

Rotary Club of Winnipeg



ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

February 23, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 23, 2019 **Rotary Anniversary** celebration (Founded 113 years ago)
- Feb. 28, 2019 **China: Peace Through Understanding and Action.**
Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm.
Global College, Rm 1MS25, 520 Portage Ave. U of Wpg.
- March 3, 2019 Share the Magic presents “**Family Literacy Fun Day**” on Sunday, March 3, 2019, Noon – 4:00 PM. at Lord Roberts Community Centre, at 725 Kylemore Ave. Free admission.
Prizes, entertainment & games.
For more info, contact Chris Melnick at: 257-0517
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/winnipeg-share-the-magic-book-donations-1.4644331>
- March 11-13,2019 **Rotary Career Symposium**, at the RBC Convention Centre
<https://careersymposium.ca/>
- May 2-5, 2019 **D5550 District Conference for 2019**, in Winnipeg, at the Canad Inn – Polo Park
<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=927d85d4-35cb-459d-b131-25a06d705a94>
- May 9-12, 2019 **Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)**,
<https://winnipegmuna.ca/>

RECENT EVENTS:

On January 25th., the **Rotary Club of Winnipeg East AM**, held a “Big Daddy Tazz & Friends Comedy Night” at the MET. About 650 people attended and they must have raised about \$20,000 for local charities.



HEALTH & WELLNESS:

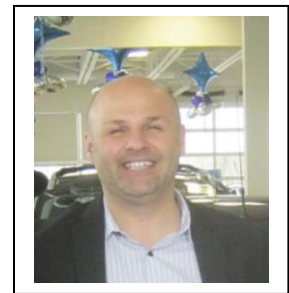
Allen (Al) David Rutherford, a long time member of our Club, passed away on January 2, 2019 at Concordia Hospital, in his 90th year. Al had 50 years of perfect attendance up until his recent resignation due to illness and mobility issues. Al was likely best known for being the former owner of BDI (Bridge Drive-In) for 40 years. A celebration of Al's life will take place in the summer, which will be advertised.



Jessica Jacob, his granddaughter and current co-owner of BDI, wrote that, "He taught our family the importance of hard work, perseverance, taking a chance, and to never think that you can't do something."

NEW MEMBER:

Domenic Sacco is a managing partner of Vickar Ford. He graduated from Vincent Massey Collegiate and completed Business Administration at Red River College.



Domenic started his career in the car business selling cars at Winnipeg Dodge Jeep and then embarked on his own small used car dealership, Sacco Auto Sales and Leasing. After many years, he returned to a franchise dealership as a Manager and over the course of the next 11 years he performed various other duties in managerial capacities.

Domenic met the Vickar's in 2016 and he asked if he would be allowed to join the family in a partnership role at their newly acquired Ford store on Main Street. Vickar Ford warmly welcomed him and the bonus was gaining a father figure mentor in Larry Vickar and a life coach mother figure in Tova Vickar. He also gained two additional brothers, Stephen and Sam Vickar, who are also partners in the business.

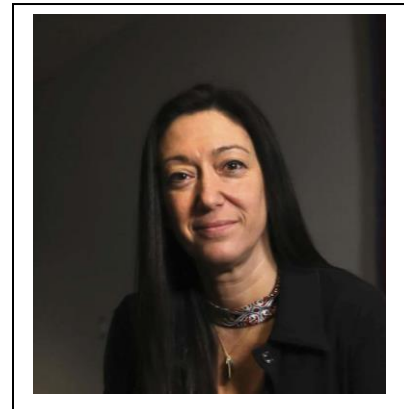
His hobbies include working with his hands in the form of construction and building things. And of course, his love of cars, he has quite a few rare and collectible sports cars.

Domenic is married and has two daughters. On any given Sunday they can be found at Church of the Rock where they spend time in fellowship, then straight home to watch the family's only sports team, the Dallas Cowboys. The Sacco's would one day like to purchase a vacation home in Dallas to be closer to their team!

WINNIPEG POLICE OFFICER SELECTED TO ATTEND THE ROTARY PEACE CENTRE in Bangkok, Thailand.

Winnipeg Police Service **Inspector Bonnie Emmerson** left for Thailand, on January 10th to participate in a three-month training course in conflict resolution and peace-building.

Bonnie is one of 22 people from around the world selected by Rotary International for peace fellowships in its 2019 Professional Certification program at the Rotary Peace Centre at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok.



For more information click on the links below and follow Bonnie's experience on her blog.

A blog chronicling her experience. It is a great blog.

<https://bemersonpeace.ca/>

January 10th article in Winnipeg Free Press prior to Bonnie's departure.

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/winnipeg-officer-to-gain-international-education-504130892.html>

TRAVEL & WORK:

Youssef Mouzahem has been very active in the formation of the Arab Chapter of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba. (Youssef is seated in the front row, second from the right.)

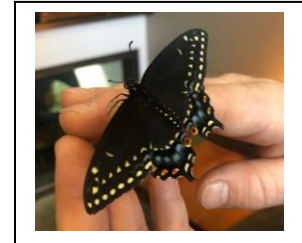


More than 50 professionals and students of numerous engineering disciplines celebrated the second anniversary of the **Arab Chapter of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba** on Jan. 19 at Université de Saint-Boniface. In two years, membership in the chapter has jumped from four founding members to 107. The chapter organizes a variety of social and technical events throughout the year, and recently launched the Project Management Professional course and the Women in Engineering initiative.

ROTARY CONNECTIONS:

Winnipeg Man finds butterfly in garage. (Who is the man? He is John Watson, of Roger Watson Jewellers. His parents Karen & Roger Watson were long time members of our Rotary Club.)

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/winnipeg-man-finds-butterfly-january-1.4996351>



Local Music Charity takes stage in Davos among rich and famous.

Darcy Ataman, from Winnipeg and the founder of Make Music Matter was in Davos, Switzerland, for the World Economic Summit, along with Nobel laureate **Dr. Denis Mukwege**, a gynecological surgeon who runs the Panzi Hospital in the Congo. (You may remember that Peggy Maycher, one of our members, is planning to visit the Panzi Hospital some time in 2019.)

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/winnipeg-man-attends-forum-surrounded-by-worlds-most-rich-and-powerful-505171472.html>



Bagula Namakobwa, one of our Rotary members, was originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The DRC recently held national elections. Bagula's brother-in-law **Felix Tchisekedi Wa Mulumba** was successfully elected and appointed to a 5 year term as Prime Minister.



FUNDRAISING GOALS:

Rotary Annual Fund campaign to raise at least US\$3,600 or US\$50 per member by March 31, 2019. This minimum amount qualifies our Club to apply for District & Global Grants. To date we have contributed US\$2,689.52 or US\$37.88 per member. When we are qualified to apply for Global Grants, we can often double or triple our investment in new projects.

To Donate to the Annual Fund go to:

- www.Rotary.org

- click on **My Rotary** and sign in
- Click on **Donate**
- Click on **Annual Fund**
- Follow the prompts and make your donation.

If you have any problems, give me a call at: 204-654-1045 or e-mail me at: frankcosway@mts.net

PROJECT UPDATES:

Honouring Indigenous Peoples Reconciliation Initiatives will soon be shipping some books to the children of **Pauingassi First Nation**. The books are being provided by “**Share the Magic**” and Executive Director **Chris Melnick**. See the “Family Literacy Fun Day” in the Upcoming Events above.



Inspire Community Outreach is one of the two local community projects being supported by **RIBFEST 2019**. Angela Taylor is the Founder of Inspire Community Outreach which helps families who have children with complex needs. See her comments below concerning Winnipeg based Manitoba treatment centres which are turning away families who live outside of Winnipeg.



<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/city-mental-health-facility-refuses-rural-families-505165322.html>

International Committee Projects Report from Strini Reddy

South Africa Projects include:
(Project Champion: Strini Reddy)

- A Global Grant project with the **Rotary Club of Hillcrest** was successfully completed on time and within budget. It included up-to-date toilet facilities for the **Gillitts Primary School**.
- A Global Grant with the **Rotary E-Club One of South Africa** has also been completed. This involved the training of teachers at 10 rural & poorly equipped high schools in the use of technology to access lessons especially in the Sciences. The grant also assisted in the purchase of computers and TVs. The first round of this type of training had resulted in a great increase in graduation rates and we are hoping for a similar outcome this time around.

- The second Global Grant project with **Rotary Club of Westville** for the training of workers in the creches in the remoter parts of the province of Kwazulu-Natal is progressing well. At the half way mark an evaluation involving a sampling of the creches was conducted to assess progress. The results have been very encouraging and much was learned that will be used to add to the quality of the second round of training. In reviewing the report I came across the picture of one of the creches which was appropriately described as “a single room, leaky, dilapidated mud-walled building with few resources and a squalid toilet”. Being in such an environment is a danger to the children as well as the teacher and parents. I am looking at the possibility of our supporting the construction of modest new facilities to correct this unacceptable situation.
- We have received a “heads up” from our fellow Rotarians at **Rotary Club of Hillcrest** saying that a nearby bigger children’s village (Lily of the Valley) had heard about the GG project that we had completed a couple of years ago to install a rain water harvesting and water purification system at iKethelo Children’s Village as well as solar powered water heaters. This was in response to the regular shutting off of the water supply for several hours a day as part of the country’s water conservation measures. LoV Children’s Village are also trying cope with this challenge and have requested the assistance of RC Hillcrest who will be getting back to us soon to let us know if they will be taking on this challenge. If they do, they will invite our support and participation

Education of Rohingya Refugee Children:

(Project Champion: Kawser Ahmed)

- Fellow **Rotarian Kawser Ahmed** has approached our World Community Services Committee with a request that we look at applying for a Global Grant to support the education of the young Rohingya children in the refugee camps in Bangladesh. He has been asked to develop a draft Global Grant application and find a qualified club in Bangladesh who could be the local partner. He will also present a fund raising plan for the project after which the WCS committee will make a decision as to the feasibility of our engagement in this venture.

South Sudan School Fees:

(Project Champion: David Atem)

- We finally received a budget from our partner club (**Rotary Club of Eldoret**) in Kenya and funds have been transferred to them for the 2019 first term fees and expenses for the remaining 4 students. I have finally managed to get some very heart warming “thank you” letters and a nice picture from the students. Rotarian Jon Gerard and Naomi Gerard have just left on a trip to East Africa. I have arranged for them to visit RC Eldoret and, if possible, meet the students whom we sponsor.

Early Education School in Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya:

(Project Champion Muuxi Adams & Strini Reddy)

- Plans have been completed for the construction of 2 additional classrooms at the school for the little children in the camp. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony just prior to the beginning of construction. We expect the project to be completed by early February.

Guatemala Scholarships Project (St. Andrew's River Heights United Church & the Ripple Effect Program)

(Project Champion: Elly Hoogterp)

- The project is in contact with Eduardo Perez, Chair of Ripple Effect Program, in Guatemala. **St Andrew's United Church** is reviewing options to move funds through a different Rotary Club in Guatemala as relationships have been very difficult with the current Club. This could well be our last year for sending \$13,000 by the St. Andrew's Church Group as the number of young people of high school age in the church is declining heavily and parents are no longer as involved in supporting the fundraising.

Joya Verde, Guatemala, Water & Sanitation Project

(Project Champions: The Satellite Club – Pat Austin, President)

- In partnership with the **Club Rotario Guatemala Norte**, our Satellite Club is working to raise \$10,000. The goal of this project is to apply for a Global Grant to connect about 100 homes with water pipes for potable water, construct some bathrooms, and connect the bathrooms and sinks to local roadside sewage lines. For more information visit: <http://bit.ly/joyaVerdeProject> or e-mail: wpgforwater@gmail.com

POLIO ERADICATION, VACCINES & POST-POLIO SYNDROME:

Four interesting and informative articles on vaccines & vaccinations and the long term impact and issues related post-polio syndrome.

Wild Polio Virus & Vaccine-Derived Virus

<https://www.economist.com/science-and-technology/2018/12/08/progress-on-eradicating-polio-has-stalled?frsc=dg%7Ce>

Science Being Debunked – CNN report

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/02/16/health/anti-vaccine-movement-history-pushback-intl/index.html>

Kids Boost Immunity:

https://www.who.int/vaccine_safety/initiative/communication/network/kbi/en/

WHO – Top 10 Health Threats in 2019 - #8 Reluctance or Refusal to Vaccinate

<https://www.ajc.com/news/health-med-fit-science/the-biggest-global-health-threats-2019-according-the-world-health-organization/zxcATIUI2E3IHuY6fKWRuJ/>

LINKS:

The Rotary Club of Dawson Creek Sunrise co-sponsored Cassidy Shaw as a young leader to attend the Winnipeg based “**Rotary Adventures in Human Rights - RAHR**” in August 2018. Cassidy was so inspired by her participation in RAHR, that she has helped to organize an event for 14 young leaders from Dawson Creek to participate in a program at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR) from February 25 – March 1, 2019.



<https://www.dawsoncreekmirror.ca/dawson-creek-news/dawson-creek-students-heading-to-leadership-program-at-canadian-museum-for-human-rights-1.23629911>

<https://dcss.sd59.bc.ca/spc/node/40018>

Rotary Club of Vermilion sponsors student to attend Rotary Adventures in Human Rights

<https://www.vermilionstandard.com/life-sponsored/rotary-adventures-in-human-rights>

DG's Newsletter, February 2019

<https://rotary5550.org/bulletin/View/2272f3e9-4f0d-4494-9b19-45e81ae1f411>

DG's Newsletter, January 2019

<https://rotary5550.org/bulletin/View/e61c60c7-5497-4176-893a-bb4e65028c9c>

District 5550 Website:

<https://rotary5550.org/>

Rotary Club of Kinston, North Carolina, USA. Our Sister Rotary Club.

<https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Kinston-195394453843620/>

Meet the Amazing Top 5 Rotarian Peace Builder Countries Waging Peace. The five countries include: USA, Canada, Australia, India and the UK. Most of the Canadian write up focuses in Winnipeg and the various peacebuilding activities and leaders.

<https://us4.campaign-archive.com/?u=76b2ae6b672695700ce0a87b7&id=8ad5060dc7>

HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) Circle Newsletter. (See section on Winnipeg p.3)

http://www.rotaryhip.com/images/Jan_2019_HIPCircleF.pdf

True Patriot Love Newsletter for January 2019

<http://go.truepatriotlove.com/january-2019-newsletter>

Beyond Borders Newsletter for Rotary Zones 24 & 32. This Newsletter has a wealth of information on activities and people in Zone 24 & 32.

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050077/en-ca/files/sitepage/beyond-borders-newsletters/beyond-borders-jan-2019/2019-January.pdf>

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