

# Rotary Club of Winnipeg



**ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....**

March 9, 2019

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**March 11-13, 2019**

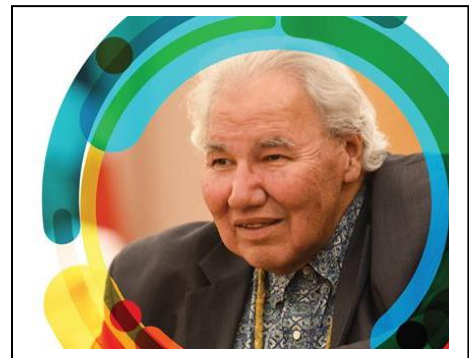
**Rotary Career Symposium**, at the RBC Convention Centre

<https://careersymposium.ca/>

**March 25, 2019**

**Lighting the Way Forward: The Calls to Action *In Action* with Senator Murray Sinclair**, sponsored by Winnipeg's Vital Signs a project of the Winnipeg Foundation. Doors open at 6:30 pm, at the University of Winnipeg, Eckhardt Gramatte Hall. Free admission but Tickets are required. Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/lighting-the-way-forward-the-calls-to-action-in-action-tickets-57114938318>



**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?eventid=927d85d4-35cb-459d-b131-25a06d705a94>

**May 9-12, 2019**

**Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)**, <https://winnipegmuna.ca/> (See article by Donna Alexander on page 6)

**June 1-5, 2019**

**Rotary International Convention** in Hamburg, Germany

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

## RECENT EVENTS: **The Share the Magic – Family**

**Literacy Day** on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. was well attended by many parents and their children. Pat & Roy Vallance attended.



## HEALTH & WELLNESS:

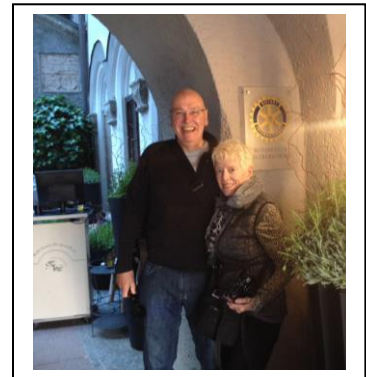
**Anneliese Kallenbach** our former Office Manager fell and broke her hip on Valentine's Day. She spent 5 days in hospital and is now home and recovering. She sends her greetings. I am sure Anneliese would enjoy a call or an e-mail from any of her old friends. Anneliese is an Honourary Member of our Club and a recipient of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg - E. Leslie Pidgeon Award. (Tel: 204-832-0752 or e-mail: [annelikallen@gmail.com](mailto:annelikallen@gmail.com))



## TRAVEL & WORK:

**David & Brenda Newman** will be part of the **Rotary Action Group for Peace trip to the Middle East.**

They leave March 11 and return March 24. Eight participants, 4 men and 4 women are going on this educational learning mission to engage with Israeli and Palestinian Rotarians, Rotaractors and Rotary Peace Fellows. They are one week in Israel and one week in the Palestinian territories. Their itineraries have been arranged by their hosts, the Israeli Rotary District leaders for Israel and the Palestinian District leaders from the Palestinian territories. David will provide more information as the trip progresses.



## ROTARY CONNECTIONS & GROWTH:

Cassidy Shaw from Dawson Creek attended the **Rotary Adventures in Human Rights**, in Winnipeg in August, 2018. As a result of her experience, Cassidy and 14 other student from Dawson Creek have come to Winnipeg, to spend 5 days at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, February 25 to March 1, 2019. Below is the official report from Tamara Larson, District 5370 Youth Services Chair.

### **Inspiring peace one young Rotary leader at a time!**

Tamara C Larson, D5370 Youth Services Chair

**Rotary District 5370 Youth Services is pleased to announce a formal partnership with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR), Dawson Creek Secondary School – South Peace Campus, Interact Club of Dawson Creek and the Rotary Club of Dawson Creek Sunrise that saw 15 young leaders participating in a national pilot program at the CMHR in Winnipeg from February 25 to March 1, 2019.**



**The CMHR's National Human Rights Leadership Program**

encourages students to become engaged citizens and leaders in advancing human rights. During this transformative experience, students interact with leading academics, thinkers and people who have lived experience with human rights. The students from Dawson Creek will visit the Museum for three days to learn about the importance of diversity and inclusion, truth and reconciliation, and how to take action for human rights in their own lives and communities.

The **Rotary Club of Dawson Creek Sunrise co-sponsored Cassidy Shaw** as a young leader to attend the D5550 Rotary Adventures in Human Rights (RAHR) opportunity in August 2018.

“This life-changing experience inspired this young lady to work with Youth Services Chair Tamara Larson to create an opportunity for her peers to experience this amazing learning opportunity at the CMHR,” said Michelle Rolls, President, Rotary Club of Dawson Creek Sunrise.

The CMHR is one of Canada’s national museums, opening in 2014 as a global hub of human rights education. Located at The Forks, a historic meeting place in the centre of Winnipeg, the Museum is also a stunning architectural icon that now graces the new Canadian \$10 banknote.

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## FUNDRAISING GOALS:

To qualify for Global Grants our Club must donate **US\$50 per member to the RI Annual Fund**, ASAP. We are currently at US\$45 per member.

**To Donate to the Annual Fund go to:**

- [www.Rotary.org](http://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](mailto:frankcosway@mts.net)

## PROJECT UPDATES:

### (HIP) Honouring Indigenous Peoples Committee of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg

**Goals:** Rotary's Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP) is a Canada-wide partnership between Indigenous Peoples and Rotarians. We are honouring Indigenous people by supporting their educational efforts and encouraging all Canadians to be aware of Indigenous issues, history and culture. [Rotary HIP](#) originated in southern Ontario in partnership and consultation with Indigenous Peoples.



One of the main goals of our club's HIP committee is to engage in reconciliation by connecting students from Winnipeg schools with their counterparts in northern First Nations communities so that they can get to know one another, learn from and with one another and provide mutual support.

**Guiding principles:** HIP adheres to the core values of Rotary International 4-Way Test and the Seven Anishinaabek Grandfather Teachings.

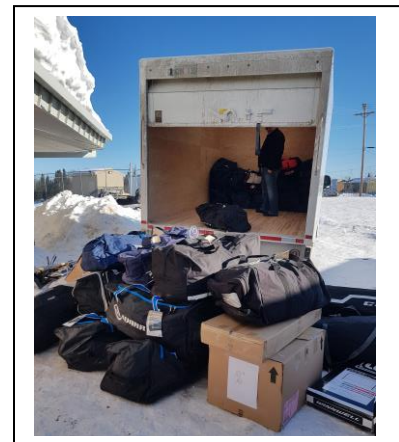
1. **Service:** We believe that service activities and programs bring about greater understanding and peace. Service is a major component of our mission. By working together with our partners we will create a culture of service.
2. **Integrity:** We are committed to and expect accountability and transparency from all of our members, both in our efforts and in the processes we use to accomplish our goals. We adhere to high ethical and professional standards in our work and

personal relationships. We are fair and respectful of all others in our interactions with everyone and we prudently steward the resources entrusted to us.

3. **Diversity:** We encourage diversity within our membership and all members will be treated with respect and dignity regardless of their role.
4. **Leadership:** We believe in the importance of understanding leadership development and empowerment of indigenous people. Adhering to our core values is in itself a form of leadership.
5. **Collaboration:** We foster partnerships and collaboration amongst Rotary Clubs, Rotarians, indigenous peoples and their communities and other groups to help fulfill our mission.
6. **Sustainability:** Programs are to be designed to be sustainable, owned by the indigenous community and with the indigenous community not becoming dependent upon Rotary to provide for continual funding and support.
7. **The 4-Way Test:** Of the things we think, say or do: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
8. **The 7 Sacred Grandfather Teachings (Anishinaabek)** – Truth, Humility, Honesty, Respect, Courage, Love and Wisdom

**Accomplishments to date:** So far during the committee’s current fiscal year 2018-19 the following initiatives have been advanced:

- **The Kistiganwacheeng School in Garden Hill and Ecole River Heights School in Winnipeg** was one of our first Partnerships. The students communicated with each other and the ERHS students learned a great deal about life in Garden Hill. They were also able to respond to requests from the Garden Hill students which resulted in our sending a large shipment of skates, hockey equipment and the most current culturally relevant books to them. These were shipped via winter road courtesy of the **North West Company**. In the winter of that year a group of **students from Garden Hill paid a visit to ERH School** and spent a couple of hours with their fellow students there. The ERHS students received letters and many pieces of art work from the Garden Hill students. The students continue to communicate with one another.



- **‘First Contact’ Premiere Panel Event:** On September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) debuted **‘First Contact’**, a three-episode reality TV series that “takes six Canadians, all with stereotypical opinions about Indigenous People, on a unique 28-day exploration of Indigenous Canada...challenging their perceptions and confronting their prejudices about a world they never imagined they would see.” Coordinating with this debut, the Rotary Club of Winnipeg’s 9th annual Peace Days Festival and World Peace

Partners, in collaboration with the HIP national and local committee, hosted a special screening and panel discussion at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg for over 200 Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants.

Following the screening, there was a **Panel Discussion**, moderated by Ry Moran, Director of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, comprised several of the TV series' reality participants. Additionally, to help guide participation in this event and other Rotary-sponsored 'First Contact' sharing sessions, Rotary's HIP National committee developed a '**First Contact Workbook**.' The premiere and special screening event was an emotional, informative and even transformative experience for many of the participants. The panel discussion was live-streamed via the events [FaceBook page](#).

- **Virtual Robotics for Youth:** The HIP committee is partnering with the Winnipeg-based virtual robotics company, **Cogmation**, (Larry Schmidt) to help bring science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education opportunities to Indigenous youth in Winnipeg and remote Manitoba communities. **Powerland Computers** (Jacques Page) donated 15 laptop computers to support this program.
- **Audio-visual Equipment Collaboration with the Circle of Life Thunderbird House:** The HIP committee collaborated with the Winnipeg-based International Institute for Sustainable Development to make available a high-definition projector and extra-large projection screen to enhance the Thunderbird House's existing meeting facility capabilities for the continued benefit of the Winnipeg community.
- **The Rotary Club of Winnipeg's HIP committee** contributed sponsorship funding to the following initiatives:
  - HIP Ontario Truth & Reconciliation calls to action booklets;
  - Mushkegowuk Hockey Cup Tournament; and the
  - Share the Magic Book Programme.

**Note:** Future Initiatives will appear in the May issue of the Club Newsletter

Prepared by: **Darren Swanson**, Chair of the HIP Committee



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

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg will be staging its 62<sup>nd</sup> MUNA (Model UN Assembly) in a few short months. 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 from May 9-12, with the debates taking place on the Friday and Saturday.

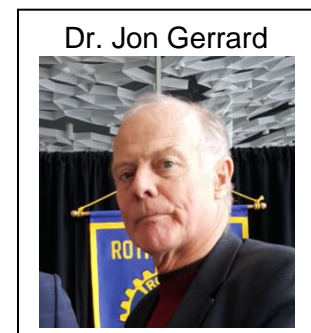
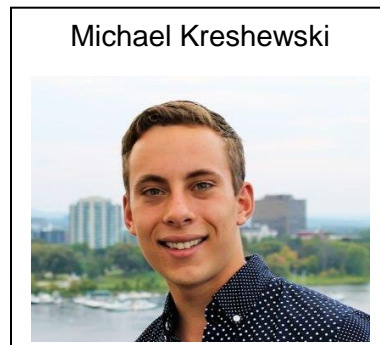
Our MUNA Committee has been working on the planning of the event since September. At this stage, we find that time gathers speed, and the excitement builds. We have 72

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, and North Dakota.

We continue to update our website ([www.winnipegmuna.ca](http://www.winnipegmuna.ca)) to include more detail, specifically to help newcomers to MUNA, and to include the agenda and the four resolutions. The resolutions were developed by Rotarian Darren Swanson with assistance from Rotarian Rais Khan and Bill Yotive from the United Nations in New York. They are on the following topics:

1. Nuclear Weapons and the Middle East
2. Weaponization of Space
3. Rise of Racism and Glorification of Nazism
4. Sustainability

Our 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 Dr. Jon Gerrard will take the role of Vice President; and we have Michael Kreshewski a former delegate and University of Ottawa student acting as Secretary General.



As usual we have invited important people to address the Assembly at our opening ceremony, including our Lieutenant Governor, the US Consul, Manitoba's Grand Chief, and a Member of Parliament.

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.

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## **POLIO ERADICATION and THE ANTI-VACCINE MOVEMENT:**

**With the recent outbreaks of measles,** there have many articles, reports and posts on social media, radio, TV and the print media about vaccinations and the reluctance to vaccinate by a small minority. I would encourage you to read some of these articles. There are many important insights on the communication challenges ahead to improve vaccination rates and increase “herd immunity”.

<https://www.vaccinestoday.eu/stories/what-is-herd-immunity/>

**The Anti-Vaccine Movement:** Message written by Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko on the Anti-Vaccine movement

<https://www.rotary.org/en/anti-vaccine-movement-may-have-global-repercussions-1>



**INVISIBLE THREAT**  
A Rotary funded film about vaccinations

<https://www.sandiegorotary.club/service/invisible-threat-film-vaccinations/>

San Diego Rotary, in cooperation with the Rotary clubs of La Mesa, Carlsbad Hi Noon, and Ramona, as well as Price Charities, the Ben-Yehuda Fund and Art Pratt Foundation, as well as Rotary International through a District Matching Grant, financed the making of a film about vaccinations by the Carlsbad High School TV Film Program. The resulting film, based entirely on the student’s independent research, has received national and international notice. The film tells the story of the importance of vaccinations based on scientific principles, as well as examining potential side-effects. Some 300 universities and medical institutions have endorsed the film.

## **LINKS:**

### **2018 Annual Report for Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP)**

See pages p. 7 & 12 for Winnipeg Rotarians

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050157/en-ca/files/homepage/2018-honoring-indigenous-peoples-annual-repor/2018-Annual-Report-HIP.pdf>

### **Beyond Borders Newsletter for Rotary Zones 24 & 32**

See pages 8 & 13 for Winnipeg events.

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050077/en-ca/files/homepage/beyond-borders-mar-2019/2019-March.pdf>

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