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