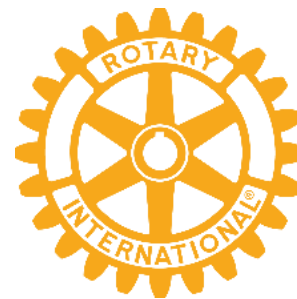


# Rotary Club of Winnipeg



## ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

June 3, 2019

### CURRENT EVENTS:

#### June 1-5, 2019

The **Rotary International**

**Convention** is currently on in Hamburg, Germany.

Check out the Convention website for Convention Photos, Speeches and Videos at:

<http://www.riconvention.org/en/>

[INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION](#)

#### June 1, 2019

**RIBFEST 2019 – 50/50 Tickets** are now on sale on-line at

[www.ribfestwpg5050.ca](http://www.ribfestwpg5050.ca) Tickets may be purchased on-line using a credit card, or to purchase using cash or a credit card, please contact Eva Vida at tel: 204-792-2156 or e-mail: [eva.vida@icloud.com](mailto:eva.vida@icloud.com) or Nancy Cosway at tel: 204-792-6503 or e-mail: [ncosway@mts.net](mailto:ncosway@mts.net)

**50/50 TICKETS**  
**WWW.RIBFESTWPG5050.CA**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### June 29 – July 1, 2019

**In-Bound Rotary Friendship Exchange** from District 3040 in India, cities of Indore and Bhopal. The Friendship Exchange will include visits in Winnipeg, Sioux Lookout, Kenora, and Brandon.

#### August 23 – 25, 2019

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary RIBFEST** being held at the CN Stage & Grounds at The Forks. Come to RIBFEST. Enjoy the food, music and drinks. Lots of volunteers needed to make this event a great success.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

- 30 years      Tiananmen Square massacre, China
- 50 years      Celebrating PRIDE
- 75 years      Remembering D-Day
- 100 years     Freedom Road opened to Shoal Lake 40



## HEALTH & WELLNESS:

### **Carol Pelton:**

A **Celebration of Life for Carol Pelton** will be held on Saturday, June 22, at 2:00 pm at the Trinity United Church, 933 Summerside Avenue (near Pembina Highway and the Perimeter).

Carol was a member of the **Rotary Club of Winnipeg West**. She helped coordinate the Satellite Club volunteers who managed the Volunteer Parking lot at RIBFEST 2018. She was an active member of the Goodwill Weekend organizing committee and participated in many Rotary activities. Carol passed away on April 28<sup>th</sup> while in Australia. She had been travelling in Australia for 2 ½ months and participated in the 14 day **Rotary Friendship Exchange** along with Verna Hryhorchuk



Carol's cousin, Mary Pelton indicated that there will be no formal service but will be a time for people to share memories and stories of Carol. She is hoping that the members of the Rotary Club will be able to attend and asks that you bring any photos and stories you may have. Donations may be made in memory of Carol to the Rotary Foundation or any Rotary cause.

**Al Rutherford:** A **Celebration of Al's Life** will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Shrine Centre on Wilkes.

**Allen (Al) David Rutherford**, a long-time member of our Club, passed away on January 2, 2019 at Concordia Hospital, in his 90<sup>th</sup> 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.



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." **BDI is a regular Food Truck, serving ice-cream**, at our annual Rotary RIBFEST events.

**Dan Wischnewski:** Dan is a former member of our Rotary Club, an entrepreneur, a motivational speaker and a survivor.

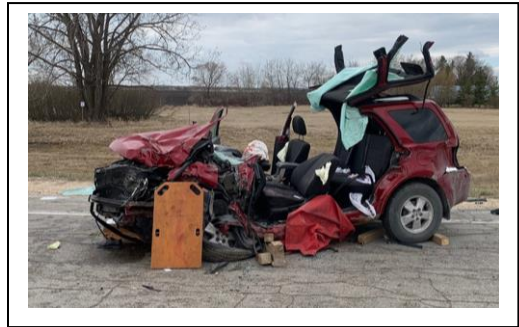
Dan was in a massive car accident on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Fortunately, Dan is recovering well from a broken knee, broken hip, broken ribs, broken scapula along with head to toe bruising



to complement the scars. For more details on his recovery, check out his Facebook page.

For more on Dan's inspirational life, check out his book **"Big Dreams Bigger Excuses – The Book on Overcoming The Reasons That Hold You Back From Pursuing Your Dreams"** On page 25 he says, "One of the biggest turning points in my life was at a Rotary Club meeting ....."

Get well soon Dan.



## NEW MEMBERS:

**Ha Nguyen:** Ha came to Winnipeg 15 years ago with her family of four and settled down with her new life and career.

Upon arrival, to obtain employment was not easy. Fortunately, after a few weeks of volunteering with Success Skills Centre, Ha was offered the position of Front Desk/Reception in January 2004.

Upon completion of the training program in Applied Counselling at Red River College, Ha returned to Success Skills Centre and worked as an Employment Facilitator and now as a Labour Market Specialist. Her job is to provide employment search facilitation and placement of immigrant professionals and skilled workers.



Ha was a toastmaster for ten years, where she gained confidence and experience in public speaking, facilitation and presentation. She volunteered at the Rotary Career Symposium as one of the counsellors for the Career Café for a number of years before taking on the role of Career Café Coordinator in 2016. She is a member of the Rotary Career Symposium Logistics Committee.

Apart from work, Ha enjoys sports. She plays table tennis as a family sport. She enjoys watching tennis and curling. Ha's husband is also a table tennis lover and her two athletic children (a son and a daughter), have been players and later coaches for the sports that they love, fencing and table tennis respectively.

**Martha Jo (MJ) Willard:** MJ was born in Missouri and raised in a small town. She went to the University of Missouri earning a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Conservation (ecology) in 1971.



MJ's career includes:  
Teaching elementary school  
Teaching Jr High school  
Masters Degree  
Veterinary School from Tuskegee Institute  
Emergency Veterinary Clinics  
Med School – Pathology  
Ran for MLA in 2007, MP in 2008 and 2011  
Locum contract in Sydney, NS;  
Family medicine.



MJ retired in 2016 after taking care of inner city Indigenous people with complex medical problems.

She has traveled around the world twice, gone to all seven continents, to Africa 8 times, Antarctica once, and to several countries in South America. Her favorite place is Antarctica. Her passion is climate change and politics.

**Shana Goulbourne:** Shana Goulbourne grew up in the Caribbean island of Jamaica. She is the youngest of four siblings. Shana earned her Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the University of the West Indies, Mona and later went on to do her MBA with the University of Leicester.



Shana has 11+ years experience in the Banking and Insurance sector, focusing primarily on Information Technology Controls and Risk Management and Quality Assurance.

Shana immigrated to Canada with her family 2 years ago. She currently manages the security awareness and risk program at Wawanesa Mutual Insurance, where she serves as an Information Security Compliance Analyst. She is also actively involved in the community and serves as Program Director on the board of Information Systems Audit Control Association (ISACA) and volunteers her time with various causes.

**Jeannete Brigit:** Jeannete is the Community Outreach co-coordinator for Home Instead Senior Care where she has worked for 8 years.

Her primary responsibilities includes overseeing the planning and implementation of outreach strategies and for cultivating relationships with businesses, individuals and organizations working with, and for, seniors welfare.





She came to Home Instead after 20 years with the United Church of Canada where her primary responsibilities, as Order of Ministry, included Community Outreach & Development (in Winnipeg's inner city), Curriculum development, administration and leading study groups.

Prior to her acceptance as United Church clergy she was a stay at home mom for 17 years – volunteering with her church and attending university. She has a B.A. (Sociology); a B.Th. (Theology); and Certification in Mediation and Meditation.

Though Jeannette now calls Winnipeg home she has had the great fortune of living and working in rural Saskatchewan and Manitoba and in London, England for 10 amazing years.

Hobbies are travelling - which has been a wonderful gift in expanding her understanding, and appreciation, of the richness other cultures' traditions, customs and beliefs offer to us; reading and volunteering. To have the time to give back to the community is a privilege which she takes seriously.

Volunteering includes: member of the fundraising committee for D'Arcy Animal Rescue Centre; the Children's Hospital Book Sale; the ALS Society and the Alzheimer's Societies of MB.

Jeannette is also a Marriage Commissioner and Funeral Celebrant and is the proud owner of Turning Points: Ceremonies Celebrating Life.

She shares that her life has been enriched by family, friends and the colleagues she has had the pleasure of working with. Grateful for the life lessons they have taught her. Jeannette is inspired by those – who, by their small acts of kindness, have stirred the hearts and minds of others to believe we can all participate in creating a more just and caring world.

**Jennifer Ash:** Jennifer was born and raised in British Columbia, having lived in a number of small towns across the province before joining the Canadian Forces in 1993. She spent almost 21 years in the Air Force, serving on numerous postings across Canada. Jennifer also worked overseas with the United Nations Mission in Sudan in 2007, and served in Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2009 where she held the position of Deputy Chief of Finance. Her work in Afghanistan included a voluntary role as Coordinator of the Kandahar Bazaar School, in which she developed an infrastructure proposal and secured multinational financial support for the construction of a new school for local Afghan children. The project was a success and the doors were opened in late 2010.





Jennifer completed undergraduate studies at the Royal Military College of Canada in 1997, earned an MBA from Royal Roads University in 2008, and is also a Chartered Professional Accountant, having received the designation in 2012.

Jennifer retired from the Canadian Forces in 2013 and started a second career in tourism as Vice President – Finance & Operations for Frontiers North Adventures - a Manitoba tourism company that delivers exceptional experiences to travelers with specific interests in photography, wildlife, culture and adventure. She is married to Scott Ash of Brandon, MB and they have 14 year-old twins – Carson and Elliott. In her spare time Jennifer loves hiking, gardening, golfing and enjoying the outdoors with her family and friends in Riding Mountain National Park.

## ROTARY EVENTS:

**Youssef Mouzahem:** On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Youssef took the Oath of Citizenship and became a Citizen of Canada. Pat & Roy Vallance and Nancy & Frank Cosway attended the Citizenship Ceremony at the Citizenship Court at the VIA Rail Station. It was their pleasure to share this important occasion with Youssef.



At the end of the Citizenship Ceremony, Youssef was invited to deliver a Testimonial about the significance of the Citizenship process and the experience of becoming a Canadian Citizen. Of over 80 people, he was the only one invited to speak.

## DISTRICT 5550 – DISTRICT CONFERENCE – May 2 – 5, 2019

This was a very innovative and successful Conference. Please check the “**DG Newsletter for June 2019**” which was sent out to you by e-mail on May 31, 2019. It contains a link to a Summary video of the Conference, plus the presentations by the four Guest Speakers.



## Rotary International Board passes “Diversity Policy”:

(From the May 2019 issue of the The Rotarian)

### **RI Board passes diversity policy**

One of Rotary’s top priorities is diversifying our membership to ensure that we more fully reflect the communities we serve. There has been an ongoing conversation about the lack of diversity in Rotary’s leadership. For example, while 22 percent of Rotary’s members are women, that statistic is not reflected in our leadership. We can do more, and in January, Rotary’s Board of Directors approved a diversity, equity, and inclusion policy for Rotary International:

*As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.*

*Rotary will cultivate a diverse, equitable, inclusive culture in which people from underrepresented groups have greater opportunities to participate as members and leaders.*

This is a statement for everyone — from the club level to the Secretariat. All of Rotary needs to make diversity — of age, race, gender, culture, sexual orientation and identity, etc. — a priority.

The Board has also set a goal to increase the number of women both in Rotary and in Rotary leadership positions to 30 percent by June 2023. To achieve this goal, we all have work to do. We still need to bring in good people to our organization, so we should not lose sight of good men either; we want qualified individuals from all sectors.

We have made great strides this year by appointing more women to serve as International Assembly training leaders, regional leaders, and RI committee members. At the local level, clubs can encourage more women and those from other underrepresented groups to take on leadership roles. As more diverse candidates are elected, the pool of candidates who can serve at the senior leadership level increases too.

It is time for Rotary to create a new future for the organization, one that is more open and inclusive, fair to all, builds goodwill, and is beneficial to all of Rotary.

— RI PRESIDENT BARRY RASSIN



## PROJECT UPDATES:

### 62<sup>nd</sup> Model United Nation Assembly (MUNA):



#### **Speakers for the Official Opening of MUNA included:**

The Honourable Lt. Governor Janice Filmon, Doug Eyolfson, Federal MP, Arlen Dumas, Grand Chief, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, US Consul Anthony Paglai, and Trevor Stark, President, Rotary Club of Winnipeg.

## LINKS:

**Rotary Club of Winnipeg – 100 Years of Service (1910 - 2010)** by Ron Hore, Rais Khan & Archie Speers is now available on-line, at [www.winnipegrotary.org](http://www.winnipegrotary.org) and click on "About Us". This book was published to celebrate the Rotary Centennial in Canada, in 2010.

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