



# ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER



## MARCH 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".



The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to ensure that people have sustainable access to water and sanitation by:

- Providing equitable community access to safe water, improved sanitation and hygiene
- Strengthening the ability of communities to develop, fund and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems
- Supporting programs that enhance communities awareness of the benefits of safe water, sanitation and hygiene
- Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to water and sanitation.

During March, Rotary **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene** Month, we're celebrating our commitment to create healthier communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

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## **NEW MEMBER**

### **Wendy Hales - Bio**

It is with great pleasure to join Rotary's Downtown Satellite club. I have been with Rotary for some time now (formerly with Rotary Charleswood) and enjoyed giving back to the community in a variety of ways whether it be through donations or volunteering to raise funds for the Assiniboine Forest. Moving forward I would love the opportunity to continue giving back through the Satellite club as well as with Rotary International as I would like to travel the globe.

I love the outdoors, have two mischievous cats as well as two adult children that come to visit me from time to time.



## **RYLA COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR SOME NEW MEMBERS**

RYLA a youth program that our district is very proud to run. I have been involved with the program since 2012 and have been at the helm since 2018.

I have been presented with an opportunity for overseas travel in the summer of 2026 and am reaching out to the membership of the district to see if there are Rotarians who would like to shadow as we plan RYLA 2025 so that RYLA 2026 can be just as successful.

The time commitment is a few hours every month August-March, with increase in time March-August as that is when registration will kick-off (in line with DLS).

The following skills are considered assets, but I am happy to work with anyone who is passionate and ready to learn!

- Understanding of google suite: gmail, forms, sheets
- Basic working knowledge of Microsoft Excel
- Familiarity with Meta Business Suite (Instagram, facebook) and Canva
- Experience with financial records and related software would be a huge asset

It is possible to form a small committee of people with the above skills to share the load.

If you are interested please let me know before March 10th, 2025 so that we can begin planning for RYLA 2025. I am happy to answer any questions you may have, and thank you in advance for your support!

Jorrel Camuyong  
RYLA Chair, D5550  
Rotary Club of Winnipeg Satellite Club  
[rylachair5550@gmail.com](mailto:rylachair5550@gmail.com)

# UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

**March 5th** In person meeting at the **Winnipeg Winter Club** at 6 pm Celebrating International Women's Day with guest Speaker **Juanita DeSouza Huletey** a visionary and dedicated professional as a leader and mentor. Hear her inspiring story.

## **March 12th Zoom Meeting**

**March 19th** World Water Day presentation at the **Winnipeg Winter Club**, with Strini Reddy, Reporting on our Water Projects in Africa

## **March 26th Family Pot Luck Supper**

**April 2nd** In-person meeting at the Winnipeg Winter Club, with Speakers **Noelle de Pape, Abdi Ahmed & Gololcha Boru** with Kenyan Trip Report.

**April 16th** In-person meeting at the Winnipeg Winter Club, with Speaker Rotarian **Darren Swanson** speaking on Earth Day & Sustainable Development

## **May 9 - 10, 2025 - Virtual District 5550 Conference**

**June 22 - 25, 2025 - Rotary International Convention** being held in Calgary, Alberta

# THERE'S STILL TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN CALGARY!

Come to Calgary for the **2025 Rotary International Convention**, where you can saddle up and have an incredible experience!

- Are you interested in attending the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, AB, Canada, from June 21 to 25, 2025?
- Do you have questions about the convention and all the sites to be seen in Calgary and the Canadian Rockies?
- Are you interested in learning why you should attend a Rotary International convention?
- Are you interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at the Calgary convention?
- Interested in learning more about the world-class signature events you won't see anywhere else?
- Do you want to save some money? (The price increases by \$70US on March 31, 2025. Now is the time to [register!](#))

Then this invitation is for you!

Join us for an information webinar on March 11, 2025, at 5 PM Mountain Standard Time.

We look forward to sharing this time with you! Register for this special webinar [here!](#)



**No need for a long face!**

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# HEALTH, WELLNESS AND CELEBRATION:

## **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) – Key Facts**

Access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) is vital for preventing diseases and ensuring public health. According to the World Health Organization (WHO):

- ✔ **Safe Drinking Water:** Essential for life and health, reducing risks of waterborne diseases like cholera, dysentery, and diarrhea.
  - ✔ **Proper Sanitation:** Access to clean toilets and waste management prevents the spread of infections and contamination of water sources.
  - ✔ **Hygiene Practices:** Regular handwashing with soap lowers the risk of respiratory and diarrheal diseases, especially in healthcare settings.
  - ✔ **Health Impact:** Poor WASH conditions contribute to malnutrition, increased child mortality, and the spread of deadly infections.
  - ✔ **Global Challenge:** Billions of people worldwide still lack access to clean water and sanitation, highlighting the need for urgent action and investment.
- 💧 Clean water, proper sanitation, and good hygiene save lives! Let's promote WASH practices in our homes, schools, and communities.

For more details, visit: [WHO WASH](#)



# ROTARY POTLUCK MEETING - SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 26, 2025

You are invited to It's a Small World, our Potluck dinner on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. Please mark your calendar to save that evening. Plan to bring your family.

This is a potluck. Food brings us together. Sharing food is great for peace keeping and making. The challenge this year is to bring a dish you really loved as a child (hopefully, we are not ending up with desserts only - haha). What comes to your mind? Others will want that, too!

This is a fundraiser. We will collect donations and raffle off prizes to benefit Habitat for Humanity, an organization our club has supported for a long time. Do you have any (food-related) items or services you can contribute to our prize bags? Is there a meal you make all the time and you'd be open to showing someone else how to make it? Let's make a coupon for a cooking class and raffle it off for a good cause!

This is going to be fun. Please share any suggestions. Also, please confirm if you have something for our prize bags. Keep it simple or be creative or both. You can reach me on my cell at **(403) 795 1211**. More logistical details will come later.

Stay warm!

**Jeannette Brigit and Peter Imhof**  
Potluck organizing committee

## 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
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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!!!



# **ROTARY IMPACT**

Thanks to donors like you, Rotary members around the world are:

- Uniting a divided nation around a water project in [Lebanon](#)
- Recognizing a woman's worth and needs [in Nigeria](#)
- Giving the gift of reading to students [in Guatemala](#)
- Raising awareness about the environment [in the United States](#)
- Fighting for a community cure for malaria [in Zambia](#)
- Supporting female vaccinators who are doing more than helping end polio [in Pakistan](#)

To review your giving history, sign in to [My Rotary](#), click on My Account in the upper right corner, and choose My Donations.

We're grateful for donors like you, who are dedicated to Doing Good in the World.

Sincerely,  
The Rotary Foundation

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# DO YOU HAVE CLUBRUNNER ON YOUR CELL PHONE??

**Do you have Clubrunner on your cell phone??**

**Clubrunner is an app for our Rotary Club. You can look up members phone numbers, emails and**

**addresses. You can access the club website and and out when the next meeting will occur.**

**All in the**

**palm of your hand!**

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**3. Enter Club Runner in the search bar**

**4. Click on the CR icon**



**5. Click on install**

**6. Once installed Click on Open**

**7. Enter the same log in that you use for the Rotary International site . This log in was in your welcome package**

**That's all there is to it. Each time you click on the icon Club Runner on your phone it will open for you.**

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# VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE FORM FOR 2025-26 - TELL US ABOUT YOUR SKILLS & INTERESTS.

Dear Rotarians,

President-Elect Ope is trying to build up our Volunteer Committees for the 2025-26 year. To date he has not heard from you. We need your skills & talents to build successful and effective Rotary Committees.

Please complete the attached form and e-mail it back to **Rotarian Ope** at: [opeallen@gmail.com](mailto:opeallen@gmail.com) or call him at: **204-952-3913** if you have questions or need clarification about any of the volunteer opportunities.

Complete the form here <https://forms.gle/jxfloLrze4hrWtFRA>

We look forward to hearing about your talents & interests and the various ways that you would like to contribute to our Rotary Club. Rotary is also an opportunity to learn new skills.



## IN-PERSON DINNER MEETING - MARCH 19, 2025

### Dinner Meeting Invitation

Winnipeg Winter Club 200 River Avenue

[View schedule](#) 

[Reply](#)

You are invited to an in-person dinner meeting of the Winnipeg Winter Club on March 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., with a prepayment of \$30.00 by March 13, and a reminder to account for parking fees.

#### Note

- Prepay for dinner by etransfer ([accounting@winnipegrotaryboard.ca](mailto:accounting@winnipegrotaryboard.ca))
- Attend the dinner meeting



# APRIL 2, 2005 MEETING AT THE WINNIPEG WINTER CLUB

Hear from 3 of our Rotary World Peace Fellows Noelle DePape, Abdi Ahmed & Golocha Boru report on their trip to Nairobi Mediators Beyond Borders International 10th annual Global Congress Nov. 2023

**Abdikheir Ahmed, Noelle DePape and Gololcha Boru**, three Winnipeg-based Rotary World Peace Fellow alumni, were able to participate in an engaging, meaningful and inspiring trip to Kenya to participate in the Mediators Beyond Borders International 10th Peacebuilding Congress and take part in other peace focussed learning opportunities.

In addition to taking part in the Congress, Abdi, Noelle and Gololcha had the opportunity to:

- Meet with politicians and government officials at the Kenyan parliament to learn about Kenya's contribution to hosting refugees, equity and current issues related to global peacebuilding.
- Connect with non-profit workers from Medicin Sans Frontiers (MSF), the International Organization of Migration (IOM) and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to learn more about how their programs support refugees and relief efforts in the region.
- Visit the Peace Museum to gain an understanding about how terrorism and acts of violence have impacted human security in Kenya and beyond and learn about local peace education initiatives.
- Take part in cultural and community activities in Nairobi and its outskirts to learn about the history and shaping of Kenya and connect with local people to learn and share.



# CELEBRATE THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Manitoba Rotarians

## **Celebrate the 120th Anniversary of Rotary International**

on April 15th with the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, Her Honour **Anita Neville** at Government House. All Manitoba Rotarians are eligible to register. Registration is limited. Please send your details as indicated below to Warren Thompson as soon as possible. **Registration deadline is March 10, 2025.**

The event will be from 5 pm to 8 pm and attendance will be by invitation only. If you would like to attend, please send the information requested below to **Warren Thompson** at [warrenthompson@shaw.ca](mailto:warrenthompson@shaw.ca)

The following Information is required by Government House to process the invitations.

Title .....

First Name .....

Last Name .....

Business Title .....

Business .....

Address (Home) .....

City .....

Province .....

Postal Code .....

Email address .....

Phone number .....

This is a great opportunity to celebrate all the good work Rotary does in Manitoba and around the world. Sign up early so you do not miss out on this opportunity.

# HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (HIP) COMMITTEE

## OUR CLUB'S EXCITING BED-BUILDING INITIATIVE

Last year, we worked in partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to test the possibility of building beds for children in one of our remote northern Indigenous partner communities. We chose to begin with Tataskweyak (Split Lake) a community which is accessible by all-weather road. Forty of our club members worked for 4 hours on a Saturday, under the guidance of Sleep in Heavenly Peace volunteers, built all the components for 40 bunk beds and had them loaded onto a semi-truck destined for Split Lake where the beds have since been assembled, complete with new mattresses, pillows, sheets and hand-made quilts and installed into 40 homes with small children.

We would like to acknowledge the funding support of our friends, True North Aid, for this project and for all the other generous support they provide so willingly and unconditionally to our partner communities.

Our next challenge was to see if we could do the same for a “fly-in” community which depends on the winter ice road to bring heavy shipments into the community. We settled on one of our newest partner communities, Bunibonibee, formerly known as Oxford House. On Saturday, February 1st, 40 volunteers from various service groups, including our club, once again worked for 4 hours and built 50 bunk beds which have since been safely delivered to the community along with all the accessories.

In order for this to work we had to have members from the receiving community actively involved. We worked with our friend Audrey North, principal of the high school, to identify a teacher and a student who would fly down to the city to participate in the build and receive instructions on how to assemble the beds in the community.

Principal Audrey North sent us the following email :

I went to pick up our student from the airport upon his return to the community and his exact words were : “It was amazing to see so many strangers, like maybe 30 or 40 of them, come together to work and not even one complaint by anyone. It was as if the day went by fast, like an hour, when everyone worked together. Everyone was so nice.”

Thank you for giving him such a heart warming experience. I am sure it will impact him and the families/recipients of the beds for many years to come. Much appreciated!

The shipment has made it over the ice road and the beds will soon be assembled and installed in the homes of some very happy children.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our friend Mr Dave Angus and the Johnston Group for providing the funds for this costly venture. We would also like to thank the members of his company who joined us as volunteers on the day of the build.

**- Strini Reddy**  
on behalf of Honouring Indigenous Peoples Committee



# HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (HIP)

## ONE PALLET ONE COMMUNITY- Pauingassi First Nation

The Rotary Clubs of Winnipeg and Gimli, in collaboration with True North Aid and Ankita Soni, owner of the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy -Kenaston, continue to support Northern Indigenous communities. Earlier last year in 2024, we shipped the pallet full of hygiene products to Cormorant community in Manitoba. We are thrilled to announce that recently, another shipment of hygiene products was organized for the Pauingassi First Nation, reinforcing our commitment to health and well-being of community!

This initiative of **ONE PALLET ONE COMMUNITY** is grounded in the belief that health is wealth, a fundamental truth that resonates deeply with all of us. By donating a wide range of medical and hygiene products, we are not only helping to improve the health and well-being of individuals but also strengthening the community as a whole. Access to these basic necessities ensures that individuals can live with dignity and can focus on thriving rather than merely surviving.

We are grateful to the collaborative efforts of:

- Jordan's Principle office**- for identifying the needs of Pauingassi First Nation
- Rotarian Mr. Strini Reddy**- to direct the facilitation of this project
- The Rotary Clubs of Winnipeg and Gimli**, which contributed funds to purchase **21 boxes** of hygiene products
- True North Aid**, which covered **shipping costs** to ensure timely delivery
- Rotarian Peter Imhof**, who coordinated **logistics and facilitated seamless execution**
- Ms. Ankita Soni, Rotarian** and owner of **The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy at Kenaston Village Mall**, who sourced, supplied and re-packaged the hygiene products

Together, we have made a significant impact on the health and well-being of the Pauingassi First Nation community!

Driven by the core Rotary value of "**Service Above Self**," we believe that access to basic health and hygiene essentials empowers individuals, strengthens communities, and fosters dignity and well-being. We are proud to support this initiative and contribute to the health and welfare of the community.

**We look forward to continuing our support for Northern Indigenous communities across Manitoba through similar initiatives!**

**#onepalletonecommunity #truenorthaid #serviceaboveself #rotaryclubofwinnipeg #1PICPAUINGASSI #medicineshoppekenaston #jordansprinciple**

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# HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (HIP)



When the Jordan's Principle office of the remote First Nation of Pauingassi called, many people got together to pack 21 boxes of assorted hygiene products:



Special thanks to Rotarians Strini Reddy who took the initial call and Ankita Soni, pharmacist of the Medicine Shoppe in Kenaston village, for ordering the many supplies.



We are committed to honour First Nations.



## March 2025 In the Zone Rotary Zones 28-32

# WINNIPEG ROTARY CLUB'S 2025 MUNA (FIRST REPORT)

Winnipeg Rotary's 67th Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) was held last May with 120 students from across District 5550 in attendance. This year, the Canadian Mennonite University, will host the 68th MUNA from May 1-4, 2025.

High school students from across Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Northwestern Ontario will spend time discussing this year's theme "adaptation and shared responsibility" in response to two resolutions asking how the world should respond to growing conflict and food shortages.



*MUNA 2024 Delegates*

Once again, the MUNA Organizing Committee will be offering First Nations and remote communities free registration – saving sending communities as much as \$750. Last year saw our first Indigenous team, in many years, join MUNA from Frontier School Division. We also had delegations from rural and northern communities like Flin Flon, Creighton SK, Kenora ON, Neepawa and Dauphin.



*Opening Plenary Session of MUNA 2024*

The Winnipeg Rotary's MUNA has been successful because of the financial support for event from across the District. There is still time for Rotary Clubs who wish to connect with a local high school to sponsor a team for MUNA 2025. It will help to change lives.

# WINNIPEG ROTARY CLUB'S 2025 MUNA (FIRST REPORT)

The work of creating solutions to the problems posed in the resolutions is all done by the delegates themselves. The Assembly, Committees and Break-out Group meetings are all led by student chairs and facilitators. Over the next few weeks, new leaders will be chosen from delegations from across the province to fill leadership roles. From the MUNA President and Secretary General to small group facilitators, the leadership will come from among these young delegates and organizers.



*Led By and For Young People Across District 5550*

This year's MUNA Organizing Committee includes; 2025 MUNA Chair, Akbar Imran, Resolutions and Training Committee Co-Chairs Sifa Kagondou and Sophie Jaxa Debicka, Outreach and Leadership Co-Chairs Matthew Richards and Celina Casiano and more than a dozen other former MUNA delegates and Rotarians, and friends of MUNA.

The MUNA 2025 Organizing Committee would also like to thank Rotarians Jane Markesteyn (Winnipeg Rotary Club) and Christine Harapiak (Dauphin Rotary Club) for their active support on the Organizing Committee. Elly Hoogterp also continues to support MUNA as do MUNA friends Donna Alexander and Captain Marc Pelletier.

Submitted on behalf of the MUNA 2025 Organizing Committee

**Akbar Imran**, MUNA 2024 Chair

Jerry Storie, Winnipeg Rotary Club



**ROTARY POTLUCK MEETING - SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 26, 2025**

YOU ARE INVITED TO

**IT'S A  
SMALL WORLD  
POTLUCK DINNER**

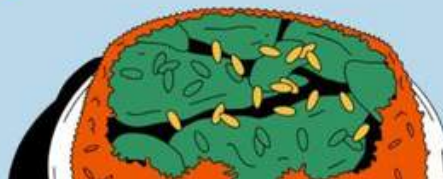
**CHALLENGE: BRING YOUR  
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD DISH**

**WEDNESDAY, AT 6:30 PM**  
UNTIL ALL THE FOODS ARE GONE

**26  
MARCH**

**SUPPORT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**  
THERE WILL BE PRIZES AND RAFFLES

**ENCLAVE RESIDENCES  
BLDG 2008 MEETING ROOM**  
2008 ST MARY'S RD, WINNIPEG





# 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.



## IN THE ZONE

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Zones 28 & 32

*...great ideas for your club and district!*

## Looming nuclear devastation unites global youth



Pollution Solutions: From Fast Fashion to Clean Energy

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### Monthly Newsletter From District 5550 -



#### Monthly Newsletter

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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

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The January 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](mailto:opeallen@googlemail.com)) to get the link.

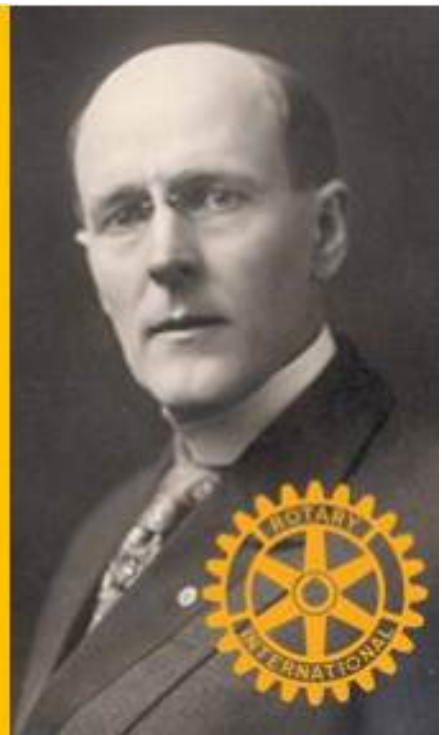
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## QUOTE

*Rotary changes us  
and those we serve.  
I believe we can change the  
world one life at a time.*

*Paul Harris*



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