



# ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG

NEWSLETTER

March 1, 2022

## MARCH

"Life is a perspective and for me, if a human being has access to school, clean water, food, proper health care, that is the basis of human rights."  
Gelila Bekele

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## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH



### UP-COMING EVENTS:

**March 16, 2022, In-person Rotary Meeting** at the RBC Convention Centre at 12:15 pm with **District Governor Dan Sutton** as our Guest Speaker. Sandy Allen will be sending you an e-mail which provides Menu choices and Pre-Payment details.



**March 22, 2022, World Water Day**

<https://www.worldwaterday.org/>

**April 1, 2022, Big Daddy Tazz & Friends Comedy Night**

Organized by the Rotary Club of Winnipeg East AM)

See full poster attached on **page 11**.

The event is being held live April 1 at The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre and virtually for those who cannot or do not want to attend in person. Tickets are \$30 each plus agency fees to attend. For those wishing to watch at home it is \$30 as well.

**Our Club will receive 50% of the proceeds of all tickets purchased against our name (Winnipeg Rotary Club) in the Eventbrite site.** (This includes members, family and friends)

<https://bigdaddytazz.eventbrite.ca>





**April 15, 2022** Deadline for orders for **GLENLEA Greenhouses & Rotary Club of Winnipeg (Downtown) Spring Fundraiser.**

See full poster attached, with on-line ordering instructions, on **page 12**

<https://www.glenleagreenhouses.com/>



## STATEMENT FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONCERNING UKRAINE

February 25, 2022

It is a tragic and sad time for the people of Ukraine and the world.



At Rotary, we are deeply concerned by the deteriorating situation in Ukraine and the escalating loss of life and humanitarian hardship there. Continued military action against Ukraine will not only devastate the region, but also risk spreading tragic consequences across Europe and the world.

As one of the world's largest humanitarian organizations, we have made peace the cornerstone of our global mission. We join the international community in calling for an immediate cease fire, withdrawal of Russian forces, and a restoration of diplomatic efforts to resolve this conflict through dialogue.

In the past decade, Rotary clubs in Ukraine, Russia and nearby countries have transcended national differences and have actively engaged in peace-building projects to promote goodwill and to marshal assistance for the victims of war and violence. Today, our thoughts are with our fellow Rotary members and others in Ukraine coping with these tragic events. Rotary International will do everything in its power to bring aid, support and peace to the region.





## VALUES UNITE PEOPLE, WARS HURT EVERYONE!

From Rotarian [Tatjana Petrovic](#) (Brkic)

Please support and help each other

As I receive texts and emails from many of my former students and friends, I feel that it is important to say that personal friendships, and values need to survive conflicts between states. Lunacy of irresponsible leaders who drag people into wars that drive people from their homes, destroy friendships, dissolve marriages and separate families should not affect the way we treat each other. Nobody chooses place of birth, nationality, race or gender. We ONLY CHOOSE VALUES. As Canadian PM, Justin Trudeau, just said, as people, we do not only support our friends, but we stand by our values. I have in my DNA, as many others in this World, genes that cross national borders.



I have both Ukrainian and Russian blood in my veins as my grand mother comes from Іловайськ or Іловайск with my grand grand father Ukrainian and my grand grand mother Russian. I have been driven from my native Yugoslavia by a senseless war choosing as a Serbian woman to marry Bosnian man in 1980s.

I am glad that we are in Canada now and that my child is safe and free from ethnic strifes. Had destiny be different I could have been now in Ukraine, fearing for life and running from war.

The war affects primarily kids, women, families, immigrants and those who are completely helpless to stop the conflict but super exposed to the consequences of war.

Please be there for each other and those of you who were my students, remember all we discussed in class. This is International Political Economy in practice and time for people to help each other and understand the destructive effect of war has for all sides, including the people in Canada who observe the events.

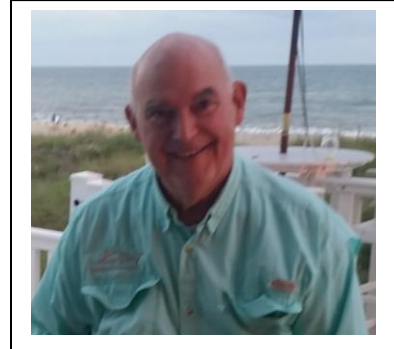
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## HEALTH & WELLNESS:

**Jack Harrell:** Jack & Kay Harrell are Rotarians with the Rotary Club of Kinston, North Carolina. Kay & Jack met some members of our Rotary Club in 1997 at the Rotary International Convention in Calgary. From this meeting developed the “Kinston – Winnipeg Sister Club” relationship of annual exchanges of Rotarians and their partners between the two Clubs. Visitors were billeted in the homes of host Rotarians. Jack & Kay were co-founders and the major promoters of the Exchange visits. The exchanges thrived for at least 20 years. I think Kay & Jack participated in every visit to Winnipeg and played a major role in providing a taste of Southern Hospitality to all Winnipeg visitor to Kinston.



On February 17<sup>th</sup> Jane Markesteyn received a call from Kay Harrell to report that Jack had a bad fall backwards down a flight of stairs at their home. Dr. Peter Markesteyn spoke with Jack’s son Drew Harrell on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> and it appears that Jack has very serious injuries of the upper spine which may render him a paraplegic.

For those people wanting to keep up-to-date on Jack’s progress, an on-line **Caring Bridge** has been set up by Drew Harrell, Jack’s son. He has been up-dating it regularly so we can all be up to date on Jack’s progress. Click on the link below to join the Caring Bridge

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jackharrell/journal/view/id/62112336d73a09531a8b5569>

## Susan Scott: More Memories

### Memories of Susan from Strini Reddy.

Susan had a very strong interest in supporting indigenous initiatives. She helped me strengthen the efforts of the Youth Parliament to include more indigenous members.

Also, you will remember that, a few years ago, we sent an young indigenous woman to “Adventures in Citizenship” and her host family in Ottawa informed me that she was a gifted piano player who was interested in becoming a music teacher but would not be able to get admission to a School of Music because she had no Theory qualifications.

We made inquiries and found out that she could obtain these qualifications within a year at the Royal Conservatory of Music, but the cost would be very high.





Susan not only helped us with the fees but also purchased a keyboard for the student to practice at home. She is now a student in the Faculty of Education at Brandon University specializing in Music. She is doing very well.

## Remembering Susan Scott

by Raymond Currie, Project Coordinator, Circles for Reconciliation

The passing of Susan Scott is a sad moment for many, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, and certainly for Circles for Reconciliation.

Back in December 2016, following a CBC radio broadcast about us at the very beginnings of our project, Susan called me and we met for coffee. She became the very first supporter of our Circles. Over the years we kept in touch and she continued her support. Her focus was always to empower Indigenous people. You could rarely attend a public event on reconciliation without encountering Susan. Her support for a number of Indigenous individuals and organizations was always done quietly, in the background, and she never wanted publicity or recognition for it.

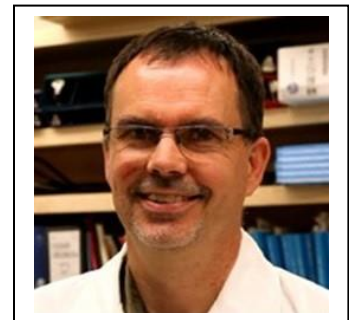


Susan remains a true inspiration, a person who understood that we all need to take action if reconciliation is to occur. May she rest in peace, knowing she has made our world a better place.

## NEW MEMBER:

**Harold Aukema:** Harold was born in Ridgeway, Ontario and is a second generation settler, his parents having immigrated from the Netherlands.

He received his undergraduate and graduate training at the University of Guelph before moving to Texas for postdoctoral training. After working in Texas for 3 years, he moved to the University of Manitoba and has been there since as professor in Human Nutrition. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Nutrition, administers the graduate program in the department, and does research on dietary fats and health.





Harold is married to Joyce, who is a small business owner, and they have 3 grown children - a teacher, a nurse and a veterinarian. When not busy with work, he likes to read and be outdoors.

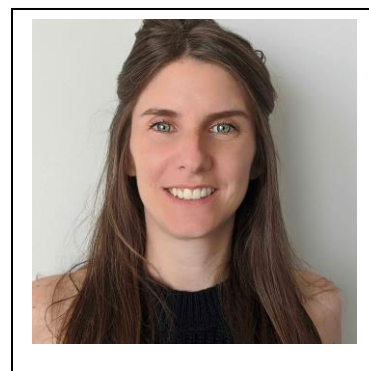
Harold is happy to have been initiated into the Rotary Club of Winnipeg and the Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP) Committee by getting involved in the recent Book Drive for Red Sucker Lake.

Harold volunteers with CanU Canada, International Hope and at a food bank. He looks forward to getting involved in the great things Rotary is doing as his work career starts to wind down (currently works 3/4 time).

## **A BIG THANK YOU TO JOSEFINA BILOTTA:**

As a volunteer for the past 18 months, Josefina has been making the Club Newsletter more colourful, attractive and engaging. I have been preparing the content and Josefina has been “adding the make-up”.

During this time, Josefina has become a Permanent Resident of Canada, and now has a full-time position as a Senior Digital Fundraising and Marketing Consultant.



Now that she is working full-time, she has had to reduce some of her volunteer commitments. Rotary is one of those commitments.

Thank You Josefina for your contribution to the success and professional appearance of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg’s NEWSLETTER. Best wishes in your future endeavors and we look forward to you joining our Rotary Club in the future.

## **Now a few words from Josefina:**

“My name is Josefina Bilotta, I was born and raised in Argentina. I had the honour of being an exchange student at the Rotary Club of Winnipeg in 2006. I stayed with four different host families during my year in Winnipeg. The Host families were Richard Whidden and Elly Hoogterp and from a different club - John Mcfarlane and Al Hoeft.

Since then, a lot has happened in my life, but one of the most important and beautiful things that has happened is that when I returned to Canada in 2018 for a quick hello, I re-met with an old friend from my year in Winnipeg, and to make a long story short, we are now married and living in Winnipeg.



I must state that the Hurst's, my second family during my exchange, came into my life with the intent of never leaving. They were the ones who introduced me and my husband. They are my Canadian family ♡

Since 2020, I've volunteered with the Club to help with the communication department; we've done the 110th anniversary, Bingo nights, a lot of posts for social media channels, and until recently, I was "adding make-up." This entails rearranging and designing a new layout and method of presenting information to Franks' amazing newsletters.

Today, I work full-time as a Senior Digital Fundraising and Marketing Consultant for HJC, a Toronto-based agency with 30 years of expertise in the non-profit sector. I'm thrilled to be a part of this company, whose initial client happened to be from Winnipeg. Here is the website: <https://www.hjcnewmedia.com/> If anyone is interested in learning more about it, or if you require additional information, please contact me.

Having said that, I am looking forward to when we may meet in person again, and becoming a member of the club. For the time being, as my work is full-time and totally remote, I've decided to spend less time in front of screens. Therefore, I will no longer be able to work as part of the volunteer Newsletter Team.

I have helped Frank produce 15 Newsletters since October, 2020. It has been my pleasure to have the opportunity to "give back" to the Rotary Club of Winnipeg in return for the tremendous experience they provided me with as a young Rotary Exchange Student from Argentina, in 2006-07. That experience with Club members and host families "changed my life" forever.

I hope everyone is doing well and having fun in the cold weather ;)  
Best, Josefina Bilotta (431) 887- 3462"



## HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (HIP):

### 9000 Children's Books Headed to Northern Communities on the Ice Roads



The photo shows the staff at North-West Company who are taking the books over the winter roads to the individual communities. The pallets should have all left by the time you read this article.

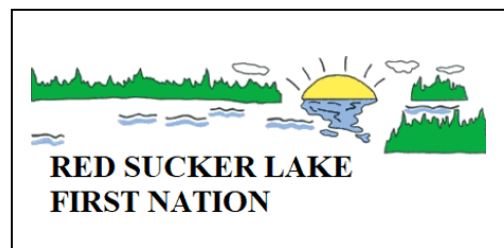
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<https://chvnradio.com/articles/9000-childrens-books-headed-to-northern-communities-on-ice-roads>

<https://www.facebook.com/Share-The-Magic-Book-Program-1691872220840876>

### 480 Books Collected for Red Sucker Lake by February 13, 2022:

REZ READS Book Drive in partnership with INDIGO Love of Reading Foundation collected 480 books for Red Sucker Lake.







The majority of books appeared to be second hand books that were in very good condition. A few books were purchased through the Indigenous Registry and were matched by INDIGO. A handful of books were not appropriate or in good enough condition to be included.

Thank you to everyone who donated or purchased books for Red Sucker Lake. Our Club champions for this project were John Melnick and our newest member, Harold Aukema.

## **PEACE BUILDERS:**

### **Rotary Peace Fellow Applications Announcement (Deadline May 15, 2022)**

I invite you to have this posted on District 5550 and Club websites. and placed in newsletters. Time for clubs to recruit candidates as soon as possible before May 15, 2022 so eligible applicants who want to apply can begin drafting their applications online as per attachment.

The other 3 Rotary Peace Fellow Sub-Committee members of the D5550 Sub-Committee I Chair are Taiseer Shareif, Brenda Newman and Eduardo COSTA. They like me are all required to take training about the process and are involved in the interview and endorsement process. I am mandated to do the endorsement(s) of recommended candidates by the D5550 Sub-Committee after interviews and approvals of D5550 Sub-Committee. RI then reviews all eligible endorsed applications endorsed by Chairs like me for candidates interviewed around the world. RI chooses the successful candidates.

If you have any questions please e-mail me.

Thanks

David G. Newman  
Chair Rotary D5550 Peace Fellow Sub-Committee

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<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships-masters-degree-programs>

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships-certificate-program>



## FUNDRAISERS:

### Rotaract Club – University of Manitoba

#### HIPPO ROLLER RAFFLE

The Raffle raised a **profit of \$700** in a fairly short sales period. The funds will go to the Hippo Roller project in South Africa and a local project (most likely Oak Table).

#### The **WINNERS** of the Raffle prizes are:

Our Club did very well at winning prizes.

Prize Tickets - Final Draw	Selfcare - Spa Gift Card, Salon certificates, Shower gels, oils, Primers, Wig Store Certificate, etc	Ernest Armitt	0588827
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Prize Tickets - Final Draw	Night at Home - Board games, Mugs, Coffee/Tea Gift Card	Glen Torgerson	0588885
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Prize Tickets - Final Draw	Sports - Wpg Jets Merch, Airpods, Water bottles.	Maria Reyes	0588821
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## Big Daddy Taz & Friends Comedy Night



# Annual \*Live & Online BIG DADDY TAZZ & FRIENDS Comedy Night

Rotary Club of Winnipeg East A.M.  
Rotary Club of St. Boniface St. Vital  
Rotary Club of Fort Garry  
Rotary Club of Winnipeg

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**  
The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre  
281 Donald Street  
**or Online & on YouTube** **\$30**  
Show 7:00 pm (CDT)  
<https://bigdaddytazz.eventbrite.ca>  
*In support of Local Charities*  
visit the link and pick the organization that  
you wish to support with your ticket purchase.

- Huntington Society of Canada • Villa Rosa
- Variety, The Children's Charity of Manitoba • CNIB
- Manitoba Blind Sports • Habitat for Humanity Manitoba

## Featuring



Angie St. Mars.



Herbert Henries  
Comedy Dangerist



Kenny V



Veronica Gee



Kelly Taylor





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**Gleanlea Greenhouses & Rotary Club of Winnipeg (Downtown)**

**Spring Fundraiser : <https://www.glenleagreenhouses.com/>**



## Rotary Club of Winnipeg (Downtown) Spring Fundraiser

**PLACE YOUR ORDER ONLINE UNTIL APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**Shop early to avoid disappointment at [www.glenleagreenhouses.com](http://www.glenleagreenhouses.com)**

**\$25 Plant Cards** also  
available! It's a  
perfect gift for any  
plant enthusiast!

Gift Cards are a physical card that can be used  
in store or at our booth at any of the markets we  
attend. They are not accepted as payment for  
wholesale or fundraiser purchases.



Hello Everyone, - Rotarians, Friends and Family,

This year's spring fundraising campaign will be a sale of excellent quality and competitively priced bedding plants, perennials, hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, succulents, and container gardens. Fall Garden Mums can be easily ordered now in the spring for delivery shortly after Labor Day in the early Fall. Gift Cards are also available.

You as the customer can **follow these simple steps** to shop and pay online at Glenlea Greenhouses website at [www.glenleagreenhouses.com](http://www.glenleagreenhouses.com).

1. On their homepage select **Spring Fundraiser**.
2. Once you are finished shopping, go to the cart page and select "to support & pick up at a fundraiser group". Afterwards, three fields will appear.
3. Please select from the dropdown **Rotary Club of Winnipeg (Downtown)**
4. Under **Name of Seller** please leave this field empty.
5. Lastly check the **Checkbox** to confirm all the information in the above fields are correct and click **checkout & pay**.
6. Input your email and under Receiving Method ensure "**More Receiving Methods**" is selected. Finish inputting your personal information and click Continue.
7. Select "**Fundraiser - To Support and Pickup at the Fundraiser Group I selected on CART page**" and continue to payment method.
8. Once on the payment method screen, payment can be completed with VISA, MASTERCARD, and AMERICAN EXPRESS credit cards or INTERAC e-transfer to the Greenhouse.

Shortly after completion of the order, an email confirmation is sent to the email address provided confirming delivery location and date along with the products ordered. **Online orders will be able to be placed until 11:59 pm on April 15th.**

The plants will be delivered to **CARSTAR 1310 St James Street Winnipeg on Tuesday, May 31st, 2022** and we will need all orders to be picked up by **5:00 pm**. All the proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards **Rotary Club of Winnipeg Programs**. **Let's raise at least \$1,000.**

We thank you for your support!



## LINKS:

### From the indigenous Cradle Board to the patented Jolly Jumper

<https://www.facebook.com/613976610/posts/10158247964216611/?sfnsn=mo>

### Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy

<https://engage.winnipeg.ca/poverty-reduction-strategy>

Noelle De Pape & Aron Skworchinski were speakers at our Zoom Meeting on February 16, 2022,

### Polio Update: "In new setback for the Eradication Campaign, Poliovirus from Pakistan shows up in Africa"

This link was submitted by Dr. Peter Markesteyn  
[https://www.science.org/content/article/new-setback-eradication-campaign-poliovirus-pakistan-shows-africa?utm\\_source=Nature+Briefing&utm\\_campaign=5d11a099a5-briefing-dy-20220221&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_c9dfd39373-5d11a099a5-43677797](https://www.science.org/content/article/new-setback-eradication-campaign-poliovirus-pakistan-shows-africa?utm_source=Nature+Briefing&utm_campaign=5d11a099a5-briefing-dy-20220221&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c9dfd39373-5d11a099a5-43677797)

### Reider Insurance becomes part of Westland Insurance Group Ltd.

<https://mailchi.mp/b34f53be6161/reider-insurance-acquired-by-westland-insurance-group-ltd?e=17019292d8>

### Economic Development Winnipeg, Quarterly Report on Progress for Q4, 2021

[https://www.economicdevelopmentwinnipeg.com/uploads/document/04162\\_edw\\_community\\_report\\_q4\\_2021\\_final.t1644263444.pdf](https://www.economicdevelopmentwinnipeg.com/uploads/document/04162_edw_community_report_q4_2021_final.t1644263444.pdf)



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