

Rotary Club of Winnipeg

Newsletter May 16, 2022



RECENT ZOOM MEETINGS:

D-5550 District Conference – May 5th and 12th at 7:00 pm.

The May 5th presentations can be viewed by clicking on the link below. The focus of the presentations was on “Youth and Reducing Child Poverty”. The Speakers were **EXCELLENT**. They included:

Cassidy Nicholls, Manitoba Kidsport representative
“How Kidsport combats Child Poverty”

Niigaan Sinclair, Native Studeies U of M

“Beyond Philanthropy: How to Engage Child Poverty”

Shauna MacKinnon, Chair, Urban Studies, U of W



“Born into Poverty: What does it take to break the cycle?”

Dorota Blumumczyriska, CEO Manitoba Museum

“Starting over from below the poverty line: the experiences of migrant children”

<https://rotary5550.org/page/district-5550-video-resources>

Plus **Showcasing** of 5 Rotary Club Projects.

May 12th Presentations on **Youth and the Environment** included the following Speakers:

Chloe Chapple, Rotary Peace Fellow

“Building Climate Resilience and Peace go Hand in Hand in Afghanistan”

Jorrell Camuyong, District Chair of RYLA

“Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA)”

Alex Crawford, PhD, Centre for Earth Observation Science, U of M

“Research on Climate Change in Canada”

Matthew Loxley & Izabella Robak, Prairie Climate Centre, U of W

“The Climate Atlas of Canada: a tool for visualizing climate change”

John Dove, MD, CM, Dryden, ON

“Electric Vehicles: Coming of Age in a Changing Climate”

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UP-COMING MEETINGS & FUNDRAISERS:

Online Charity Auction (Rotary Club of Kenora) May 12 to 18, 2022

Bid at www.kenorarotary.ca

Zoom Meeting (Rotary Club of Winnipeg) on May 18, 2022

In-Person Meeting (Rotary Club of Winnipeg) on May 25, 2022. Contact Sandy Allen by May 18th for further information sandyrotary@outlook.com

ChickenFest, 71st Annual (Rotary Club of Winnipeg West) from May 26 to June 3rd.

<https://chickenfest.ca/>
<https://www.facebook.com/2022-Chicken-Fest-Rotary-Club-of-Winnipeg-West-194693003875803/>



Lobsterfest (Rotary Club of Winnipeg – Charleswood)

Pick-up is on Friday, June 17th between 3:00 – 7:00 pm. For more information, click on link below.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/1000>



HumanKind International (HKI) Fundraising

Dinner, Thursday, June 9 at 6:00 pm.

Funds raised will support the operation and expansion of the **Early Childhood Education Centre** in the Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya.

We usually have a Rotary table at this event.

To purchase tickets, click on the link below

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/humankind-fundraising-dinner-tickets-333253408917>



HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Jack Harrell update:

Jack is currently at a Rehab Centre in Chicago, which specializes in recovery from spinal injuries. Jack is making steady progress in his long term recovery. Drew, Jack's son, has taken delivery of a new RAM Promaster Mobility Van for Jack & Kay so they can be more mobile once Jack is back home. The periodic reports are promising with frequent mention of Jack eventually transitioning to being back home. The Rehab Centre is in communication with all of the Kinston based supports services that will need to be in place to support Jack's long term recovery.

Arthur (Art) Jonasson: Art, a former long term Rotarian of our Club, passed away on April 23, 2022. He had 30 years of perfect attendance. A Celebration of his Life will be held at a later date.

His family have indicated that "In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Winnipeg Rotary Club Community Service Fund."

We extend our Condolences to Art's family.

<https://memorials.neilbardalfuneralhome.com/h-arthur-art-jonasson/4915013/>



Glen Torgerson's granddaughter (Joelle Pouliot) has been working on a pilot documentary on caregivers & mental illness.

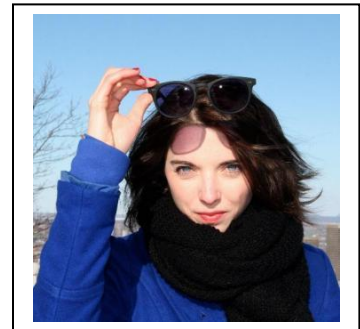
"Our Granddaughter, Joelle Pouliot, has been strongly involved in writing and producing a pilot episode of a documentary on the caregivers who have to deal with mental illness in their family.

Here is the link to the first episode of "Better"; the lead in to a possible Documentary Series on caregiving for those with mental illness like Bipolar Disorder

https://youtu.be/jZLoU1CI_5M

I hope you find it interesting.

*If so please pass the link on to others who would watch it. **The number of times the Promo "Better" is opened will determine whether it will be further developed into a series. So please help! Open it!"***



FUNDRAISING PROJECTS:

Coin Boxes at the Liquor Marts raised \$2,665.00 in April for Rotary Youth Projects.

Wow! Winnipeggers are generous.

Our club was able to have our coin collection boxes in all the Liquor Marts in Winnipeg during the month of April – 89 boxes in total as there was a box at each cashier, in the 36 Liquor Marts.



Thanks to Roy Vallance, Jane Markesteyn, Gary Dawyduk, Marsha Brick-Cohen, Shana Goulbourne and Nancy Cosway for distributing and collecting the boxes.

If anyone has extra coins for donating, please let Nancy Cosway know. She is very

skilled at packaging up the coins.



Do people still carry cash ? - Yes they do. Our collection amounted to **\$2,665.00** for our Rotary Youth Programs. As the picture shows, mostly coins. In 2020, we collected **\$1,847.50** from the Coin Boxes.

LOCAL PROJECTS:

End Polio Now - InSight Project – May 8th.



The Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC), of which the Rotary Club of Winnipeg is a member, invited us to participate in a public event they held on Sunday, May 8th from 1-4 p.m. at the Forks.

The *InSight* Project provides the audience with an immersive, one-of-a-kind 360 degree video experience, using a series of 4-5-minute films which brings the stories of global development to life. One of the films focuses on **Rotary's End Polio Campaign**.

Two Drops of Patience revolves around the work of Patience Asimwe and her accompanying Polio Vaccination Team in a remote village in Northeastern Uganda.

Together, the team of doctors, nurses, and trainees work towards the Global Polio Eradication initiative founded by Rotary International over 35 years ago. The viewer gets an inside look at the daily life of one of many dedicated Rotarians across the globe committed to eradicating the threat of polio forever.

Maria Reyes, David Newman, Jeannette Brigit and Nancy Cosway were on hand to answer questions and inform people of the role Rotary has in the elimination of poverty.

Here is the link for the video

(you can skip the advert by clicking on **Skip Ads**)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cfersK-zpM&t=10s>

HONOURING INDIGEOUS PEOPLES (HIP) PROJECTS:

What is HIP?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ubr6hGp8thQ>

St. Theresa Point educators thank longtime ally with tikanagan, ribbon shirt |

Retired educator Strini Reddy has helped fly-in community with book drives and literacy programs. A group of educators from St. Theresa Point First Nation showed their appreciation for a longtime ally with a custom-made tikanagan and ribbon shirt on Tuesday.



Stephanie Wood, the advocacy team lead for the First Nation's school, and other educators from St. Theresa Point, met Strini Reddy for lunch in Winnipeg to honour the retired educator turned volunteer and Order of Canada recipient.

https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/st-theresa-point-educators-thanks-strini-reddy-1.6419035?_vfz=medium%3Dsharebar

Books for Shamattawa

In early April, we received a request for books from our most recent partner community, Shamattawa.

After committing to send a shipment of books (prepared by our partner Share the Magic and getting ready to be shipped) we received a further request to add magazines for adults so that we can encourage them to read as well. We are in the process of collecting those and will ship separately.



Rotaractors are going with Christine to the warehouse to label the 50 boxes and get them ready for shipping by air with the help of NW Company.

In the photo above, Rotaractors Jaydon Gan and Mohamed Elsamahy with boxes of books they have just finished labelling for shipping to Shamattawa

<https://www.northwest.ca/community/community-engagement/645/sharing-the-magic-of-literacy>

Thank You to The North West Company for helping to get the Books to Shamattawa;

A letter from Strini Reddy

To: Joanne Newman, Receiving Administration, Winnipeg Logistics Service Center, The North West Company

Hi Joanne.

Hope all went smoothly with the drop of the shipment of books for Shamattawa this morning.

Just want you all to know how very much we appreciate the invaluable assistance of NorthWest Company in helping us get these large consignments of books to our partner communities in northern MB. A couple of months ago you helped us move over 9000 books to 3 different communities over the winter road. And, now, you are helping us to send our first batch to Shamattawa by air. They are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the books. There will be a community book give-away at which parents and children will be able to choose 5 books each to take home. This is our effort to get books into the homes and encourage literacy.

In the case of Shamattawa they have now requested magazines in various areas of interest so that they could catch the attention of the adults in the community. We are in the process of collecting these and will ship them off in a couple of weeks. We have approached the publishers of SAY magazine and Weetamah newspaper to donate some back issues so that we can include indigenous content. They have kindly agreed to help us.

Just want you to know how you are helping us make a difference by promoting literacy in our remote partner communities.

Thank you again for being so accommodating.

With sincere gratitude,

Strini

Honoring Indigenous Peoples Committee
Rotary Club of Winnipeg

Books for Manto Sipi – God's River

The photo shows the Books being collected from the NW Co store and being driven to the school in Manto Sipi (God'd River).

These are some of the books that were moved over the Winter Road in February.

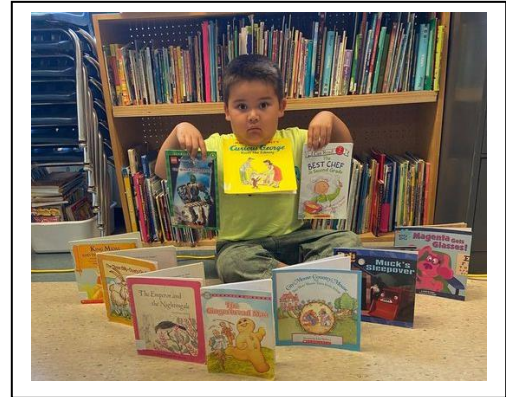


RECOGNIZING OUR PARTNERS:

Share The Magic:

Thousands of books are being sent to remote & Northern Manitoba indigenous communities

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-101-radio-noon-manitoba/clip/15899906-thousands-books-sent-remote-northern-manitoba-communities>



The North West Company:

North West has been a very helpful partner in getting the books to our Partner indigenous communities. When the winter roads were in operation, they shipped books in by transport and more recently they have been shipping the books by air. Click on the link below for more information on the three partners: Share the Magic, North West Company and the Rotary Club of Winnipeg (Honouring Indigenous People)



<https://www.northwest.ca/community/community-engagement/645/sharing-the-magic-of-literacy>

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS:

What is happening with the Girls at the Canadian funded school in Jalalabad, Afghanistan?

The 25 room school was our Canadian Rotary Centennial Project in 2010 – 2013. Canadian Rotarians raised over \$300,000 which was matched by the Canadian Government.

I received the following message from Rotarian Steve Brown, from the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club, in California, USA. Steve is in regular contact with several schools in Jalalabad. His brief Report follow:



Frank,

“Girls grades 1-6 were attending the Canadian School known as Nasrat II. It wasn’t until sometime in February that girls in grade 7-12 were able to attend. Then on March 23 it was announced that all girls in public high schools in Grades 7-12 in Afghanistan could not go to public school until some appropriate protocols were worked out - whatever that means. They claimed dress codes needed to be figured out and then put in place.

Yet the local authorities advised we can continue with our computer classes for the high school girls we have been running in the public high schools including Nasrat II. I think because we have always had gender segregated classes and taught by trainers of the same gender as the students the program does not raise issues. Plus we are told the local authorities like the computer training that is being provided.”

Steve

Rohingya Girls Education Project in Bangladesh YouTube presentation by **Kawser Ahmed** on May 4, 2022

Our Club has received a Global Grant for this projects. The full 15 minute presentation can be viewed on YouTube by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3xiw54Wwe8>



YOUTH PROGRAMS:

RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly:

In-Person RYLA is back

Junior RYLA, August 1 – 6, 2022, Youth ages 12 - 14

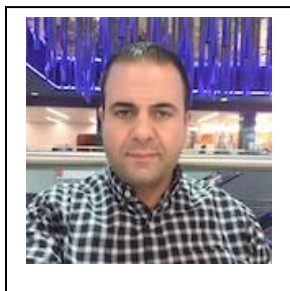
Senior RYLA, August 8 – 13, 2022, Youth ages 15 - 17

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sWoyGZiUVc> (4 minute video)

For more information, click on the link below

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

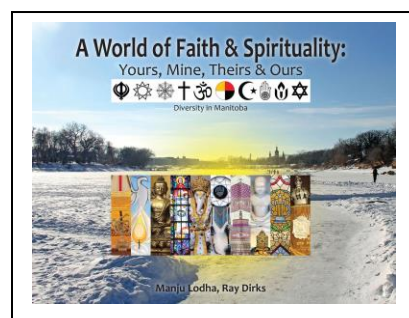
DIVERCITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION:



Izzy Hawamda posted the following message on his Facebook page and on LinkedIn.

"I want to thank Ray Dirks & Manju Lodha for inviting me to be part of the "Leap in Faith project" by contributing a piece on Islam and the resulting book **A World of Faith & Spirituality: Yours, Mine, Theirs & Ours**. The book features people and places, events and themes covering nearly a decade, up to early 2022. It is an honour to have my story included in this incredible and inspiring collection."

For those interested in obtaining a copy of this book, it can be purchased from the MHC Gallery at the Canadian Mennonite University. Tel 204-487-3300 Ext 344



LINKS:

CBC Radio interview on April 7, 2022, with **Rotary Alumni Dr Peter Markesteyn** talking about his experience investigating War Crimes in Kosovo in 1999 and commenting on the situation in Ukraine today.

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-29-information-radio-mb/clip/15905301-today-proving-war-crimes.-a-manitoban-sent>

The Original Mothers' Day:

If you google the history of Mother's Day, the internet will tell you that Mother's Day began in 1908 when Anna Jarvis decided to honor her mother. But "Mothers' Day"—with the apostrophe not in the singular spot, but in the plural—actually started in the 1870s, when the sheer enormity of the death caused by the Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War convinced American women that women must take control of politics from the men who had permitted such carnage. ***Mothers' Day was not designed to encourage people to be nice to their mothers. It was part of women's effort to gain power to change modern society.***

<https://heathercoxrichardson.substack.com/p/may-7-2022?s=r>

A Beginner's Guide to Decolonization by Kevin Lamoureux

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=GFUwnMHN_T8

ESRAG – Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group – April 2022

<https://imembersdb.com/Ezbulletin2/preview2.cfm?ezBulletinID=86>

First Nations students share messages of hope, fear in video highlighting racism in Thunder Bay, Ont.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/dear-thunder-bay-campaign-1.6408639>

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