

Rotary Club of Winnipeg



ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

June 30, 2020

END OF ROTARY YEAR 2019-20 NEWSLETTER

RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 24, 2020 Farewell Address by President Roy Vallance (2019-20) This was an excellent and inspiring summary of the activities and accomplishments of our Club for Rotary Year (2019-20). A copy of Pres. Roy's presentation was e-mailed to all Rotary Members and our Rotary Alumni.

<https://content.clubrunner.ca/998/Document/Download?DocumentType=AccountDocuments&DocumentId=5176cfda-513f-4bce-b375-ed2888402177>

July 8, 2020 Inaugural Address by President Brent Jorowski (2020-21)

July 1 – 31, 2020 July Breakout Sessions for Rotary International VIRTUAL Convention, There are about 30 Virtual Breakout Sessions being held during the month of July. This is a continuation of the RI Virtual Convention. Click on the link below for a list of the upcoming sessions. <https://convention.rotary.org/en/honolulu/july-breakouts>

NEW MEMBER:

Rebecca Chartrand:

Rebecca Chartrand is Anishinaanbe/Metis, and a member of Pine Creek First Nation in Treaty # 4 territory, Manitoba. She has completed her M.Ed.

In her last two roles, she earned much media coverage as Executive Director, Indigenous Strategy at Red River College and a Division Lead for Indigenous Education in Seven Oaks School Division. Under Rebecca's leadership, Red River College was becoming the post-secondary institute of choice for many Indigenous students.



In her former role as Division Administrator for Indigenous Education in Seven Oaks School Division, she developed the division's policy and strategy that made Seven Oaks

the leader of Indigenous education in Manitoba and was the driver behind the launch of an unprecedented Kindergarten to Grade 3 Ojibwe bilingual school. Her work has won her a number of awards.

She is a co-founder of the Red Roots Theatre Play called “Those Dawn Squaws” which served to draw attention to the racism and exploitation of Indigenous women. She is the current President of the Indigenous Peoples Commission for Manitoba, a founder of CAEM- Council for Aboriginal Education in Manitoba 2009, a founder of the Aboriginal Education Awards with the Manitoba Aboriginal Circle of Educators, 2003 and currently sits as a committee member with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights Canada, Indigenous Education Advisory Group.

Rebecca also sits with the Manitoba Aboriginal Languages Strategic Working Committee Member-2015 and recently completed 15 Ojibwe/English bilingual books with her mother to support language revitalization. She writes a monthly column with Grassroots Newspaper to honour Indigenous women who assume roles of leadership to bring about change.

Visit her on LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/rebecca-chartrand

ROTARY CLUB AFFAIRS:

Land Acknowledgement: The Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP) Committee of our Club consulted with its First Nations members over the past few months and passed a motion by consensus to recommend updated language for the Club’s Land Acknowledgement. This recommendation was approved by the Board. The approved language is as follows:

“We acknowledge that we are meeting on Traditional Land of the First Nations, Treaty One Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We recognize that the clean water we are drinking is sourced from the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation.”

ROTARY MEMBERS & ALUMNI:

Paul Harris Fellows recognized:

Prior to his Farewell Address, Pres Roy recognized three Paul Harris Fellows for their long service as Club Members. The new Paul Harris Fellows are:

- David Newman – his 4th PHF
- Ernie Shewchuk – his 4th PHF
- Richard Whidden – his 3rd PHF

What is a Paul Harris Fellow?

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to [The Rotary Foundation](#).

Paul Harris Fellow Pin:



Left: Introduced in 1984, the blue-stone Multiple Paul Harris Fellow pin recognizes additional donations up to \$5,000. Right: Red-stone Multiple Paul Harris Fellow pins were introduced in 1988 to bridge the gap between the blue five-stone pin and Major Donor recognition levels.

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Yinka Babalola

(Yinka is Tinuke Babalola's father. Tinuke is a member of our Rotary Club of Winnipeg Satellite Club)

Yinka was **Rotary International Vice President (2019-20)**

He is an Engineer, Member Nigerian Society of Engineers, Fellow of Nigerian Institute of Safety Professionals and member International Association of Change management Practitioners (ACMP). He is a Safety Management system Auditor. He worked for Shell oil in various senior positions retiring after 24 years to pursue his other interests.



He is the lead coach and facilitator at Lead and Change Consulting, an Executive/ leadership coaching, organization performance and behavior transformation advisory group.

He chairs the Board of Riviera Technical services Ltd, an Oil and Gas infrastructure delivery outfit.

Yinka started his Rotary journey as a Rotaractor in 1983. A Rotarian since 1993, Yinka is a member of the Rotary club of Trans Amadi, Port Harcourt District 9141, Nigeria.

As club President in 2002-03, he won the Rotary International Global Quest Award for highest percentage net membership gain worldwide and was recognized onstage at the Brisbane convention. The club with the sustained growth now has a membership of 85 and is the biggest in the district.

Yinka has served Rotary as Governor, raising over a million US dollars for the Rotary Foundation from an area normally considered as disadvantaged and growing membership by a net gain of over 650. The district 9140 under his leadership emerged one of the Top three performing districts in the world and was so recognized at the Bangkok convention.

The membership growth he inspired has not only endured, it laid the foundation for the split of the district into two, effective 1st July 2017.

He is a Director of the Safeblood Africa project – A multi district Rotary initiative with a mission to improve the safety and expand the availability of blood in hospitals throughout Nigeria at the first instance and the rest of Africa. He is a faculty member and the foundation Registrar of the Nigerian Division of the Rotary Leadership Institute.

He is on the Board of Rotary International as Director for the years 2018-2020 and currently serves as Vice President of Rotary International for 2019-20.

He is a Vice Chair of the Rotary International End Polio now Countdown committee, member of the RI Board Executive committee, Membership committee, Joint RI/TRF Committee on Partnership, the Elevate Rotaract committee and the RI committee selection Taskforce.

He has also served on the RI Administration committee, RI Awards committee

He has served Rotary as Assistant Rotary coordinator, End Polio Zone Coordinator for English speaking Africa, the Rotary International Reach out To Africa (ROTA) water and sanitation coordinator, member of the Sao Paulo 2015 International Convention promotion committee, Nigeria National PolioPlus committee, Regional Rotary Foundation coordinator (English speaking Africa, Zone 20A) and Endowment/Major Gift Adviser.

He has served as International Assembly training leader, GETS training leader and RI President's personal representative at District conferences.

He is a recipient of the Rotary Service Above self-award – the highest recognition that can be given to a Rotarian by Rotary International. Other Rotary International recognitions include the Four avenues of service citation, Club Builder award, Regional polio service award and The Rotary foundation Citation for Meritorious service

Yinka, is an Arch Klumph society member, and a Rotary foundation benefactor. He has attended several local Rotary seminars and conferences, Zone and international institutes, and over 20 Rotary International Conventions.

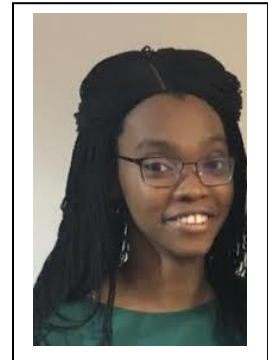
Yinka's spouse Precy is an Attorney, a member of the Rotary club of Port Harcourt East.

Tinuke Babalola - What Rotary means to me.

(Tinuke is a member of our Satellite Rotary Club and daughter of Yinka.)

Audio: <https://soundcloud.com/tinuke-bh/what-rotary-means-to-me-m4a>

As I sat down to write this article, I wasn't quite sure where to begin. I thought about talking about how I memorised the **4 Way Test** by age six, attended my first International convention at the age of seven....chartered and served as charter president of an interact club while in Boarding school or the innumerable service projects I've had the opportunity to either participate in or lead over the last 20 years.



However after much thought, I decided that I would write about what rotary means to me – **Family, Core Values and a Dream**. A mix that can get complicated sometimes, but much of life is complex, and some of the most beautiful things exist in their complex simplicity.

Without Rotary, I wouldn't exist in the form that I do today. Mama and Daddy (my biological parents) met at a Rotaract meeting in their twenties. When I was 16 and moved to a new continent for University it was through Rotary that I met Mum (Eva) and found a home away from home.

My driving forces which are **Love, Honour and Integrity** where significantly inspired by similar Rotarian values of **Humanitarian service, Social justice and Fostering Inter-cultural understanding**.

So for me, Rotary represents Family, Core Values, and a Dream. ***A dream of the kind of world that is possible if we say what we mean, mean what we say, take aligned action and are willing to change our minds when provided with new information.***

What does Rotary mean to you? - Tinuke BH.

Eva Vida (District 5550 - Past District Governor – 2011-12)

As Rotarians we often hear the phrase “the family of Rotary” and it is significant as for many of us it means friendship, fellowship, opportunities to work with people we know on our favorite projects and sometimes personal support or help if we need it.

For me, it certainly is all of that and in addition, Rotary has truly given me a family.

In my journey to become a District Governor, there were requirements for training and these training sessions took me to many different parts of the Rotary world. It was in these sessions that I first saw the true magnitude of Rotary and could see that there were many like-minded people all around the world.



It was at one of these sessions in San Diego that I had the chance to meet with then incoming District Governor for his district in Nigeria, Yinka Babalola.

Yinka sought me out to learn about Winnipeg and to get to know me, you see his 16 year old daughter Tinuke had just been accepted at the University of Manitoba in the engineering program.

Tinuke, not having reached the age of majority required a guardian in Canada.

Without realizing at the time, I was being interviewed to be her mom away from home. Imagine the trust one must have to place the welfare of their child in someone else's hands. Such is the power of Rotary and Rotarians, we unite the world

I have happily filled the role of "mom" for over 8 years now. Yinka has become the incoming Vice President of Rotary International and Tinuke has become a Canadian and a Rotarian member of our own satellite club.

Eva Vida

RRFC Zone 24w

Chair Rotary Zone Institute 2016

D5550 DG 2011-12

ROTARY IN THE NEWS:

- **Minnedosa Rotary Club & Book Sale:** Their Book Sale was cancelled because of COVID 19 and then their Storage Facility was seriously flooded during the recent severe rains in their area. Many of the books were saved but some were damaged by the flood waters.

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/video/watch/storm-cleanup-continues/vi-BB16bmcg>

COVID-19 PROJECTS

Local Projects:

- **Winnipeg Harvest (\$2,000)**
- **Computers for Kids (\$4,000)** in partnership with Inspire Community Outreach.
- **Food Hampers for Families (\$1,000)** through Hugh John MacDonald School
- **Willow Place (\$800)** a women's shelter. Funds were used to purchase PPE
- **Ma Mawi Emergency Food Program (\$800)** for children and in-need families
- **HIP National COVID-19 Fund (\$500)** Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP)

International Projects in South Africa:

- **Hippo Roller Water Carriers RC of Hillcrest (USD\$500)**
- **Food Supplies RC of Hillcrest(\$2,500)**

- **Taking Care of Children** RC of Johannesburg New Dawn (USD\$1,500)
 - **Porridge Project** Rotary E-Club of South Africa One (USD\$1,300)
 - **Survival Gardens** RC of Gibson (BC) & RC of Hillcrest (\$3,500)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOzGDMkxmBc&feature=youtu.be>

Thank You from the Oak Table for the Rotaractors



The Rotaract Club at the U of M collected 55 backpack and \$145 dollars and purchased \$200 worth of Granola Bars and Juice Boxes.

RECENT SPEAKER at Club ZOOM Meetings:

Trisha Kulathungam:

On June 17th Trisha did a Craft Talk on the “**Higher Learning Foundation**” and her **other philanthropic activities**. Her bio is provided below. If you would like a copy of

her presentation, please send me an e-mail and I will send you a copy of her Powerpoint presentation.

Trisha Kulathungam was born and raised in Winnipeg and has been involved in the manufacturing and philanthropy industries in Manitoba. She proudly works for her father's companies, SCT Welding, Laser and Manufacturing Co, and Strong Electric Manufacturing. She began working for her dad as a teen receptionist and has worked her way up to a management role at both companies.



Philanthropy has played an important role in Trisha's life since elementary. She began volunteering at a young age and continues to volunteer and fundraise for various community projects and important causes. Trisha's philanthropic interests inspired her to create her own charity centred around scholarship access and student well-being. She created The Higher Learning Foundation Inc. in 2013 and since then, she has dedicated most of her charitable resources to students, schools and after school programs.

Since building Higher Learning Foundation, Trisha is now in the process of becoming a certified Yoga and Meditation teacher. Through HLF, Trisha will be facilitating a yoga, meditation and self-care program at various schools in Manitoba. She will also be teaching these skills to students as a way to raise donations for HLF.

Outside of HLF, Trisha's philanthropic efforts are directed at creative place-making in the inner-city, supporting local women's shelters, hosting various food and clothing drives for local charities, and most recently, establishing a research lab to test how mindfulness and meditation can improve students' well-being and academic performance.

LINKS:

Polio Survivor hopes for COVID-19 vaccine

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/life/health/survivors-who-missed-out-on-polio-vaccine-hope-for-breakthrough-against-covid-19-571082622.html>

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