



# ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 18, 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S TALK SHOW

#### WATER/ SANITATION

MARCH 18, 2021

### ANTI-RACISM WEEK - CITY OF WINNIPEG

MARCH 21 - 27, 2021

Our Rotary Club is a Partner with the City of Winnipeg and four of the events are being presented by our Rotary Club. For a full list of event and activities, [CLICK HERE](#)



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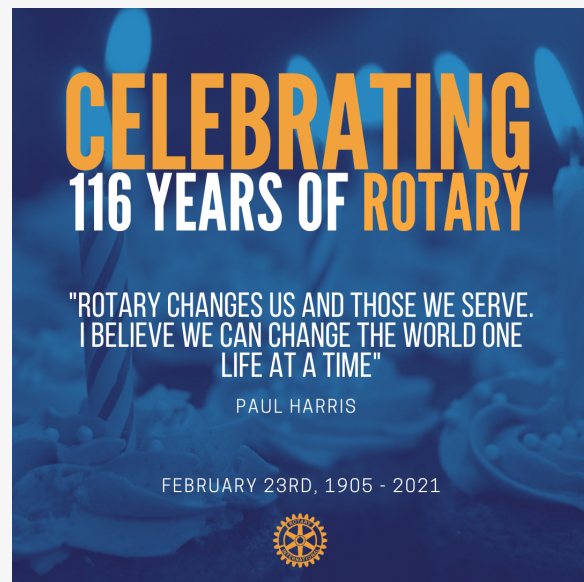
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## RECENTS EVENTS



### DISTRICT EVENING TALK SHOW

MARCH 4, 2021

Peace & Conflict Resolution.  
Speakers included: Rotarians Nabil Oudeh, Deb LeMaistre, David Newman and Taiseer Shareif

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### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

MARCH 8, 2021

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### WORLD ROTARACT WEEK

MARCH 8-14, 2021

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### DIRECTOR DIALOGUE, ROTARY ZONE 28 & 32 -

MARCH 10, 2021

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### COVID PANDEMIC OBSERVANCE - ONE YEAR

MARCH 11, 2021

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Rotary  
District 5550

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

**THE FAMILY OF  
Rotary**

**ONLINE**  
**May 13-15, 2021**

Hosted by  
The Rotary Club of Melfort

MAY 13 - 15

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**Organized by:**  
Rotary Club of Winnipeg East AM

**Partnership:**  
The Rotary Club of Winnipeg  
(Downtown).



## ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG SUPPORTS LOCAL RESTAURANTS - A COVID RESPONSE INITIATIVE -



DATES	RESTAURANTS	LOCATION	RECOMMENDED BY
March 4 – 17th	Tre Visi Café		Jennifer Ash
March 18 – 31st	The Clay Oven	3 locations	Nancy Cosway
April 1 – 14th	Pony Corral	4 locations	Youssef Mousahem
April 15 – 28th	Tom Yum Rai Restaurant		Jeannette Brigit

**\*\* REMEMBER TO TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE WITH ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG.**



## ROTARY ALUMNI



### CAROLINA LORENZ SIMOES & ENOIL DE SOUZA JUNIOR – ROTARY ALUMNI –

They have a Baby boy who is 6 weeks old already.  
For more photos check out Carolina's Facebook page.

CONGRATULATIONS



## WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

### JEANNETTE BRIGIT

Thank you, for inviting me to share **why I am a Rotarian**. I suppose the short answer is – as a person of privilege – it is incumbent upon me to not only share the gift of that privilege but also to work at identifying and changing the structures that keep people oppressed and marginalized. And, in saying that, I don't think that answer really gets to the root of why I am a Rotarian. A little history is needed.

I had an idyllic childhood – caring, loving wonderful parents who made sure their children took swimming and skating lessons, who took us on month-long camping trips across Canada and the US. I had a dad who would arrange weekend Cribbage and Monopoly tournaments as a way to teach his children how to play fair, to be kind and to value fair play over winning.

I married wealthy and life continued to be wonderful until it wasn't. Until I became a single parent, with no home, no money and fighting a court system that would rather see children living in poverty than embarrass delinquent fathers for not paying child support. I cannot express how absolutely mortified I was when the family court judge denied reasonable child support stating, "she is pretty enough, so it won't be long until another pair of boots are under her bed."

That is when my rose-coloured glasses shattered. That is when I began paying attention to the unimaginable horror stories of other women in similar circumstances. Women with beautiful children who were being tossed aside like garbage because they were not deemed worthy of their father's financial support. 40 years ago, statistics, collected by Maintenance Enforcement was – at any given time - 86% of fathers did not pay their child support.

During that time, I was so thankful that I was white because as bad as it was for me it was 1,000 times worse for a non-white woman with children. Because I was white, because I spoke well, I was treated with respect at the Welfare office. Because I was white, I was given preferential treatment. Because I was white, I was able to access so many more resources than a non-white woman and I realize that despite my own impoverished situation I was still a privileged white woman.

So instead of taking the money, my parents offered me to buy a house I went to university. I had to know why instead of being kind, being generous, being fair we shamed, we demeaned, and we demonized.

I have a graduate degree in theology with a major in social political analysis. What I learnt throughout my years at university sickened me. And it gave me hope. Hope sprung from the knowledge that all the systems (social, political, theological, and economic) created to oppress, marginalize, and make invisible were human constructs and therefore could be challenged and changed.

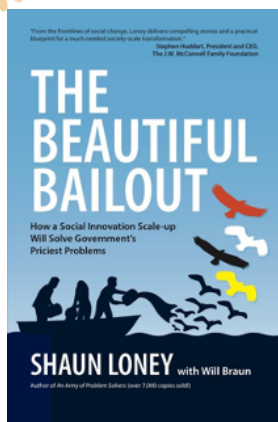
But in order for change to happen, it would require those of us of privilege to recognize that privilege, to own it and to commit ourselves to walk with the marginalized, the forgotten, the disenfranchised. To hear their stories. To critically examine the roots of our own beliefs and together work towards change.

Which I have tried to do, sometimes successfully and other times not very well (I have still so much to learn and to undo) as a United Church of Canada clergy at West Broadway Community and Oak Table Community Ministries then in rural parishes in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Having left the church, I now work with a company called Home Instead, a private home care agency, and my learning continues. My job is community outreach working primarily with senior organizations whose constituents would never be able to afford our services. As part of my responsibilities, I have the privilege and pleasure of working with the Alzheimer's Society "Minds in Motion" program for 4 years and with the ALS Society of MB. I am also a Funeral Celebrant often called upon to preside over graveside services for those who have neither financial resource to pay for a service and, frequently no-one to grieve for them.

### Why am I a Rotarian?

**I am a Rotarian because of the words – 40 years ago – of a family court judge and the journey it set me on. I am a Rotarian of this Club because of the work you do to support our at-risk children and youth. I am a Rotarian of this Club because of your strong commitment to Honouring Indigenous People and the work carried out by the Peace Builders committee members. I continue to be a member of this Club because of your kindness and generosity of spirit towards me.**

## RECOMMENDATIONS



### **The Beautiful Bailout: How Social Innovation Will Solve Governments Priciest Problems, by Shaun Loney**

Shaun's first book was "An Army of Problem Solvers" and his second book is "The Beautiful Bailout". Shaun has spoken to our Club on several occasions. He outlines how the Non-Profit sector can develop "Social Enterprises" which focus on solutions, instead of problems and will help Governments save money and dismantle vestiges of colonialism. Instead of providing funding for non-profits, governments should use "Outcome Procurement" to purchase results from non-profits. This book is an excellent read, with lots of good examples and stories.



**Jacques Page** recommended this Simon Sinek YouTube video on a recent LinkedIn post. [CLICK HERE TO WATCH The Truth about being the "Stupidest" in the Room](#)



I (Frank) am a longtime fan of Simon Sinek and his book, Start With Why – **How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action**. I found his message very relevant for the promotion of Rotary and our work. [CLICK HERE TO WATCH HIS MESSAGE](#)



# PROJECTS

## 1000 SURVIVAL GARDENS PROJECT UPDATE - SOUTH AFRICA

The lofty goal of the 1000 Survival Gardens Project, a COVID-response project initiated in the summer of 2020, is to deliver 1000 Survival Garden Kits to families in remote areas of South Africa.

The kits consist of a hippo roller plus tools and materials required to start up a garden (shovel, fork, hoe, rake, trowel, watering can, compost, seedlings). Also included are gardening instructions plus a facemask, soap and sanitizer. At a cost of CDN \$240 per kit, the project's overall fundraising target is \$240,000. The hippo roller (cost \$150) is the critical component of the kit, as it transports 5 times more water than the typical vessels used to gather water from streams and wells.

To date, the project is progressing extremely well, with 123 kits (dollar value just under \$30,000) having reached 4 different communities! Rotarians at our partner club of Hillcrest (Durban, South Africa) have been directly involved in delivering the kits and have received enormously positive feedback from the beneficiaries.

Amongst the noted community, improvements has been the empowering experience of growing gardens to develop food self-sufficiency, while the practicality of the hippo rollers has saved time and labour while being easier to use. As women and girls are the ones typically gathering water for the family, the kits have allowed more time for women to dedicate to family-building activities and girls the opportunity to regularly attend school.



Above: a woman from Taweni expressing the positive impact of the kits; and in Jouberton, the fruit growing in land developed with a Survival Garden kit.



Details are being finalized for the delivery of another 90 kits (about \$22,000) among another 4 communities that should reach their homes by the end of March. Funds will be close to depleting after these deliveries, but this has not stopped plans for another 6 communities (approximately 140 kits). Having established a reliable process, the ongoing objective is to deliver 50 kits (valued at \$12,000) every 6 weeks.

With momentum building and success growing, the challenge is to raise sufficient funds to sustain this wonderful project. Working alongside our partner Rotary Clubs in Gisbons (BC), Hillcrest, E-Club One of South Africa plus their respective Districts as well as other community organizations in South Africa, the World Community Service committee is doubling down on its fundraising efforts and would appreciate help from our fellow Winnipeg club Rotarians! All donations, small or large, are appreciated! Think of challenging friends and family to collaborate to donate a kit!

### DONATIONS

- **ONLINE - [CLICK HERE](#)**
- **E-TRANSFER [SAESP@MYMTS.NET](mailto:SAESP@MYMTS.NET)**

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# CLUB MATTERS



## THE MEMORIAL FUND

BY GLEN TORGERSON

The recent passing of Doug Wheeler and Rais Khan have led to renewed interest in the Memorial Fund of the Club in order to recognize the friendships we enjoyed participating with them in the Club and social activities. The Memorial Fund is a perfect vehicle to accomplish this and promote Rotary at the same time.

This vehicle, allows someone to honour a life well-lived and provides ongoing support to Rotary projects at home and abroad. **Members or friends can contribute to the Memorial Fund in remembrance of deceased Rotarians or friends, and these contributions are added to the Permanent Endowment Fund.** A card advising of the donation is sent to the next of kin and a tax receipt goes to the donor. This is an ideal way to honour friends and relatives while providing ongoing support to the Winnipeg Rotary Club.

The earnings of the Permanent Endowment Fund provide a major part of the funding towards our Club's charity endeavours and are set up to provide this support into the future. An ongoing remembrance!

Please send any **cheque to the Club Office address and make it out to "The Winnipeg Rotary Club Community Service Fund Inc"** with the Memo on the cheque specifying, "The Memorial Fund."

Be sure to include an address for the family so a Card can be sent. Similarly, **you can make an e-transfer to [accounting@winnipegrotaryboard.ca](mailto:accounting@winnipegrotaryboard.ca)** BUT be sure to also communicate the address for the card to go to.



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## CHANNELS RECOMENDED





-  [ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG](#)
-  [ROTARY DISTRICT 5550](#)

## RECENT SPEAKERS

-  [ROBERT LAMPARD – “JAMES DAVIDSON & THE SPREADING OF ROTARY”](#)
-  [GARY SENFT - “CREATING BELONGING”](#)
-  [THE ROTARACTORS – “CELEBRATING WORLD ROTARACT WEEK”](#)



# LINKS

-  [ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ROTARY ACTION GROUP NEWSLETTER](#)
-  [DISTRICT 5550 – NEWSLETTER – MARCH, 2021](#)
-  [ROTARY AWARDS ITS HIGHEST RECOGNITION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, FEBRUARY 25, 2021](#)
-  [HIP NEWSLETTER](#) – JANUARY 2021



# HUMOUR

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.

**DUE TO MY ISOLATION. I FINISHED 3 BOOKS YESTERDAY. AND BELIEVE ME. THAT'S A LOT OF COLOURING.**

My wife asked me to take her out to one of those restaurants that make the food right in front of you. So I took her to Subway and that's how the fight started !!!

**BREAKING NEWS**  
Wearing a mask 🤒 inside your home is now highly recommended. Not so much to prevent Covid-19 but to stop eating.

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