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UPCOMING EVENTS

ROTARY MEETINGS | 12:15PM – 1:15PM



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June 29, 2022 (Virtual)

Speaker will be Rotarian Maria Reyes
"Relevance of Innovation to the Provincial Government"

July 6 – 7th, 2022 (In – Person)

Imagine Rotary Canada Tour
President of Rotary International
Jennifer Jones in Winnipeg

July 13, 2022 (In – Person)

Inaugural address by President Jeannette Brigit

July 13, 2022 (Zoom)

Speaker will be student Furrio Cardmane
"My Adventure in Canadian Citizenship"

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<https://pridewinnipeg.com/>



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IMAGINE ROTARY CANADA TOUR JUNE 17 – JULY 11, 2022:

The Jennifer Jones Imagine Rotary Canada Tour offers an historic opportunity to connect with Rotary's first female President of Rotary International. Don't be caught with nothing to say when asked where you were when Jennifer Jones visited District 5550?

Here is a detailed program of events. You can register to participate at <https://rotary5550.org/Page/imaginerotarytour>



JULY 6, 2022

09:45a – Arrival at James Armstrong Richardson Airport

Rotarians are encouraged to join the welcoming committee at the airport!

11:00a – Tour of Winnipeg Projects

Jennifer Jones will be meeting with the Rotary Leadership Circle
Bryn Styles & Dean Rohrs will be visiting the Charleswood Forest

01:15p – Around District 5550 with Jennifer Jones, The Fort Garry Hotel

Registration Required

This hybrid meeting with Jennifer Jones will showcase service projects from across the district.

03:00p – Tour of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Canadian Museum for Human Rights-

Registration Required

Join Jennifer Jones for a guided tour of Canada's premiere museum for human rights.

06:00p – FREE Community BBQ, Central Park

Free Hot Dog & Bottled Water provided

Donations being accepted for Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre and IRCOM

JULY 7, 2022

08:00a – Breakfast with Jennifer Jones, The Fort Garry Hotel

Registration Required

Welcome will be made by invited dignitaries, and Jennifer will present a keynote address.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Jean Du Toit



It is with a deep sadness that I inform you of the tragic passing of Jean du Toit who was a former Rotary Exchange Student from South Africa who was hosted by our Rotary Club in 1987 - 88. She was the woman that was killed in the recent skydiving accident in Gimli. She was an experienced skydiver with more than 100 jumps.

Jean was 53 and was very active in the local Manitoba Film Industry and has been described as a very spiritual and adventurous person.

President Nancy has been contacted by one of Jean's host families - Marty & Valerie Rawlings. If you are aware of Jean's other host families, please let me know.

We are not aware of any Celebration of Life services at this time. Further information will be shared as it becomes available.

IN - PERSON MEETING:

New Member Inducted - Donald Benham

Donald Benham has five decades of experience as a journalist, educator and communicator.

During his career, Donald has been:

- a newspaper reporter for the Winnipeg Sun and the Winnipeg Tribune.
- an open-line radio host for CJOB and CBC Radio.
- political staff for Prime Minister Joe Clark and Mayor Glen Murray.
- an instructor for Red River College, the University of Winnipeg and Canadian Mennonite University.

For more than 10 years, Donald helped Winnipeg Harvest clients have their say in public policy decisions.

Donald has five children and five grandchildren. He is currently a freelance writer, living with his wife Sally Osler near Beausejour. Donald Benham, 1-204-755-3306 (voice) 431-338-7360 (text)

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IN – PERSON MEETING:

Rotary Visitors from Colombia:

Maria Reyes's parents are visiting from Colombia. Her parents are Alvaro Reyes and Consuelo Oviedo de Reyes. They are part of the Rotary Club of Nuevo Ibaque, in District 4281, in Ibaque, Colombia. Her Dad was District Governor in 2002–03 and her Mom was District Governor in 2015–16.

They attended our June 22nd meeting and will be attending a couple of the Jennifer Jones events on July 6 & 7th.



President Nancy Cosway was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow recognition by Jeannette Brigit

"Today we honour a dedicated friend of our Rotary Foundation whose annual generosity has distinguished her as a member of the Paul Harris Society. Today we honour Nancy Cosway as our newest Paul Harris Society member.

Paul Harris once said, "Perhaps dreaming is not so bad if one dreams good dreams and then, makes them come true." Thank you, Nancy, for making dreams come true by enabling Rotary to make an impact in our sisters and brothers lives here at home and globally.

On theirs, and our own, behalf I offer our sincere appreciation for your ongoing generosity."

The Year in Review (2021–22) by President Nancy Cosway

The full "Year in Review" will be sent out in a separate e-mail



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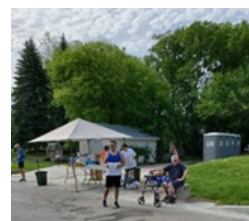
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LOCAL PROJECTS:

Manitoba Marathon Water Station – June 19, 2022

Rotary Water Station was set up at the recent Manitoba Marathon, under the on-going leadership of Rotarian John McClellan. The station was staffed by Rotarians, Rotaractors and Friends of Rotary. The station offered water and Gator-Aid for thirsty runners from 7:00 AM till 10:00 AM



The Marathon was cancelled due to the high temperature, about an hour into the race, but many runners continued running and the station continued serving the runners, until the last runners came through the station.

A photo of Rotarian Rob Tisdale after he completed his Marathon run.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS:

Humankind International Fundraising Dinner – June 9, 2022

All funds will be used to admit additional students and upgrade the facilities of the Early Childhood Education Centre (Humankind Academy) located in the Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya. About 280 people attended the HKI Fundraising Dinner and \$12,000 was raised after expenses.



Strini Reddy presented a cheque for \$650 from the Rotary Club of Winnipeg. Strini also was the Guest Speaker for the evening. Strini has been an Advisor and Mentor for the founders of HKI. For additional information, click on the link below

<https://humankindintl.org/>

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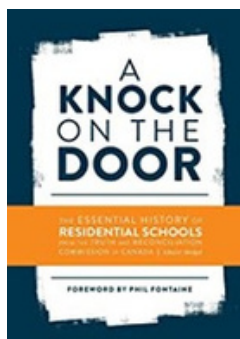
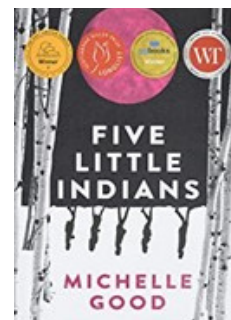
HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (HIP):

What is “Inter-Generational Trauma”?

Two books that have improved my understanding of Inter-Generational Trauma are:

***Five Little Indians* by Michelle Good (2020)**

“Taken from their families as small children and confined at a remote, Church run residential school, Kenny, Lucy, Clara, Howie and Maisie are barely out of childhood when they are finally released, with no money or support, after years of detention.”



A Knock on the Door – The Essential History of Residential Schools from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (2016)

“It can start with a knock on the door one morning. It is the local Indian Agent, or the Parish Priest, or perhaps a Mounted Police Officer. The officials have arrived and the children must go. So begin the school experience of many Indigenous children in Canada for more than 100 years, and so begins the history of residential schools prepared by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada”

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HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (HIP):

Treaty Land Entitlement Committee celebrating 25 years – May 29, 2022

<https://www.tlec.ca/>



Photo was taken on May 29, 1997. Left to right: Elijah Harper, David Newman, Manitoba Minister of Northern Affairs, Lloyd Axworthy, Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs, (Mr. Axworthy was an early participant in our Model United Nations Assembly – MUNA)

David Newman submitted the following information:

I was Minister for Northern Affairs and responsible for Native Affairs, May 29, 1997.

My role as Minister responsible for the Native Affairs Secretariat was to lead the Province of Manitoba part of finalizing, signing and beginning the implementation of the Treaty Land Entitlement Agreement. Negotiations had been ongoing for years before I became Minister of Northern Affairs and Minister responsible for Native Affairs, in January of 1997.

When I spoke at the signing ceremony in The Pas May 29, 1997 I communicated my opinion that the signing of this agreement can be the beginning of the restoration of the opportunity and capacities of the party First Nations to once again become the preeminent peoples in the province.



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HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (HIP):

"Thank You" for the Books sent to the Manto Sipi Cree Nation School:

1483 books were sent by Share the Magic, our partner organization. We arranged the shipping of the books.

From the Principal:

"I am writing to THANK YOU all, for your many wonderful gifts to our children, therefore also to their families. I was wonderful to receive your high quality and large number of books, appropriate for all ages. My wife and I laid them out on HOMEC classroom tables in an organized fashion. Each table having its appropriate Grade level books. There was such a great variety! I know the teachers and students couldn't believe their eyes !!! We had the student go through the room, choosing their own books, three or four different days.

Your beautiful assortment of books were so exciting to all age levels. The books were selected with care, according to individual interest and reading level. The children were surprised that they were "for keeps". So they took them home and read and re-read their books. You packed them in such a well-organized manner. We could see that they were packed, in love."



From the students:

"The books really train my mind and encourage me because we hardly have any good books to read in our Library."

"I am 5 years old. My best book is the hockey one. Thanks for all my books. I brought them home on the bus."

"Those books are the best. I enjoyed reading them. I want to have more books. A Big thank you to everyone."



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YOUTH PROGRAMS:

The 2022 Rotary Winnipeg Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

The 2022 Rotary Winnipeg Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) took place virtually on April 28–29 with 120 students participating from across Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario, British Columbia and North Dakota. The Rotary Club of Winnipeg has been hosting MUNA through in-person and virtual formats since 1957 with alumni going on to serve the public in roles including Premier, Grand Chief, and Foreign Affairs Minister. This year, students drafted and debated two important and timely resolutions, including: (1) A framework for regulating social networking companies regarding data storage, usage, transparency, and terms of use to safeguard democracy; and (2) Building a post-Covid-19 circular world economy for mitigating and enhancing resilience to future climate change.

Three student members of the Rotary MUNA organizing committee, Avinashpall Singh, Farya Farhanghi Khosroshahi, and Dviya Sharma were on hand at the club's luncheon on May 18th to share their experience as both delegates and organizers. They each shared how their experience helped them understand the importance of voicing opinions and engaging in respectful debates to build consensus, while striving to approach issues from multiple perspectives.



Avinashpall and Farya are both second-year students at the University of Manitoba and will co-chair the Rotary MUNA organizing committee for 2022–23. Avinash and Farya participated in MUNA 2021 as delegates from River East Collegiate High School and Fort Richmond Collegiate, respectively, and both received honourable mentions for the Rais Khan Award for Most Diplomatic Delegation. As organizing committee members, Avinash coordinated digital outreach efforts and Farya coordinated the development of MUNA's overall thematic focus and resolution topics, among other roles.



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Divya Sharma is a grade 12 student at Fort Richmond Collegiate and selected to serve the 2022 MUNA as President of the General Assembly. In addition to this important MUNA role, as a country delegate, Divya received the Rais Khan Award for Most Diplomatic Delegation. Divya was a member of the MUNA organizing committee for 2022 and will be continuing her role on the committee as coordinator of MUNA procedures, scripts and facility procurement, among other roles. Rotary is grateful and thankful for the 'service above self' commitment of Avinash, Farya, Divya, and the other student organizing committee members for MUNA 2022 including Wells Mayes, Garbrielle Young, and Orajhia Esteban.

ROTARY IN THE NEWS:

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons – Rotary Clubs are joining to be part of the beacon chain!

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/events/queens-platinum-jubilee/the-queens-platinum-jubilee-beacons/>



Rotary Clubs across the world united to light beacons across the Commonwealth to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – on June 2, 2022



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LINKS:

From **"ICAN Nuclear Ban Forum" in Vienna, Austria**. Being attended by Rooj Ali & Senator Marilou McPhedran. Avinash Singh stayed in Canada to manage for Senator McPhedran the social media and other communications functions and to manage and disseminate news flowing out of Vienna. Both Rooj and Avinash performed exceptionally.

Rooj Ali and Avinash Singh organized the **Youth Nuclear Peace Summit** in Winnipeg with support from local Rotarians, in October, 2019. Rooj was a local leader in getting the city of Winnipeg to sign onto the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzjlyuTE5fY>

There is **Progress on Reconciliation** by Chris Snyder, Chair of Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP)

<http://chrisnyder.makeanimpact.ca/2022/06/14/there-is-progress-on-reconciliation/>

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