

Rotary Club of Winnipeg



ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

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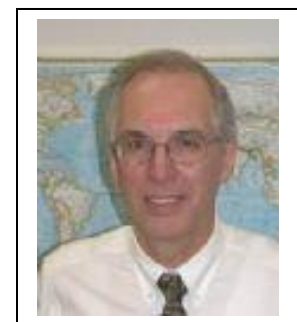
RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 1st **World AIDS Day** <https://www.worldaidsday.org/>
- December 5th **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg.
- December 19th **Rotary Family Holiday Dinner**, on December 19th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Dinner will be a Buffet and there will be Board Games for all to play. \$30 for Adults and \$12 for Kids. Let Elly know if you are coming and with how many people.
- December 22nd **World Day of Arabic Language**, at the Hijta School (410 Desalaberry Ave.) from 2 – 5 pm. For further information Contact Youssef Mouzahem, E-mail: y.mouzahem@gmail.com
- January 25, 2019 **Big Daddy Tazz & Friends Comedy Night** in support of Local Charities at the MET, Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Winnipeg East A.M. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Show 7:30 pm Tickets are \$30/person.
- February 23, 2019 **Rotary Anniversary** celebration
- May 2-5, 2019 **D5550 District Conference for 2019**, in Winnipeg, at the Canad Inn – Polo Park

RECENT EVENTS:

Rotary Club of Winnipeg – Transcona: Mega Business Mixer was held on November 7th in the Nashville’s Club Room at the CanadInn on Regent Ave.

Roy Vallance attended and submitted the following report:
“It was billed as an evening of business information, networking and community fellowship. About 80 – 90 people attended. This well-attended event was open to Rotarians and their families and



friends and although it was free, we were asked to register ahead of time for catering purposes. They supplied us with tasty hors d'oeuvres and there was a cash bar.

There were maybe a dozen or fifteen businesses represented at display tables around the room. I made a couple of useful contacts myself. It was also an opportunity to get reacquainted with old friends from a number of Rotary Clubs around the city, and to make new friends.

The Transcona Club took the opportunity to introduce the non-Rotarians to their Club activities. This was done through a fireside chat between the MC and Rotarian Larry Vickar, and through a very professional brochure and a handout about their Foundation. Congratulations to the Transcona Club for a great evening!

Siddha Param, one the Transcona Rotarians submitted the following comments:



"The Story Behind The 4 Way Test" presented by Siddha Param

How Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 turned around a near bankrupt company which owed \$400,000 more than its total assets by writing an ethical guideline, "The 4 Way Test" which he applied in decision making to turn the company around. The company ultimately distributed more than \$1 million in dividends with a net worth climbing up to more than \$2 million.

In the Fireside Chat, Larry Vickar touched on the "**Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions**" and how especially the line, ... "Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society" ... has helped shape the way he ran his business and involved himself in community service.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/130/stories/declaration-of-rotarians-in-businesses-and-professions>

Rotary Club of Winnipeg – Assiniboine held their Annual Fundraising Dinner at the Breezy Bend Golf Club, on November 9th.

They had about 200 people in attendance. They had a Silent Raffle, Silent Auction and a Live Auction of larger items. I have not heard yet how much they raised.



Our Club had a table of 6 in attendance and we enjoyed an excellent dinner.

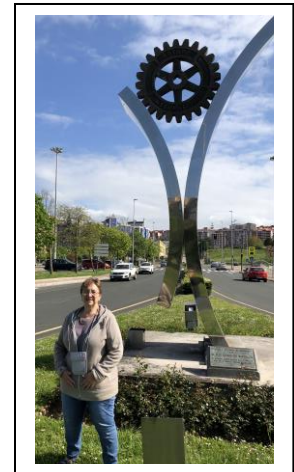
HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Art Jonasson: Art's son David shared the following information with Elly in July. David reports that: "He (Dad) is doing well for a 92 year old. He has slowed down and now uses a walker most of the time. However, he still thinks he is a younger man. He has some difficulty scheduling his day. But he is happy in Lions Manor. Mom is there in the personal care wing so they can still see each other several times a day.

Deepak Joshi: Deepak had some surgery on one of his shoulders a couple of months ago. The recovery was a little slower than expected, but he is doing well and is getting involved in the RIBFEST planning for 2019.

TRAVELS & WORK:

Eva Vida: Eva was travelling in Spain with Pat Austin last May and was able to find a Rotary sculpture for a Newsletter photo. The sculpture and plaque was in the north-west corner of Spain, and the plaque mentioned the Rotary Club of Santander.



Deepak Joshi: Deepak and his wife Denise were on an East African safari for 5 weeks in June -July. They have some great up close photos of animals. Attached is one of those "proof that I was there" photos.

Peggy Maycher: Peggy, Vice President of **WNL Development Solutions**, has been away from our Club for several months working in Nigeria as Co-Director of the TRIMING Project – a World Bank financed project. (TRIMING = Transforming Irrigation Management in Nigeria).

“Project Description: Under the World Bank-funded Transforming Irrigation Management in Nigeria (TRIMING) Project, WNL has been contracted to provide Technical Assistance to implement a comprehensive institutional reform, training, and change management programme

for Farmer-focused Water User Associations (WUAs) and River Basin Development Authority (RBDA) personnel at two large irrigation schemes in Nigeria.

The project will implement institutional reforms to existing irrigation management frameworks that have been operated over the years primarily as social arrangements as opposed to self-sustaining commercial undertakings. The project will adopt a Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) approach and will establish new, more effective irrigation management organization and institutions, develop operational, management, and maintenance processes and systems, and train farmers, WUA personnel, and RBDA staff to achieve inclusive, socially acceptable, technically and financially sustainable irrigation schemes. These institutional reforms will be implemented alongside rehabilitation and improvement of the irrigation infrastructure with the ultimate goal of the project being increased irrigation scheme utilization, higher crop yields, and enhanced farmer incomes. The project is a transformation project involving a change from the status-quo, and is a large and complex undertaking, involving thousands of farmers and numerous stakeholders with occasional competing interests, requiring a large consultant team of multi-disciplinary experts.”

Peggy reports that:

- Often the irrigation canals have no water due to breakdown and lack of repairs of the dams. The Government is renovating all the dams so that there is adequate water flowing in the canals.
- The Project is setting a seasonal price for the farmers to have access to irrigation water.

With this revenue

they will hire staff for the two organizations, provide training for staff to operate the organizations efficiently, and effectively and

- The remainder of the funds will be used for maintenance of the dams and the canals.
- The farmers will be trained to maintain, operate and monitor the operation of the irrigation systems.
- Currently, the project staff are in the process of creating a landholder registration system and surveying 66,000 on how the system works now, and how they would like it improved.

WOW! What a challenging and exciting project.



CONNECTIONS:

Kara Kallenbach,

Wounded Warriors Canada (WWC) Ambassador, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Editor's note: Kara is the daughter-in-law of Anneliese Kallenbach (an Honourary Rotarian in our Club) and Kara is married to Major Peter Kallenbach who still serves in the CAF. Kara was appointed as a WWC Ambassador in May 2018. Many of you will have met Kara and her husband Peter as very active volunteers at RIBFEST 2018.

From the WWC Newsletter, May, 2018:

Kara always wanted to help people who are unable to help themselves. She joined the RCAF in 1984 as an Air Defense Tech and following a fun career and 12 knee surgeries she took an FRP in 1997. She spent the next year working as a reservist with Flight Plan 97 helping to restructure the Canadian Airforce.

Kara has spent the past 19 years volunteering with various MFRCs throughout Canada as her husband still serves in the CAF. Kara currently lives in Winnipeg with her husband and two children.

Kara has an immense history working in causes that help her community. In the past she has worked as a social worker with Veterans Affairs Canada and in Women's shelters, homeless shelters and with Youth in Care. While there she helped aged out foster children become autonomous in Winnipeg. She also spent 2 years working with Victim services in Cornwall, ON as an on-call counsellor for the Police Service.



In 2012 the military sent husband and Kara to Ramstein AFB where Kara worked for the PSP on base. It was during this time that Kara first became involved with the Wounded Warriors Canada through their annual Battlefield Bike Ride. Kara volunteered during the next Ride making sure the Riders were always fed and looked after. This experience impacted her immensely and challenged her physically in a positive way.

In 2015, Kara found herself on the Island of Lesbos assisting in the Syrian Refugee crisis and handing out clothes and supplies to those fleeing the warzones. Despite all her previous experiences, this proved to be the most impactful and Kara returned multiple times to the refugee camps to help and make a difference.

Having dealt with depression and injuries for almost two decades, Kara is overjoyed to be joining the Wounded Warriors Canada team and hopes to bring the same support to her military brothers and sisters in Winnipeg.

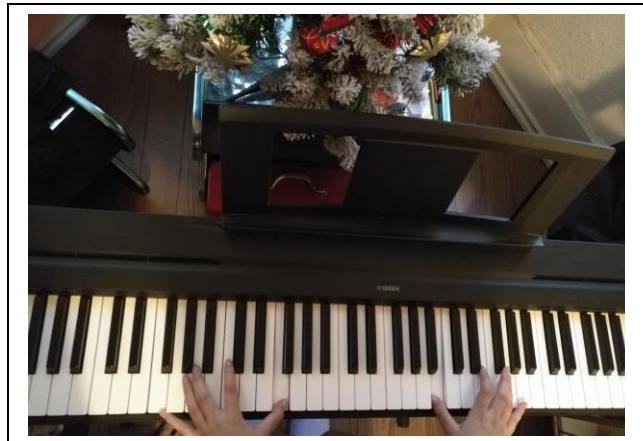
Rotary Adventures in Citizenship Graduates:

Editor's note: For the past few years we have been sending two Indigenous students to the Rotary Adventures in Citizenship, held in Ottawa each Spring. For more information on RAIC click on the link below. <https://rotaryottawa.com/page/welcome-to-the-rotary-adventure-in-citizenship-program/>

Some of you may remember the young woman who spoke to our Club in 2017, about her RAIC experience. She mentioned that she liked playing the piano, and when asked, proceeded to play for us. Below is more of her amazing story.

Why just the hands & keyboard:

"Hi Strini, I apologize for the late reply. I took awhile thinking on the idea of people reading my story. I'm not huge on the idea of letting people know about my story, but I will agree if it will give other people in my situation a chance. I was just wondering if you are able to just use my last name and keep my first name confidential. As for a head shot, is it possible to give a photo of my hands playing Piano? I know you would have preferred a head shot but I just feel uncomfortable with that arrangement." Ms. Cook



Strini Reddy recruits the RAIC students and follows the impact that the RAIC program has on their lives. Here is Ms. Cook's story below as outlined by Strini.

"Ms. Cook is the young woman whom we sponsored for the Rotary Adventures in Citizenship experience in Ottawa the year before last. Her host family brought to our attention the fact that she was a gifted pianist whose dream it was to become a Music Teacher but she would not qualify for admission to a post-secondary School of Music because she did not have the Theory qualifications.

She was playing classical music by ear! In fact, she played for us at the meeting where she came to thank our club and report on her experience in Ottawa.

Our club decided to help her get the necessary Theory qualifications in her Grade 12 year. So we registered her at the Royal Conservatory of Music and paid her first term

fees. We then helped her to get a bursary as well as found a benefactor to pay the remainder of her fees as well as purchase a keyboard for her to practise on at home. She lived in a small apartment with her disabled mother.

With my guidance and support over the past year she successfully completed all the necessary requirements and has been admitted to the Brandon University School of Music.

When I attended the graduation ceremony at RB Russell Vocational High School. I was amazed to find out that Ms. Cook had not only graduated with an '80+% average but she was also the recipient of no less than 5 other awards including the Winnipeg School Division Post Secondary Scholarship as well as the Youth Employment Services Brandon University Tuition Waiver Award!

In addition, she and Trevor Creeley, the young man whom we also sponsored to RAIC this past year, were chosen to be the Valedictorians.

How good is that!!"

BOARD & CLUB NEWS:

Speakers Suggestions: If you have any suggestions for Weekly Program speakers, please contact: Hugh Latimer – E-mail: HLatimer@LatimerFinancial.Mb.Ca
Trevor Stark – E-mail: trevor.g.stark@gmail.com

Club Website Webmaster: If you have any suggestions or content for our Club website or the RIBFEST website, please contact (Omo) Omoniyi Fabarebo (omoniyifab@aol.com)

Sid Ritter has 56 years of perfect attendance. When Sid joined the Club, the Club had 306 members.



PROJECT UPDATES:

HIP Project – Sports Equipment for Pauingassi First Nation:

When the Pauingassi First Nations folks were evacuated to Winnipeg because of the fire this past summer, I had the opportunity to meet with one of their Band Councillors who informed me that the children liked to play baseball but did not have much by way of equipment. I thought it



would be good to send some baseball equipment with the kids so they could enjoy playing over the summer. We had collected some from schools in the spring and I got a whole lot more from the Manitoba Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Council warehouse. In the picture with the kids and equipment that we sent are Rod Owens, a Brand Councillor, and 2 young University of Manitoba students who conduct sports camps in that community over the summer.

LINKS:

District Governor's NEWSLETTER for December 2018

<https://rotary5550.org/bulletin/View/a5d695fb-1c42-498e-b1a1-fcc8d0bd661a>

True Patriot Love Newsletter for November

<http://go.truepatriotlove.com/l/73492/2017-11-28/73khrl>

HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) Circle Newsletter (November)

http://www.rotaryhip.com/images/The_HIP_Circle_Newsletter_November_2018.pdf

Economic Development Winnipeg – Q3 2018

https://www.economicdevelopmentwinnipeg.com/uploads/document/edw_q3_2018_community_report.t1542726910.pdf

Winnipeg School Division board looks to extend voting rights to new Immigrants, regardless of their Citizenship status.

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/our-communities/metro/WSD-board-looks-to-extend-voting-rights-501145281.html>

Two Rotary Peace Scholars, Abdikheir Ahmed & Noelle DePape of Immigration Partnership Winnipeg spoke in support of the motion.



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