



ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER

MAY 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".

May is YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

In May 2025, Rotary International's theme for the month is Youth Service. This theme is focused on highlighting the impact of Rotary's youth programs and promoting their leadership growth and service efforts.

Rotary Youth Service, one of Rotary International's Five Avenues of Service, focuses on empowering young people through leadership development, education, humanitarian service, and international understanding. It supports youth in building personal and professional skills, and in becoming responsible, engaged global citizens.



Rotary's Youth Service programs have a long history of developing young leaders, and providing for health and education projects to make the world a better place. These programs make it a priority to create world peace and understanding while exposing youth to the ideals of "Service Above Self." Youth Service is important because youth are our future. Today's youth will eventually be running our country and the world, and are the future of Rotary. For Rotary and its ideals of service as a worthy enterprise to survive and thrive beyond our lifetime, Rotarians must be involved in Youth Service.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

May 07, 2025 at 6:00 PM. In-person meeting with **Shahd Melham & Obanijesu Oluyemi**, from Glenlawn Collegiate will be speaking about the **formation & operation of their Rotary Interact Club**. Meeting & dinner will be at the Winnipeg Winter Club. (Remember, Parking Fees are in Effect at \$2.00 per hour.)

May 9 – 10, 2025. Rotary Clubs of Winnipeg, Viewing Party for D5550 Virtual District Conference being held at the Holiday Inn Airport West from Friday: 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM. And Saturday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Registration is \$50. per person. To Register contact Warren Thompson at warrenthompson@shaw.ca or phone 204-294-0479. E-transfer payment of \$50 to club@rcwacf.ca

May 14, 2025 Is a Zoom Meeting with Special Guest Speaker Dan Doherty speaking about **Rotary Engagement**. Dan is part of the Calgary West Rotary Club and was a keynote speaker at the recent D5550 District Leadership Seminar in Russell. More details will come closer to the date.

May 21, 2025 at 5:30 – 8:00 PM. Volunteering at **Manitoba Harvest**. To Volunteer contact: Nancy Cosway at ncosway@mts.net.

May 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM. In-person meeting at **Winnipeg Winter Club**. Speakers will include: **Ankita Soni** will be speaking about The **Reconciliation Walk** planned for September and Bob Foster will be speaking about the developing **Rotary - Westminster Housing Society partnership**.

June 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM. In-person meeting at **Winnipeg Winter Club** for **“Dinner with Gordon Goldsborough”** renowned author of three books on **“Abandoned Manitoba”** and a CBC Radio series on **“Abandoned Manitoba”** He is an active member of the Manitoba Historical Society. Come and learn more about the colourful **History of Manitoba**. Invite **Family and Friends** to this opportunity to hear Gordon and learn more about **Abandoned Manitoba**

PRIDE Parade 2025

June 1, 2025: VOLUNTEERS needed for The Pride Parade on Sunday, June 1st starting at 10 AM, on Memorial Blvd. This is the 3rd year for Winnipeg Rotary Clubs to participate in the Pride Parade. This action is consistent with Rotary's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion policy. Last year's Parade had an estimated 60,000 people in attendance. This is an excellent opportunity for Rotary to **Expand our Reach**.



HEALTH, WELLNESS AND CELEBRATION:



Rotary Club Visit in Mexico

"Nancy & Frank visited the Rotary Club of Huatulco, on March 5th while in Mexico. (The photo shows Nancy & Frank with the Club President.) They are a small but very active Club. Their projects include: raising funds for a library, collecting wheelchairs for distribution, dental clinics in 2 primary schools, planning a fundraising bazaar, collecting computers for Junior High schools, installation of a water filtration system using reverse osmosis. Their meeting room was built in front of the Local Library.

Some of their members will be attending the Rotary Convention in Calgary. We are looking forward to connecting with them. For more information check out their link on Facebook."

<https://www.facebook.com/clubrotariobahiasdehuatulco/>

Submitted by Frank & Nancy Cosway



Mexico - Rotary Club visit




Nancy & Frank with the Club President.

HEALTH, WELLNESS AND CELEBRATION:

ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG

Happy Birthday APRIL 4TH




ROTARIAN
NANCY COSWAY

YOUR SELFLESS EFFORTS IN HELPING HUMANITY AND MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE HAVE NOT GONE UNNOTICED. WE WISH YOU A LONG LIFE FILLED WITH GOOD HEALTH AS YOU CELEBRATE TO THE FULLEST!

ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG

Happy Birthday APRIL 12TH




PRESIDENT
FRANK COSWAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL OF US AT THE ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG! YOUR SELFLESS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO HUMANITY CONTINUE TO INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE US. AS YOU CELEBRATE TODAY, WE HONOUR YOUR IMPACT AND WISH YOU LONG LIFE, GOOD HEALTH, AND CONTINUED STRENGTH.
WARM REGARDS,

ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG

Happy Birthday APRIL 14TH




ROTARIAN
ELLY HOOGETERP

YOUR SELFLESS CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATION TO HUMANITY CONTINUE TO INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE US. AS YOU CELEBRATE TODAY, WE HONOUR YOUR IMPACT AND WISH YOU A YEAR FILLED WITH SUCCESS, BLESSINGS, AND EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES—EMBRACED WITH GOOD HEALTH AND RENEWED ENERGY.

ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG

Happy Birthday MAY 12th



ROTARIAN
CHARLIE CHEFFINS

YOUR DEVOTED SERVICE AND HEARTFELT COMMITMENT TO THE BETTERMENT OF OTHERS CONTINUE TO UPLIFT AND INSPIRE US. AS YOU MARK THIS SPECIAL DAY, WE CELEBRATE YOUR ENDURING INFLUENCE AND WISH YOU A YEAR OVERFLOWING WITH ACHIEVEMENTS, MEANINGFUL MOMENTS, AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES, NURTURED BY VIBRANT HEALTH AND RENEWED VITALITY.

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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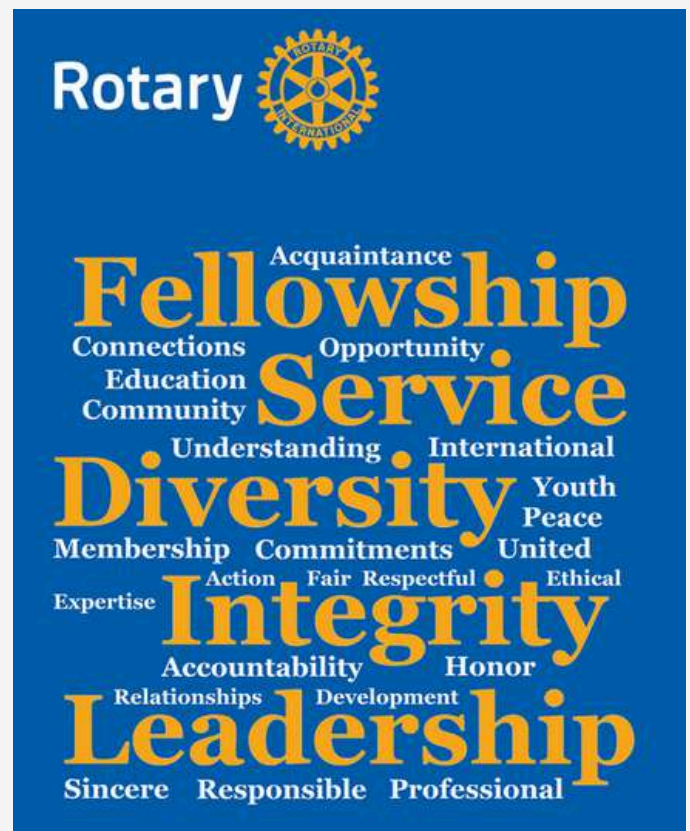
is to encourage and foster the ideal of service
as a basis of worthy enterprise
and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an
opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and
professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful
occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's
occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each
Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international
understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world
fellowship of business and professional persons united in
the ideal of service.



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

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!!!



SHEILA NORTH'S PRESENTATION OF "MY LIFE STORY."

Our Speaker on April 16th was Sheila North.

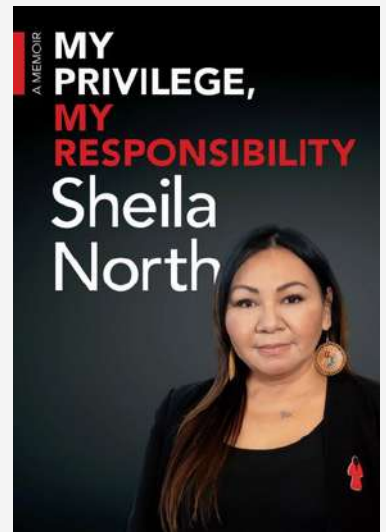
Three photos are attached:

1. Sheila speaking
2. Members listening
3. Cover of her memoir

"Sheila North is an Indigenous Leader, Activist, Journalist and the First Woman elected as Grand Chief of MKO (Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak). In her memoir and her presentation, Sheila shared the stories of the events that shaped her and the violence that nearly stood in the way of her achieving her dreams. Through perseverance and resilience, she not only survived, but she flourished."

If you missed her very moving telling of her story, you could still read her book, entitled: A Memoir – My Privilege, My Responsibility Sheila North. The in-person presentation was not recorded.

You could also check Terry MacLeod's post on Facebook.



The best way to find yourself
is to lose yourself in the
service of others.

BED BUILD ON APRIL 26TH - THE MADY PURDY FAMILY INCLUDED 3 GENERATIONS.

“Three generations of the Purdy family participated in the Bed Build on April 26th. Kailee was the youngest kneeling in the front, and then starting from the left is Brett (father), Mady, Kristin (mother), Greg (grandfather) and Corinne (grandmother). Mady Purdy connected with Rotary last year and we sponsored her to attend RYLA. She recruited the rest of her family to participate in the Bed Build.”

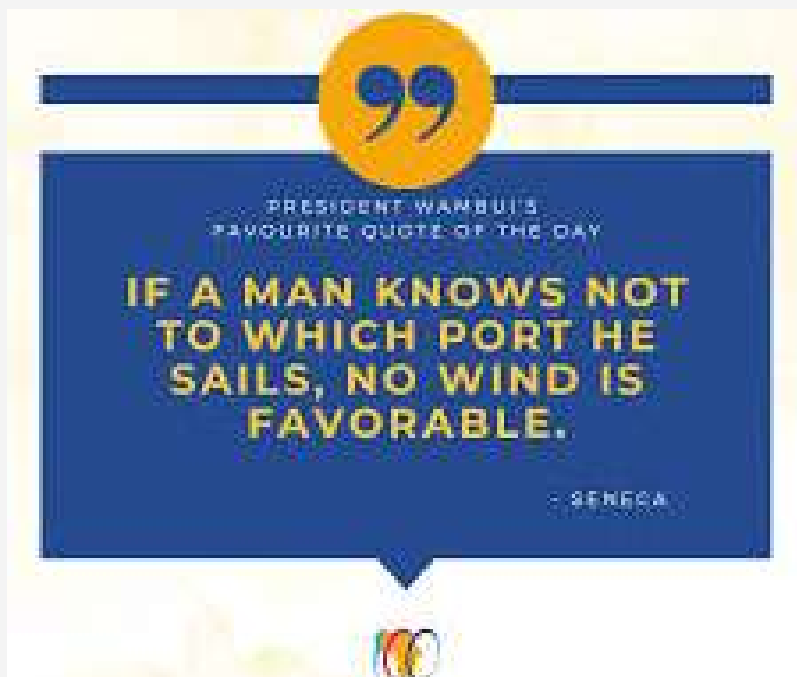
“On the Saturday of April 26th., we Partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build 52 Beds, in 4 hours, with 40 volunteers recruited by our Rotary Club.

Note: We sponsored Sacha Shewchuk to attend Rotary Adventures in Citizenship



Starting from the left front row the volunteers are: Sasha Shewchuk, Kylie, Terry MacLeod, Jatinder, Koffi Tchen, Dhruvi Shah, Kristin Purdy, Kailee Purdy, Frank Cosway, Nancy Cosway, Gurmehar, left middle row are: Issac, Mady Purdy, Brett Purdy, Corinne Backhouse, Terry Trush, Larry Schmidt, Samuel Karichu, Sanjay Regehr-Reddy, left back row are: Jesse Onyach, Chris-Tiyah Roberts, Matthew Cosway, Jerusha Onyimbo, Charlie Cheffins, Greg Backhouse, Ryan Trush, J Davis, Glen Torgerson.
Not in the photo are: Elmer Everett, Colton Everett, Ernie Shewchuk”

Brett (father), Mady, Kristin (mother), Greg (grandfather) and Corinne (grandmother)



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.

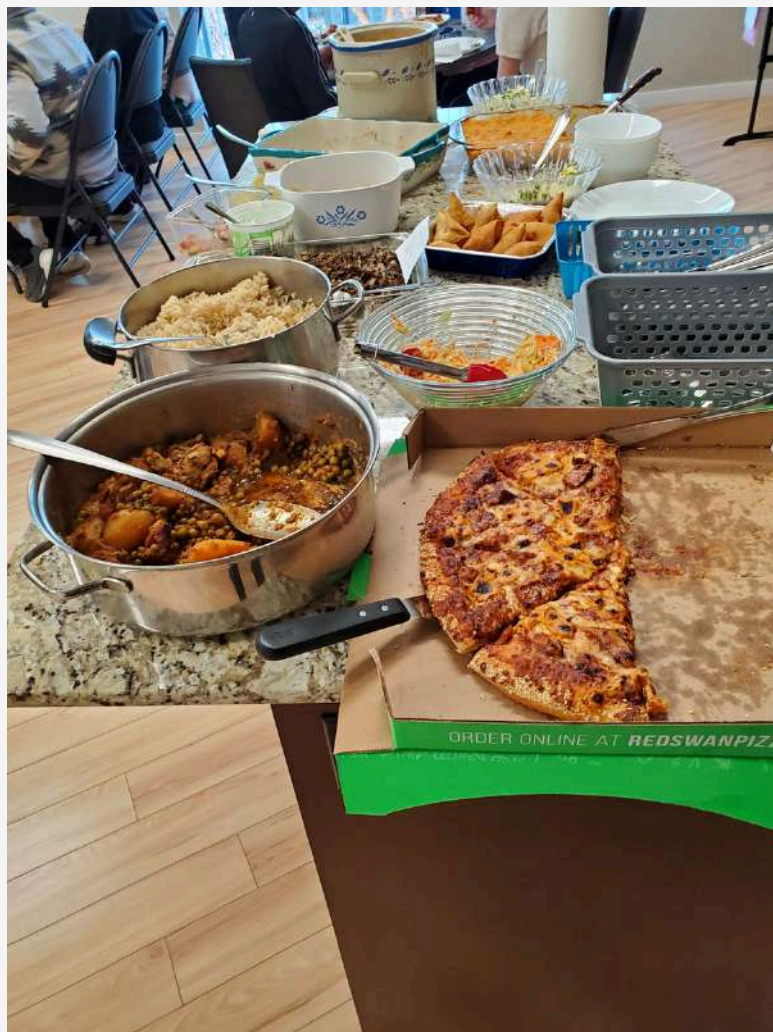
Please complete the attached form and e-mail it back to **Rotarian Ope** at: opeallen@gmail.com or call him at: **204-952-3913** if you have questions or need clarification about any of the volunteer opportunities.

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.



PHOTOS FROM POT LUCK DINNER



Potluck Dinner, on March 26th, at Strini's Social Meeting Room

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?
- 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?
- Now is the time to [register!](#)

Then this invitation is for you!

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



No need for a long face!

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

REGISTRATION FOR RYLA 2025 OPENS APRIL 1, 2025.

DATES FOR RYLA 2025

Junior Week (Ages 12 – 14 years) : July 28 - August 2, 2025

Senior Week (Ages 15 – 17 years old): August 4 - August 9, 2025

www.rotary5550.org/sitepage/ryla

RYLA

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

RYLA is a camp that focuses on developing future leaders! Throughout the week campers learn about Rotary and all of its programs, develop their leadership skills, work as team to complete challenges, connect with like-minded people, discuss topics of interest, and, most importantly, spend a week in beautiful Riding Mountain National Park!

Check out what past campers have to say!



JR Week

**JUL 28 - AUG 2
2025**

SR Week

**AUG 4 - AUG 9
2025**

**Registration
sponsored by
Rotary!**

Activities

- ✓ Leadership Sessions
- ✓ Team Building
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Canoeing & Kayaking
- ✓ Talent Show & Dance

Anglican Memorial Camp

Riding Mountain
National Park, Manitoba

Website

rotary5550.org/sitepage/ryla

Rotary 
District 5550

More Information ryla5550@gmail.com     [ryla5550](https://www.facebook.com/ryla5550)

ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG 2025-26 MEMBER DUES

Dear Rotarian,

Another Rotary year is almost over!

We can take pride in the projects we supported both locally and internationally. Our annual youth programs -- **RYLA, MUNA, and Adventures in Citizenship** are always a hit with our youth. We continue to do service above self with volunteering at Manitoba Harvest, Sleep in Heavenly Peace and the Manitoba Marathon. The Satellite Club had another successful fundraising evening in support of Oak Table.

The **2025-26** member dues will remain the same as last year, **\$350.00 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)**. A new category from last year: **Rotary couples pay \$550.00 (\$275.00 each)**. Satellite Club member dues will remain at \$240.00. We are hopeful that you will choose to renew your membership and continue with **"Service Above Self"**.

The 2025-26 member dues invoices will be emailed under separate cover. If you choose not to renew your membership, kindly let me know by **June 15th, 2025**, as your name will need to be removed from the roster so the Club is not billed for your member dues by Rotary International.

Thanks very much,

Sandy Allen

Club Administrator

DISTRICT CONFERENCE WRAP UP

Jo-Anne Dalton from the District Conference Team tells us:

I have just updated the House of Friendship with the full conference recordings, and a few more memorials.

Also, each clip/video/project highlighted on the House of Friendship, as well as the full-day recordings, are now public on the District YouTube channel.

<https://rotary5550.org/page/house-of-friendship/>

<http://www.youtube.com/@RotaryDistrict-fv9rx>

Jo-Anne

Enjoy exploring the conference materials and videos!

MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA)

I had the honour of attending the opening ceremony of the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) 2025, proudly sponsored by our dear Rotary Club of Winnipeg. This remarkable initiative exemplifies our commitment to educating youth on global citizenship, diplomacy, and consensus-building.

Every April/May, over 70 high school teams from across Canada and the United States gather in Winnipeg to engage in a realistic simulation of the United Nations General Assembly, debating global issues, drafting resolutions, and honing negotiation skills. For 67 years, our club has championed this impactful program, shaping generations of thoughtful, globally-minded leaders.

Behind the scenes, MUNA requires immense coordination, from researching international topics to managing logistics and mastering parliamentary procedures. That's why we owe a heartfelt thank you to the dedicated leaders who make this possible. In particular, we deeply appreciate Rotarian Jerry Storie, whose unwavering leadership continues to inspire, and Rotarian Jane Markesteyn, who always finds time amidst her busy schedule to support Rotary's mission. Your commitment does not go unnoticed.

As we look ahead to MUNA 2026, we encourage fellow Rotarians to contribute their 3Ts -Time, Talent, and Treasure to continue this legacy. Volunteerism is the heartbeat of Rotary, and your involvement can shape the future.

Once again, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, thank you to Rotarians Jerry Storie and Jane Markesteyn for your outstanding service.

<https://winnipegmuna.ca/>

Submitted by: Ope



PICTURE STORY



CLUB MATTERS AND LINKS:

**IN THE
ZONE**

Rotary
Zones 28 & 32



...great ideas for your club and district!

Greetings Rotary Family,

The month of May provides us the opportunity to celebrate our many Rotary youth programs. It is so important for all of us to assist in developing the next generation of leaders. Our youth programs help young people expand their education, build leadership skills and learn the value of service.

Through Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Exchange and Rotaract, we can engage with young people in our communities from a very young age through high school, post-secondary education and beyond.

It is exciting that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Youth Exchange program as one of Rotary International's official youth programs. Although the program started well before 1975, Rotary members, program volunteers, and alumni everywhere should be proud to celebrate the last fifty years as the program has grown and become a prime example of Rotary service worldwide. For a bit of trivia, the Rotary Club of Copenhagen, Denmark initiated the first Rotary youth exchange in 1927 and the Rotary Club of Nice, France followed suit soon after in 1929. Although exchanges today typically last ten months, the first exchange took place during school vacations for only a couple of weeks.

Please enjoy this month's video with two of our youth exchange students. These experiences are life-changing for our young participants. It is so important that we are intentional about staying connected with our youth as they are the future of Rotary.

Director Chris



[Click here, or on the image below to view this month's video message, then please return here to see the rest of the email!](#)

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.



House rich: Habitat residents celebrate move-in day



Pollution Solutions: From Fast Fashion to Clean Energy

Click [HERE](#) for Details

Monthly Newsletter From District 5550 -



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2025 December 2024 November 2024 October 2024
September 2024 August 2024 July 2024

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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

Meet Peter Tonge Your 2024-2025 Governor for District
5550 The Magical Mystery Tour Join us as we attend and
plan events for our friends and community The Magic Tou...

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The April 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.**

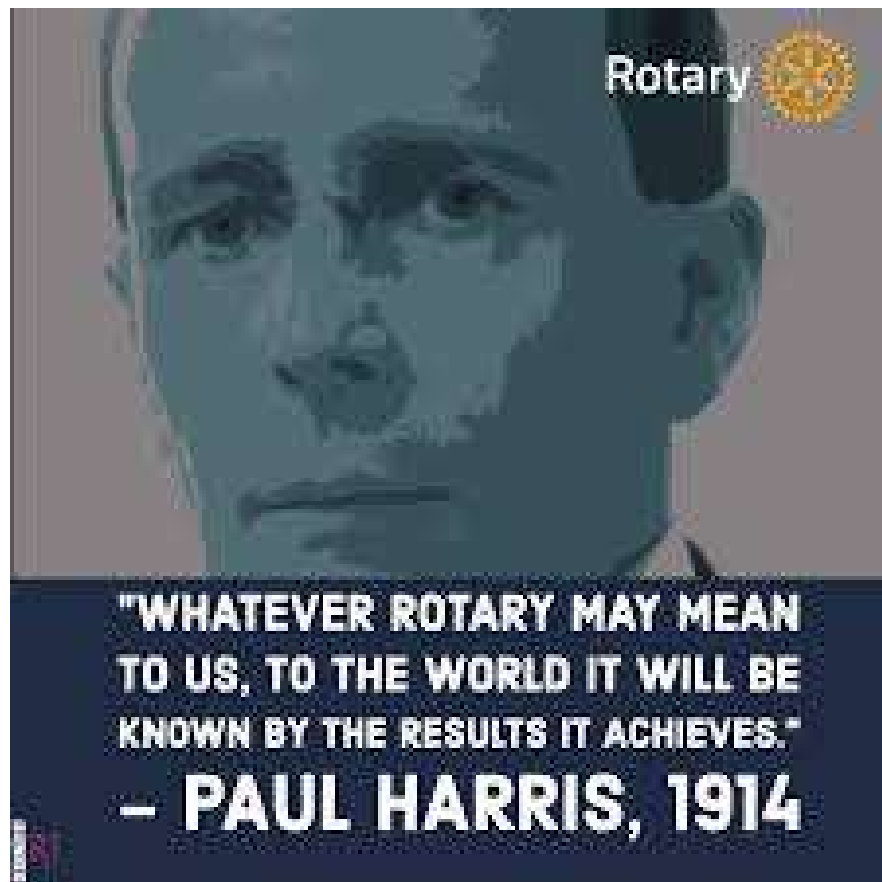
Rotarian Ope Allen has set up a **What's App** platform for the **Rotary Club of Winnipeg Group**. This is a great way to share information, network and keep informed on our club activities. Some of you have been added to the group.

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) to get the link.

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QUOTE



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