

RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 15 – 21st **National Volunteer Week** This year's theme is:
Celebrate the Value of Volunteering – building confidence, competence, connections and community.
<https://volunteer.ca/nvw2018>
- April 16-18th **Rotary Career Symposium**
<http://careersymposium.ca/>
- April 26 – 27th **Peace Literacy: Skills & Leadership Workshop with Paul Chappell**
At the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, 9:00am to 3:30pm.
To register, Contact David Newman.
<https://www.peaceliteracy.org/>
- May 3 – 6th **Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)** See page 5
<http://winnipegmuna.ca/>
- May 24 – 27th **District 5550 District Conference, Regina, SK.**
<http://www.rotary5550conference.ca/>
Registration:
<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=a7410580-4de1-47d3-9318-33e25e0821db>
- June 23 – 27th **Rotary International Convention, Toronto, ON.**
From April 1st – June 27th the rate increases again to US\$495
<http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto/register>
- August 12-18th **Rotary Adventures in Human Rights (RAHR)**
<https://www.worldpeacepartners.org/initiatives.html#rotary-adventures-in-human-rights-rah>
- August 24 – 26th **Rotary RIBFEST 2018, at The Forks**
www.ribfestwinnipeg.ca
- October 10 – 15th **Kinston Rotarians to visit Winnipeg**
Contact Verna Hryhorchuk concerning hosting Rotarians and suggestions for sites to see

Polio Plus District 5550 Fundraising Update:

Brenda Banbury, District 5550 Polio Plus Chair reports that:

- Major fundraising is still required to finish the job of eradicating polio forever.
- For example, in 5 days in early March, 10 million children were immunized in Afghanistan. Imagine the logistics and cost of doing this campaign.
- Unfortunately on March 17th, Pakistani Islamic militants killed 2, and kidnapped 3 immunization volunteers. They continue to claim anti-polio campaigns are a cover for spying and is part of a plot to make Muslim boys sterile.
- **What can you do?**
- District 5550 has set a goal of raising **\$75,000** by April 30th of 2018
- On February 28th donations had reached **\$66,512**.
- To date, our Club has contributed **\$1,050** to this District campaign.
- Clubs contributing \$1500 US or more will receive a certificate of recognition from TRF for 2017-18 Rotary year.



Two Past Presidents Visit Portugal:

Two past presidents of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg (**Peter Markesteyn and Maria Den Oudsten**) standing next to a dedication of the Rotary Club of Sintra (Portugal) honouring Rotary's founder Paul Harris. Located at Cabo da Roca which is the most westerly point on the European continent. Cabo da Roca is among the 800 geographical points throughout the world that have been dedicated to peace since 1989 through the Sri Chinmoy Peace Blossoms Program.

<https://www.srichinmoy.org/service/peace-blossoms>



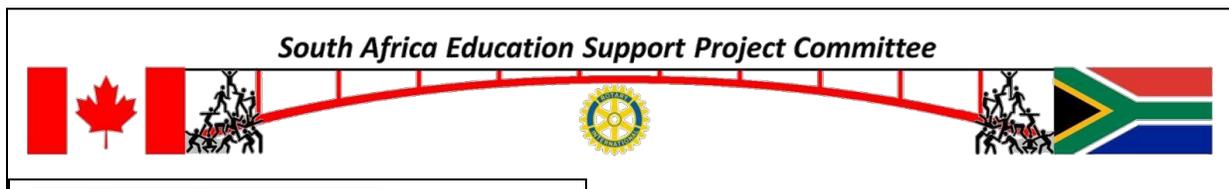
UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

- May 8th **67th Annual CHICKENFEST, Rotary Club of Winnipeg West.**
At the Canad Inns – Polo Park.
Tickets \$17 Call 204-897-3690 for tickets & information
www.ChickenFest.ca
- May 10th **7th Annual HumanKind International (HKI) Fundraising Dinner.**
HKI is a partner organization in the construction of an
Early Childhood Education Centre in the Dadaab Refugee Camp
in Kenya. Location: Portuguese Centre 1080 Wall Street.
Tickets are \$40. Contact Strini for tickets
- June 2nd **LOBSTER FEST – Rotary Club of Winnipeg - Charleswood**
At the Eric Coy Arena, 535 Oakdale Drive
- June 4th **26th Annual Golf for South Africa Fundraising Event.**

The funds raised are used to support our projects in South Africa like the Ikhethelo (The Chosen Ones) Children's Village and the 2018 Global Grant project to build toilet facilities at a school. We would like to have a greater Rotary presence at this event. Speak to Ernie Shewchuk, Don Ross or Richard Whidden if you would like a description of the experience. If you are able to participate, let Strini know and he will provide you with a complete package of information. Feel free to invite non-Rotarian friends and family to join us.

PROJECT REPORTS:

South Africa Aids Orphans graduate: Report by Strini Reddy



Things continue to go extremely well at the Ikhethelo ("The Chosen Ones") Village. We recently received the exciting news that, in January, 2 more of our young people who were taken into the Village almost 20 years ago as AIDS orphans or abandoned babies have graduated from high school with excellent grades.

Lungi has been accepted into the University of KwaZulu-Natal which used to be called “Howard College” in the apartheid days. I could not go there because it was for “whites only”! Siphwe has been sponsored by a former German volunteer to go to Germany and work at a children’s camp site while he pursues his passion for soccer.

MUNA Being Held at CMU May 3 – 5, 2018

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg will be staging its **61st MUNA (Model UN Assembly)** in less than 8 weeks now. It will be held at the same place as last year, in the Loewen Athletic Centre at the Canadian Mennonite University at Grant and Shaftesbury.



Our MUNA Committee has been working on the planning of the event since September.

At the time of writing, we have 64 delegations registered and we still have three weeks to go until our registration deadline on April 1st. The registrants are from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, North Western Ontario, North Dakota and Minnesota.

In January, we updated our website (www.winnipegmuna.ca) to include more detail, specifically to help newcomers to MUNA, and to include the agenda and the four resolutions. The resolutions, which were developed by Prof. Jim Fergusson, are as follows:

1. The Situation in Syria.
2. Non-Proliferation/North Korea.
3. Promoting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
4. Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective into the UN Mainstream.

More information is available on our website.

Our four Table Officers who will run the Assembly include Jerry Storie, President (if this name sounds familiar, Jerry was a cabinet minister in Howard Pawley's government); our very own Jon Gerrard will take the role of Vice President; and we have two university students acting as Secretary General and Deputy SG.

As usual we have invited important people to address the Assembly at our opening ceremony, including our Lieutenant Governor, the Prime Minister, the US Consul, the Premier, Manitoba's Grand Chief, and the Mayor. Minister Ian Wishart has already accepted as the Premier's representative, and Mayor Brian Bowman enjoyed his role so much last time that he will be attending again.

We sincerely thank all our volunteers who have agreed to help the Committee members run the show. And I wish to thank all our Committee members for their contributions.

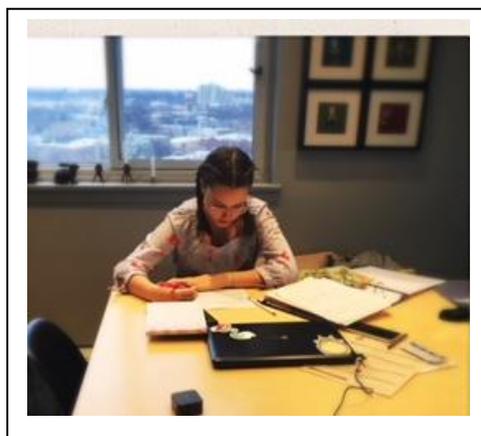
You are all of course invited to come and watch the proceedings even for an hour or two. I would say the best times to attend would be the opening ceremony (8.45 to 9.30am on Friday May 4th) and the Saturday Assembly (8.45am to 5.00pm). On Friday the students are getting to know each other and finding their feet, but on the Saturday, things can get very lively. Please come and show your support.

Submitted by: Roy Vallance, Chair.

Update On KAIA and Her Computer

Larry Schmidt provided the following update on Kaia who spoke to our Club on her experience growing up with dyslexia. Larry had helped get a computer for Kaia along with some specialized software from Cogmation. Kaia's mother Bre sent the following update to Larry.

"I haven't sent you an update on Kaia in a while. She has transitioned nicely into St. Mary's. I had hoped to send you a photo in her uniform, but she is avoiding cameras these days, so this was the best I could do. She has just completed her second term with an 89% average! She has chosen to take full control of her dyslexia, advocating with the school this year. She is working very hard and has managed these grades without any of her adaptations (with the exception of no marks reduced for spelling errors on tests). I am so proud of her, she has learned a lot of valuable life lessons in the process!"



Garden Hill students meet Ecole River Heights students:

As part of the evolving **Honouring Indigenous Peoples Reconciliation Initiatives** a group of Garden Hill students visited with students at Ecole River Heights in early March.

The Garden Hill students recently received a shipment hockey equipment and indigenous (must have) books from the HIP Reconciliation Initiatives.



World Peace Partners:

Meeting with Mayor Brian Bowman on January 30th:

The Peace Builder Committee of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg and allies meeting with Mayor Bowman and Councillor Cindy Gilroy on January 30, 2018 seeking to have the city amplify collaboratively the Peace Building works that we do. The dialogue has begun about how to do this most effectively.



On March 7-8th Rotarians Brenda & David Newman attended the Global Business & Peace Symposium in Seoul, Korea. **David received an award on behalf of Al Jubitz and the Rotary Action Group for Peace.** David is a Board Member of the RAG for Peace.

On March 10th Brenda & David attended the **Para-Olympic Games** and then continued on with a tour of Vietnam. The photo shows them at the Canadian Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam.



LINKS:

Is 2018 the Year for Polio's Extinction?

- <http://time.com/5068516/is-2018-the-year-for-polios-extinction/>
- Time Magazine, December 25, 2017

Wounded Warriors Canada Newsletter:

- <https://woundedwarriors.ca/announcements/>

New Zealand Child Welfare program hailed: A Maori delegation is visiting the Mama Wi Centre to share a traditional model of child welfare to unite fractured aboriginal communities.

- <http://ee.winnipegfreepress.com/?token=xYbq6NAAjIGLXfcNmZ59OY8Y0Qc9zOSqnABtrWmq>

Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP) Newsletter:

- http://www.rotaryhip.com/images/HIP_March_News_2018.pdf

Indigenous youth embrace High-Tech Challenge:

- <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/business/indigenous-youth-embrace-high-tech-challenge-477712983.html>
- Contact Larry Schmidt , of Cogmation Inc. for more details.

District 5550 District Governor's Newsletter – April 2018

- <http://rotary5550.org/bulletin/View/2ab23413-8cb8-4d51-9c07-da9d8dd896ed>

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Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada – Calls to Action:

- http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf

LitRAG – Literacy Rotary Action Group Newsletter:

- https://gallery.mailchimp.com/d8527dce0530d28c9326385b5/files/eefad1cf-4635-453a-842b-7cba0600003c/Literacy_newsletter_November_2017.pdf

Dean Rohr, Vice President, Rotary International. Rotary Zones 24 & 32, "Beyond Borders" Newsletter for April, 2018 (Dean Rohr is a member of the Rotary Club of Langley Central, BC.)

- <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050077/en-ca/files/homepage/beyond-borders-apr-2018/10-Apr-2018.pdf>

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