



ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER

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Theme 2023-2024



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".

MAY IS
YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future." - PRIP James L. Lacy 1998-99

Rotary  **YOUTH SERVICES**

www.rotary.org

May is Youth Service (formerly called New Generations) Month when Rotary Clubs, around the world focus on youth services, Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange.

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

ROTARY MEETINGS | WEEKLY

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

May 1st, by Zoom at 12:15 - Hear about the wonderful music program in school SISTEMA

May 8th In Person at the Winnipeg Winter Club with Rotarian Jack Wilson about the Assiniboine Forest project (advance Registration Required)

May 10 – 11, 2024, District Conference – Hope & Mental Wellness, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Registration is now open. <http://tinyurl.com/5550-Conference>

May 15th by Zoom Rotarians Cosway, Allen and Tisdale on learnings from the District Leadership Seminar held in Russell in April

May 22nd in person at Smitty's on Kenaston Ave - Rotarians talk about success in building beds, volunteering at Manitoba Harvest, attending the District Conference in Moose Jaw and planning for summer events

May 25 – 29, 2024, Rotary International Convention, in Singapore For more information, click on the link below. <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/registration>

June 2nd, We will have an entry in the **PRIDE Parade** and ask Rotarians and friends to join our walk in the Parade promoting Diversity Equity and Inclusion

August 12 – 16, 2024, Rotary Adventures in Human Rights. A week of transformational and experiential learning for high school students interested in human rights leadership. Registration Now Open. If you are a high school student entering grade 11 or 12 in the fall of September 2024, you are eligible to apply. For Registration & Updates click on: <http://rahr5550.ca>

RECENT EVENTS:

Check out the Rotary Club of Winnipeg Facebook Page and What's App Page for Photos.

- **April 12 – 14, 2024, District Leadership Seminar**, in Russell, MB.
- **April 24, 2024, Want Pizza?** -We raised funds for Habitat for Humanity Build
- **April 24 – 30, 2024, WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK** is here!

HEALTH, WELLNESS & CELEBRATIONS:



WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK! April 24th - 30th

In just 5 decades, we went from a world where the death of a child was something which parents feared, to a world where EVERY CHILD, if vaccinated, has a chance to survive! It is indisputable that vaccines work, and we rejoice in our victories and honour our frontline workers but the threat still lingers on, till EVERY child is vaccinated. Polio cases have been reduced by 99 + % since 1985, as we are aware, but we can't lose sight of our goal, as it is stated that if we would stop immunizing now, there would be roughly 200,000 cases of polio worldwide in just 10 years! NOT good.

Progress on vaccination was slowed during the pandemic and as a result, the world is seeing sudden outbreaks of diphtheria and measles which were almost non-existent. Even polio reared its ugly head! Growing conflicts, vaccine hesitancy, and economic issues threaten our efforts to reach children.

What can we do?

1.) SPREAD THE WORD. There is excellent information at this link, including videos, which can be used for social media posts and information for members.

<https://www.endpolio.org/resource-center#WW>

2.) Organize an event to educate your community members on Rotary's polio eradication efforts.

3.) ADVOCATE! Partner with local healthcare organizations to encourage immunization in your community, not just during this historic week, but on an ongoing basis.

BENEFITS OF DRINKING WATER



NEW MEMBERS:

Tracy Truong

I come from a place where it's always hot at + 33 degrees Celsius to a place where it's - 33 degrees Celsius or colder and 13,000 km between 2 of my houses (Winnipeg and Vietnam - Hochiminh City).

My name is Tracy Truong, in Vietnam I am a lawyer for businesses, and I also go to court to protect/defend people's rights regarding land, housing, and debt. Currently have my law firm in Vietnam and have 8 working lawyers in my home country.

Besides business contracts, land and housing, we also advise on tax and accounting systems for all businesses. In addition, I am also an MC for important government events, appearing on television monthly to answer people's questions related to the law and propagandizing the law to people upon request.



Nancy Cosway & Tracy Truong

Now, I am here in Winnipeg, I work as an Accountant/Bookkeeper. Currently, I am also studying at Red River College to update my knowledge and working full-time. I have finished a year program in International Business at MITT and have my PR (Permanent Resident) Card.

I am happy that Juhi invited me to Rotary and I have a lot to learn. My English is poor sometimes I do not understand. I will do whatever anyone tells me, but I volunteer to help with paperwork. I am not good at selling tickets.



Tracy Truong

My plan for the future is to open a free English class for children on my parent's farm (the farm where they grow coffee and pepper only). If anyone wants to escape the long winter here then go with me, stay in my house at the farm for free even though I am still here.

Join us as we warmly welcome Tracy to the family.

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS:

In our meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, Ms. Soni, Director of Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy- Kenaston, discussed about her partnership with True North Aid and their initiatives on "One Pallet One community", with this she aims to ship one pallet full of hygiene products to a remote area of Manitoba, The Cormorant Community, located 80 kms north of The Pas. Join us today to fill the pallet!

1. DROP-OFF HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Buy hygiene products and drop them off at the Medicine Shoppe pharmacy at Kenaston Village Mall, 1859A Grant Avenue. Alternatively, you can bring the hygiene products to our next in-person club meeting at the Winnipeg Winter Club and I will deliver them to the pharmacy.

2. MONETARY DONATION:

Contribute money for Ankita Soni, the owner of the pharmacy to place a bulk order. You can either bring cash or a cheque to the club meeting on May 8 and give it to Sandy Allen. Or you can e-transfer to our usual email address at accounting@winnipegrotaryboard.ca

3. SHARE THE PROJECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

On Instagram and Facebook, tag @medicineshoppekenaston and True North Aid



Photos courtesy of Cormorant community members.



One Pallet, highlight One Community

an initiative of  TRUE NORTH AID

Attn: Winnipeg!

We are grateful to Ankita Soni of The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy-Kenaston who is partnering with True North Aid to collect hygiene items to fill a **minimum of one pallet** for the Indigenous community of Cormorant.

Can you help us achieve this goal?

**Act now:
The project
will wrap up
on May 8,
2024.**

Donate soap, shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, body lotion, and face cloths.

Drop off your contributions to:

 Kenaston Village Mall
1859A Grant Ave
Winnipeg, MB.
P: 204-306-0515

You can also help to offset shipping costs. Scan this QR Code to donate!



For more information contact gap@truenorthaid.ca

 www.truenorthaid.ca
TRUE NORTH AID

 One Pallet, One Community
TRUE NORTH AID

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Empowering Tomorrow's Innovators: The Rotary Club of Winnipeg's Robotics Program

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg takes pride in sponsoring a groundbreaking Robotics Program, dedicated to nurturing the budding minds of future trainers, affectionately referred to as facilitators by CanU. Under the expert guidance of Priyanka Tuteja, Director of Operations & Marketing at Cogmation, these aspiring facilitators are immersing themselves in the dynamic realm of robotics.

Held within the confines of room 323 at the Education Building of the University of Manitoba, this program spanned four enriching Saturday afternoons. Participants not only acquired invaluable skills but also had the opportunity to establish connections with industry professionals, all made possible through the unwavering support of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg.

The culmination of this endeavour took place on Saturday, April 13, 2024, as the newly sponsored CanU Robotics Program Facilitators showcased their newfound knowledge. With great enthusiasm, these facilitators had the privilege of guiding 4th to 6th graders through the intricacies of robotics building and programming. The highlight of the event was witnessing the children engage in practical demonstrations, putting into practice what they had learned in an exciting showcase of creativity and innovation.

Cogmation Robotics played a pivotal role in augmenting the physical robotics experience through its Virtual Robotics Toolkit.

Join us in commemorating innovation and education as we pave the path for the next generation of technology leaders. Together, we are sculpting a brighter future, one robot at a time.



ROTARACTORS @ MANITOBA HARVEST



Our Rotary Satellite Club and Rotaractors had a blast volunteering at Harvest Manitoba 24th April 2024. It was a fun and fulfilling experience for all involved, as our members came together to sort and organize donations, spreading laughter and camaraderie throughout the evening. This collaborative effort not only exemplified the spirit of service but also showcased our commitment to making a positive impact in our community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who participated in this rewarding experience.

PICTURES SPEAK A THOUSAND WORDS



A fun evening at Boston Pizza raising funds for our Habitat for Humanity build.



Prizes won at the Boston Pizza fund raising



Lt Governor of Manitoba, Anita Neville Jamie Moses, Minister in the Provincial Govt., Mayor Scott Gillingham, US Consul Marilyn Gatton Hamiel and Rotarian Nancy Cosway @ the Rotary Model United Nations Assembly



Happy Birthday to our Dear Frank Cosway



2nd reading of Bill 209/ Keira's law passed this morning at the Leg. Thank you Frank and Rob for coming and supporting. I know many of you couldn't make it. We felt you there in spirit.



Pictures from the District Leadership Seminar, in Russell, MB.

WHERE DOES OUR WINNIPEG DRINKING WATER COME FROM?

Where does our Winnipeg Drinking Water Come from?

Did you know that Winnipeg gets its drinking water from Shoal Lake 40? Please take some time and educate yourself about where our water comes from and say thank you to the water protectors in your community today!

Harvey Redsky Memorial School students - The Future Business Leaders Project has brought attention to the history of Shoal Lake 40 First Nation as Winnipeg's water source. They developed a Water drop sticker and reusable water bottles.

Rotarians Nancy Cosway and David Newman attended the Launch on March 22 World Water Day. Our club has purchased 300 water drop stickers for distribution to friends, family, schools and other public buildings to place at their Water fountains and taps. Please contact Rotarian Nancy to collect your supply.

Learn more about this project and support these students here: <https://shoallake40.ca/our-history/>

Winnipeg Got Water?
Thank Shoal Lake 40 First Nation
BUY SL40 MERCH

SL40 Water Bottle
\$20 each

SL40 Stickers
\$3 each

Shoal Lake 40 First Nation students are selling SL40 merch as part of the Kekekocizibil Development Corporation and Harvey Redsky Memorial School Future Business Leaders Project to help educate Winnipeggers on where their water comes from. Each product includes a QR code to the SL40 water story to bring attention to the community's legacy and our sacred responsibility to water and environmental stewardship. **100% of proceeds go towards the Future Business Leaders Project.**

**ORDER NOW
SCAN HERE**

Logos at the bottom include: The National Association of Water Purveyors, MARTIN HAMPTON INITIATIVE, INDIAN LEADERS INITIATIVE, DREAMCATCHER PROMOTIONS, and RRC POLICE.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

LET'S VOTE OURS - Our **Rotarian Jaideep Johar** has been shortlisted for the Canadian Immigrant Award.

Please see below and vote for Jaideep

Good day,

I'm delighted to share that I've been shortlisted for the Canadian Immigrant Award, for which I am seeking support from colleagues to vote for me.

Would you also be so kind as to share this information with your colleagues and your broader circle?

The following is the request for support/vote.

"May I request your support/vote, as I have been shortlisted for the Canadian Immigrant Award.

Canadian Immigrant magazine has officially begun the online voting stage for the 15th annual Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Awards 2024, presented by Western Union and program partners Windmill Microlending and COSTI Immigrant Services, and I'm pleased to say that I've been chosen to be one of the top 75 shortlists.

These awards are known as a People's Choice Award, so voting is an important part of the process to narrow down the shortlist to the final Top 25.

I would appreciate it if you would go to

<https://www.canadianimmigrant.ca/canadas-top-25-immigrants/vote> between now and June 7, 2024, to vote for me.

My biography is posted there as well. The Top 25 winners will then be announced online in August and be featured in the August print edition of Canadian Immigrant magazine.

You will need to enter your email address before voting."

For consideration

Jaideep Johar



LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Humankind International 15th Anniversary Fundraising Dinner

Celebrate 15 years of changing lives at this year's Annual Fundraising Dinner. Don't delay - get your tickets today!



Sleep In Heavenly Peace - MB, Winnipeg

Rotary Club of Winnipeg is proud to be part of this History - Sleep In Heavenly Peace - MB, Winnipeg just happened to deliver their 1000th bed this past weekend... That's right Winnipeg, 1000 children have received their very own bed because of you.... This couldn't have been done without all the help and support of the volunteers and donors like you.... THANK YOU!!!! 🙌❤️

Join us 4th May 2024 as we **build 50 beds for kids in 4 hours**



THANK YOU IS APPROPRIATE!

What a wonderful Gift from the Rotary Club of Winnipeg to Oak Table



Oak Table Inc.

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We express our sincere appreciation to the Rotary Club of Winnipeg Satellite Club for organizing a concert, showcasing performances by Umberto and The Ecco Choir. This wonderful group used the proceeds to purchase backpacks, jogging pants, underwear, socks, various food items, and 700 bus tickets, all of which were generously donated to Oak Table.

[#OakTable](#) [#Gratitude](#) [#CommunitySupport](#) [#MakingADifference](#)



Thank you to the Rotary Club of Winnipeg Satellite Club for their generous donation.

CLUB MATTERS:

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.



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 Nancy Cosway (ncosway@mts.net) to get the link.

facebook



Instagram

“One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone.”

— Shannon L Alder

“We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community.”

— Dorothy Day

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