



ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER MARCH 31, 2023



● ROTARY MEETINGS | 12:15PM - 1:15PM ●

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 3, 2023 - Beyond Net Zero: The Canadian Declaration on Human Trafficking Symposium being held at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Contact Jeannette Brigit for more information. jcbrigit@mymts.net

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beyond-net-zero-the-canada-human-trafficking-declaration-tickets-482725935267>

April 27, 2023 - Sip & Savour: A Primer in Wine Appreciation

This event will take place at the Education Centre located in the **Grant Park Shopping Centre Liquor Mart**, 1120 Grant Ave., on **Thursday April 27, 2023** from **7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Since wine is the topic of discussion, you will **taste while you learn!** Approximately 10 one-ounce samples will be served while a Liquor Mart **Product Ambassador** leads a **tutored tasting** that will tantalize your senses and provide you a good foundation for understanding this most compelling of beverages.



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The cost for registration is **\$50 per adult**, of which you will receive a portion back as a tax-deductible receipt. Attendance is **limited to 32 participants**, so **register soon!**

To register, **send an e-transfer** to saesp@mymts.net (this is a "South Africa Projects" email address for which I am the gatekeeper). Please provide your name and contact information in the comments section of your transfer. If you are not set up for e-transfer and wish to attend, send a note to the same email address and I will follow up with you.



Feel free to invite your **spouse/significant other/family members/friends** to join in the learning fun!

Finally, please note that **Manitoba Liquor Marts** encourages you to **enjoy these beverages responsibly**, and arranging transportation to and from the event is strongly suggested.

Looking forward to seeing you on April 27th ... CHEERS!!

May 5, 2023 – MUNA Opening Ceremonies at 9:00 AM at the Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) All Rotarians are Welcome to attend.
<https://winnipegmuna.ca/>

May 11 – 14, 2023 - District 5550 District Conference in Saskatoon
Click on link to Register www.rotarynutana.org

May 27 – 31, 2023 - Rotary International Convention, in Melbourne Australia
Click on link for more information. <https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne>

June 4, 2023 – Rotary will be in the Pride Parade: “Save-the-Date”
All Rotarians and friends are welcome. More information will be coming soon. This will be part of Rotary’s **“Diversity, Equality & Inclusion” initiatives**. For more information, contact Nancy Cosway at: ncosway@mymts.net
<https://pridewinnipeg.com/>



WEEKLY ROTARY MEETINGS:

April 5, 2023, is a Zoom Meeting with **Barbara Lustgarten-Evoy**, Canadian Coordinator for **Rotary Action Group on Slavery & Human Trafficking** reporting on the **Symposium on Anti-Trafficking** held on April 2-3, 2023.

April 13, 2023, is an **In-Person Meeting** with **Sara Graham** speaking about “**My Journey From RYLA to Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Norway**” As many of you will know, Sara is Eva Vida’s granddaughter. Sara will be our first Exchange Student in many years. This Evening Meeting is being held at the **Winnipeg Winter Club** and will start at 6:30 pm. Sandy Allen will be sending out an e-mail concerning meal options.

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Rotary Adventures in Citizenship – May 14 – 17, 2023.

One student has been selected and will be sponsored by our Club to attend the program in Ottawa, for 4 days.

<https://rotaryottawa.com/page/welcome-to-the-rotary-adventure-in-citizenship-program>

RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly:

Junior Week – Ages 12 – 14, July 31 to August 5, 2023

Senior Week – Ages 15 – 17, August 7 to August 12, 2023

May 30th – Deadline for applications.

For more information, click on link below

<https://rotary5550.org/50018/Page/ShowSitePage?ClassCode=SitePage&Slug=ryla>

MUNA – Model United Nations Assembly – May 5-6, 2023

Submitted by Jerry Storie

<https://winnipegmuna.ca/>



The Winnipeg Rotary club has a long history of promoting projects that have lasting benefits. In 1957 the Winnipeg Rotary Club sponsored its first Model United Nations Assembly as a way of reaching out to youth in Winnipeg and across Manitoba. The goal was to develop understanding of the world and give high school students a venue for considering the bigger questions Canada and the world face. What motivated Rotarians in 1957 still motivates them today.



And even though the past few years have been difficult for organizations and event sponsors due to the pandemic and MUNA 2020 had to be cancelled, MUNA was operated successfully on a virtual platform over the past two years. According to almost everyone, this was second-best, but it still gave high school students a chance to provide leadership, to speak to their peers about important issues, and to develop the confidence, self-confidence and presence needed to be civic and business leaders.

The Winnipeg Rotary MUNA organizing committee, which was originally composed of Rotary members began to engage student delegates as part of the organizational network required to host a program which often brings more than 100 students and their counsellors to MUNA. The idea of having student delegates help with the organizing and delivery of MUNA has grown over the past few years.

This year, the 65th Model UN, witnessed student delegates taking on the full scope of leadership roles at MUNA. The President and table officers of the MUNA are delegates or former delegates and other high school students chair committees. They lead discussions, build consensus and facilitate small group and informal group decision-making. These are incredible leadership opportunities, and Rotarians can be thankful that we have such a fine group of young Manitobans interested in issues that affect us all. They can also be proud of the Winnipeg Rotary Club for its on-going support for MUNA.

This year we are once again hosting the Winnipeg Rotary MUNA at the Canadian Mennonite University. About 50 teams, representing 50 different countries, will be gathering once again to talk about the world and its problems and, most importantly, trying to imagine a way forward. One of the first steps was to contact District 555 Rotary Clubs, and thanks to Winnipeg Rotary's exceptional staff, letters were sent out across the District asking local Rotary Clubs to get involved with the local high schools and lend their support.

This year's Rotary Club support has been exceptional and the MUNA organizing committee would like to thank Rotary members in Clubs from Ontario, Saskatchewan, North Dakota and many Manitoba Clubs for the moral and financial support of our young MUNA delegates.

I would encourage anyone interested in what MUNA is all about and how we engage our leaders and youth delegates, to check out the Winnipeg MUNA website <https://winnipegmuna.ca/> and follow the links for a tour of why MUNA has proved to be such a successful youth and leadership development project over the years.

MUNA 2023 Organizing Committee. (MUNA Youth Delegates are in Italics)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Committee Role(s)</u>
Donna Alexander <i>Viraaj Banthia</i>	Exec. Com., Resolutions & Procedures Resolutions & Procedures
Nathaniel Casiano	Outreach & Leadership
Linda Conner (MET)	Exec. Com., Outreach & Leadership
<i>Orajhia Esteban</i>	Outreach & Leadership
<i>Farya Farangi</i>	MUNA Organizing Committee Chair, Exec.
Elly Hoogterp	Exec. Com., Dignitaries/Awards
<i>Akbar Imran</i>	Resolutions and Procedures
<i>Anwyn Friesen-Kroeker</i>	Resolutions and Procedures
Jane Markesteyn	Exec. Com., Registration
<i>Wells Mayes</i>	Chair: Training, Resolutions & Procedures
<i>Talia Mintz</i>	Resolutions and Procedures
Captain Marc Pelletier	Exec. Com. & Technical Support
<i>Prabhnoor Singh</i>	Vice-Chair: Outreach and Leadership
<i>Divya Sharma</i>	Chair: Resolutions and Procedures
<i>Fatima Sherefa</i>	Chair: Outreach and Leadership
Jerry Storie	Exec.Com., Training, Outreach and Leadership
<i>Liana Thiessen</i>	Resolutions and Procedures
<i>Talia Mintz</i>	Outreach & Leadership, Resolutions & Procedures

RAHR – Rotary Adventures in Human Rights:

August 14 – 18, 2023. A week of transformational and experiential learning for high school students interested in human rights leadership. For students entering grade 11 or 12 in the fall of September, 2023.

Registration is NOW OPEN

<https://rahr5550.ca/>



HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:

Students demonstrate Reconciliation while learning on First Nation land:

March 22, 2023 (WINNIPEG)–A Reconciliation project will bring 50 high school students to Manitoba from across Canada to share Indigenous land-based knowledge.

The gathering is the first-of-its-kind initiative launched by **Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP)**, an independent non-profit committed to relationship-building and supported by Rotary Districts and Indigenous communities from coast to coast to coast.

John Currie, HIP Executive Director, said the March 25-31 gathering of 15-18-year-olds --half of whom are Indigenous-- raises awareness and promotes understanding between youth on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action and treaty relations while inspiring them to take action towards environmental sustainability.

“Through education, interaction, and practice, the program provides a deeper understanding of reconciliation for youth and nurtures strong leaders to drive change in their communities and beyond.”

Arriving in Winnipeg on March 25th, the youth contingent and their chaperones will get acquainted during a tour of the city conducted by local Rotarians before traveling to Turtle Lodge International Centre for Indigenous Education and Wellness for four days of Indigenous cultural and land-based teachings.



“These are members of our next generation of leaders,” said Mahpiya Ska Tiospaye, Grandmother Katherine Whitecloud, a member of the Knowledge Keepers Council for Turtle Lodge, which is located 120 kilometers north of Winnipeg on Sagkeeng First Nation territory. “They will share the teachings of responsibility to land, water, our relatives of the land, and to each other. This knowledge is vital to the survival of our Mother the Earth.”

Back in Winnipeg, the group will visit the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, one of the project’s partners, along with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and the Department of Canadian Heritage.



“Working together provides the opportunity to learn more about each other, whether paddling together in canoes or participating in a sharing circle,” said Chris Snyder, HIP chairperson. “These engagements broaden youth’s horizons and provide a foundation for lifelong friendships.”



Media are invited to the closing ceremonies which begin at 4 pm on March 31st at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, featuring a presentation by Ray “Coco” Stevenson –a motivational speaker who blends pow wow and contemporary music. Youth participants will be available to talk about their Y2Y experiences.

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Share the Magic:

One of our Partner organizations that helps us collect, sort and send books to northern Indigenous communities in Manitoba. We recently received the following report from **Chris Melnick, Founder & Executive Director of Share the Magic.**

“**Working in partnership with the Rotary Club of Winnipeg**, in the years 2019, 2020, 2022 and 2023, Share the Magic has been able to send 30,385 books in total to northern and remote First Nations communities. This year we sent books to Split Lake, Bloodvein and Little Grand Rapids First Nations respectively. Books range from books for babies to adults, fiction and non-fiction. It is Share the Magic's sincere hope that these books help to raise literacy levels in each community and that the spirit of reconciliation will be felt by those receiving them.”

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

The Satellite Club volunteered at Oak Table on Thursday March 30th.

Submitted by Eva Vida. Oak Table is a community outreach organization. <https://oaktable.ca/>



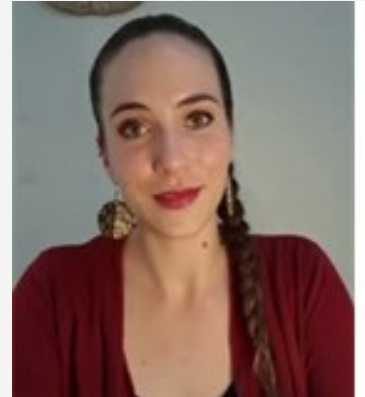
The Satellite Rotarians supported the Oak Table staff by serving the roughly 100 lunch attendees at the shelter and assisted with preparations for an overnight stay for those who needed a bed for the night.

This is a project that is needed by both young and old in our community. We had the opportunity to meet a young mom with a 4 month old baby, young men and some elderly folks as well using the resources provided by the shelter. They were all grateful for the warmth and nourishment provided.

This is a project the Satellite club will continue to support both through volunteerism and funding. Look for information coming in the fall on the next musical evening scheduled for January 2024, to be held in support of Oak Table.

RECENT SPEAKERS:

On March 26, 2023, **Morgan Weinberg**, Founder and Executive Director of “**Little Footsteps, Big Steps: Creating Sustainable Change for Children and Their Families in Haiti**” was our speaker. Morgan has been awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship Award for Humanitarian Impact. Morgan spoke to us via Zoom, from Les Cayes, Haiti <https://littlefootprintsbigsteps.com/>



“We work to protect vulnerable children in Haiti by reuniting families and empowering them with resources and opportunities to build a self-sufficient future.”

Some shocking facts:

- 80% of children in orphanages in Haiti have at least one living parent
- Of the 750 orphanages in Haiti, only 35 of them met minimal standards of care
- Most orphanages are “for-profit” organizations
- Child slavery and human trafficking are common

Her presentation was delivered by Zoom from Haiti. Her presentation was very shocking and informative about the operation of orphanages in Haiti. Unfortunately, Morgan lost her internet connection with us half way through her presentation.

However, she did send the following links to her presentation & film.

“Not About Me” https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=8s&v=U8Bu2xZd_X8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=095OUh0vduk>

On March 15th, **Janice Hamilton**, Executive Director of MCIC, speaking on “**Manitoba Council for International Cooperation**” <https://www.mcic.ca/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0YeQgPaVMA>

Our Rotary Club of Winnipeg, is a member of the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation and is eligible for a Matching Grant of at least \$6,500 per year. Our latest grant application for a project in South Africa was recently approved.

At the end of Janice’s presentation, she showed the following Spoken Word presentation by a young woman.



Each year, **high school students (grades 9-12) who have a passion for writing and performance** apply to participate in our annual Voices for Change project.

Under the tutelage of talented Manitoba-based spoken word poet Steve Locke, students participate in workshops to develop an original spoken word poem about a global issue. To wrap up the project, students create a performance piece that will be professionally filmed and debuted during International Development Week.

This year's Voices for Change poet **Aylin** created a moving piece titled **Someday** reflecting on human rights, justice and identity. She performed Someday live at the Manitoba Legislative Building to help kick off International Development Week 2023.

You can watch Someday, our 2023 Voices for Change project, below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnGk5CAAz24&t=32s>

LINKS:

Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) Newsletter

Environmental Sustainability is Rotary's 7th Area of Focus

<https://imembersdb.com/Ezbulletin2/preview2.cfm?ezBulletinID=127>

District Governor's Newsletter for April, 2023: There are several excellent and informative articles in this issue of the DC's Newsletter.

<https://rotary5550.org/documents/en-ca/fd546bbd-9cf3-4f9f-ae49-e57b62fb6c73/1>

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