

Rotary Club of Winnipeg



ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

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SPECIAL EDITION on NEW MEMBERS

Editor's Note:

During the past 7 months, we have had several new members join the Rotary Club of Winnipeg – The Club that made Rotary International. They include:

- Eight new members for the Rotary Satellite Club of Winnipeg and
- Five new members for the Rotary Club of Winnipeg.

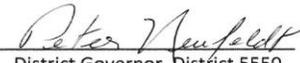
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Welcome to Rotary International

**The Rotary Satellite Club of
Winnipeg 6:00pm, Manitoba, Canada**

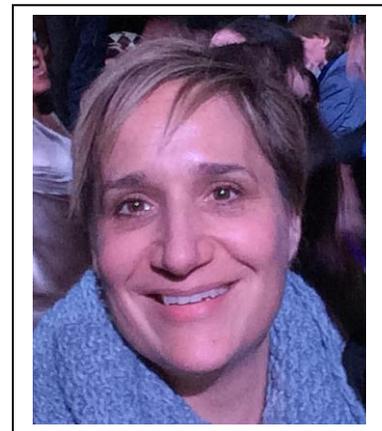
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You are recognized for your dedication to the Objects of Rotary and
for your commitment to the ideal of Service Above Self.

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District Governor, District 5550

Pat Austin is President of our Rotary Satellite Club of Winnipeg. “I was born and raised in Manitoba, growing up in Winnipeg and then the Interlake. 4-H was a large part of my youth. I am married to Gord Austin and have two sons, Scott and Jackson. I work as an administration assistant for two Financial Planners. In my down time I love cooking.”

Pat has assisted with the organization of a Rotary District Conference and a recent Rotary Zone Institute. Pat is also a recipient of a Paul Harris Award.



Tsungai Mvingi: “I am the President-Elect for the Downtown Rotary Satellite Club. Outside of Rotary, I work full time with my own business. My business is focused on



giving families the opportunity to save and change their lives through business ownership, financial literacy and education.

I know many of the Rotarians in the main club as my dad was a member for many years before he moved away. He introduced me to Rotary and Rotaract because he saw and understood the impact Rotary has around the world. Through Rotaract I volunteered and worked on projects with both the Charleswood and Downtown Clubs. For a few years I was also involved in World Peace Partners. I loved the passion, commitment and relationships that Rotary inspired. I took a step back from the Rotary world after I aged out of Rotaract because I

wasn't yet ready and able to commit the time and carry the responsibilities that come with being a Rotarian. I was never too far off though as I still volunteered from time to time. I am excited to be back more fully engaged in the Rotary world. I appreciate that I am coming back to family, not just to a club. That's what Rotary is to me...it's family. I look forward to working on many new projects and getting back into some of the areas that I am passionate about including World Peace Partners.

Carolina Lorenz Simões: Carolina is Secretary of the Rotary Satellite Club.

“Brazilian, Master in geography, focus on Antarctic glacier using remote sensing for climate change studies. Arrived in Canada last December with my husband Enoil de Souza Junior. Currently, I am working in Walmart. Like traveling, camping, nature and animals. Enjoy trying new sports, learn about history and different cultures.”



Enoil de Souza Junior, from Porto Alegre/RS, Brazil. “I am a Ph.D. student at the University of Manitoba, my research is focused on climate teleconnections, I am exploring possible linkages between Arctic warming and extremely cold winter in North America, but I am also searching for linkages between Arctic warming and the Tropics. I was trained as a Geographer and my Master thesis was entitled The new Arctic: environmental changes and Geopolitics.

I was introduced to Rotary by my brother-in-law. He is a Past President of the Rotary Club de Osorio, District 4670. He told me many stories about how Rotarians support each other and how they work to make the world a better place. So, when my wife (Carolina) and I got here in Winnipeg a year ago, we decided to join a club.



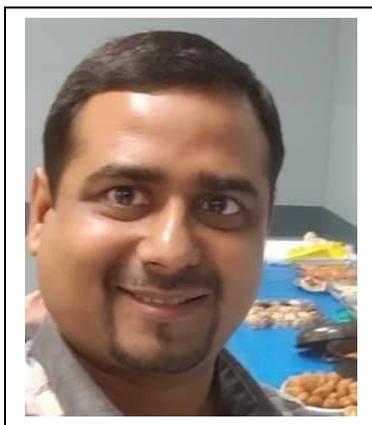
My hobbies are watching movies, (in Brazil, we used to go to the cinema almost every week), sports (this winter I want to try curling), travelling and reading.

An interesting thing: I am a Brazilian but I am a terrible soccer player.

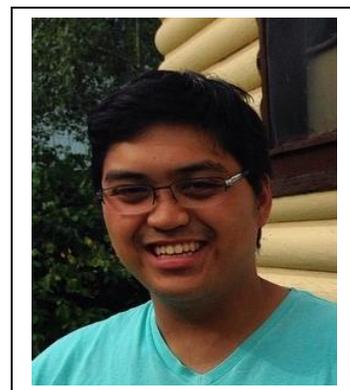
Sonia Weidy Sathan “is a 22-year-old girl from Mauritius, an island situated 2,000 km off the east coast of mainland Africa and some 855 km east of Madagascar. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce (Actuarial Mathematics and Management Information Systems) at the University of Manitoba. During her free time, Sonia enjoys swimming, dancing, listening to music, drawing and playing board games. She also loves travelling and exploring new places. Volunteerism is her hallmark and she is excited doing anything that puts a smile on the face of people, and building friendships while being involved in the community.”



Zafrul Hasan: “I live in Morden. It’s far from Winnipeg -130 km. I am here as a permanent resident for the last 3 years. I came from Bangladesh. I do not have a lot of knowledge about Rotary. But I am very interested in Rotary because my younger brother was President of a Rotary Club in Manila, Philippines. My brother showed me lots of photos. He did lots of activities and projects in his Rotary Club. That inspired me and he always told me that we need to do something for other people. Finally, I contacted Mr Frank and he helped me to join the Rotary Satellite Club. I am so happy now. At last, I am now going to try something. I want to learn and try to do something to help other people.”

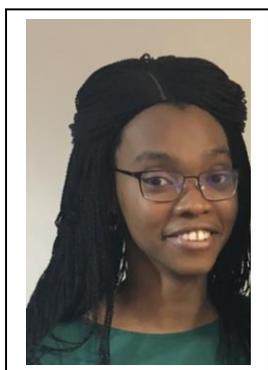


Jorrel Camuyong: Jorrel was born in raised in Winnipeg, and is a first generation Canadian with his parents immigrating from the Philippines to Canada in the 1980's. He currently works as a middle school teacher in the city, and has recently began his post baccalaureate studies in school counselling.



He has been working at the Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA) camp as a counsellor since 2012, and will continue to do so in 2019. Outside of school, work and Rotary, Jorrel fills his time with choral music. He is a member of the Manitoba Choral Association on the Provincial Honor Choir committee, sings in ECCO Singers, and is the director of the Winnipeg Youth Chorus Junior. He is very happy to finally be a part of Rotary after being involved with RYLA for so long, and is looking forward to giving back to the organization.

Atinuke Babalola is from Nigeria, and is a recent graduate of the University of Manitoba. Her father, Yinka Babalola, is an active Rotarian in Nigeria and was Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 20A (2013-16).



Eva Vida refers to Atinuke as her Nigerian daughter. Eva has provided Atinuke with a home away from home while she was a student at the U of M.

NEW MEMBERS – ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG

Abraham Monybuny Kuol Chuol

Abraham is married and has three children. He is from South Sudan but left his family at the age of 9 to become a child soldier in Ethiopia. Growing up without parents was a difficult time.

Abraham put all his trust in God during those days and the church was the only place he could find peace of mind. He spent 15 years in a refugee camp and in 2003, **UNHCR** gave 300 lost boys a chance at

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resettlement with a move to Canada. He was one of that group. He has lived in Winnipeg since coming to Canada.

Abraham works as a security guard and is also an ordained priest with the Anglican Church of Canada. His dream is to become a teacher. In 2016, he graduated from the University of Winnipeg with a bachelor's degree in Conflict Resolution Studies. He is also multi-lingual and can speak 7 languages.

His ultimate goal is to bring peace to the people in South Sudanese communities. He wants to work to build relationships in these communities so that they can rebuild and move towards a more positive future.

Trisha Kulathungam (KOO-LA-THOONG-GUM)

“Trisha was born and raised in Winnipeg and developed a love for the community early in life. After learning how to operate a business through working at her dad's welding shop, she decided to pair her love of the community with her love of entrepreneurship and start her own non-profit organization.



Trisha is the founder of the **My Inspiration Higher Learning Fund** which is a non-profit scholarship program in Manitoba. High school students are given the opportunity to earn a scholarship through volunteering in the community and committing to a mentorship program.

One of Trisha's goals is to reach out to Indigenous students in reserve communities who are interested in obtaining a post-secondary education. Trisha has welcomed 5 local Winnipeg students to the program and they are all going to receive the first ever My Inspiration scholarships in June of this year. By next year, the goal is to welcome 7 students. Trisha's ultimate goal is to hand out 10,000 scholarships to students across the province and enrich Manitoba's community with valuable knowledge and skilled workers.

Trisha's hobbies include practicing yoga, volunteering in the community and spending time with her niece and nephews. Her greatest passion at this point is changing the landscape that Manitoba students are used to and hopefully prove the need to universally accessible education.”

Erica Irwin: Erica Irwin grew up in Dauphin, Manitoba with her parents and brothers. Once she had completed high school, she moved to Winnipeg to further her education and received her Chartered Accountant designation in 2013.

She enjoys her career at Great-West Life, currently working within the Group Customer division. She spends most of her time either working, volunteering or hanging out with her dog Luci.



Erica was inspired to join the Rotary Club by her father, who was a member for over 30 years and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Omoniyi (Omo) Fabarebo:

Omoniyi Fabarebo was born and raised in Nigeria and is the last in a family of 6.

Omoniyi is an IT audit manager at the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) Manitoba. Prior to joining the OAG in 2018, he worked at a Big Four professional services firm for over six (6) years. Having commenced his career in 2010 as an IT risk associate at Deloitte LLP Nigeria, he rapidly grew through the ranks and was seconded to the Deloitte LLP US Firms, Houston TX in 2015 on a two-year term.



Omoniyi is a specialist IT and business risk professional with expertise in IT audit and security, data analytics, IT and business process risk assessment and researching (especially emerging tech). Omoniyi recently completed his MBA in IT Management and is currently looking to commence a professional doctorate program.

Omoniyi enjoys running and recently completed his fifth marathon (Manitoba Full Marathon 2018), playing tennis, listening to good music and attending jazz/operas/orchestras/musicals.

Kawser Ahmed:

Dr. Kawser Ahmed served the Bangladesh Army as a commissioned officer from 1990 to 2010. He performed as an exchange officer with the Turkish Armed Forces, an observer to the United Nations Missions in Western Sahara (MINURSO) and a course participant at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA) in Washington DC.

Dr. Ahmed graduated from the Defence Services Command and Staff College in Bangladesh; received a MPhil degree in peace and conflict from the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh and Ph.D. from University of Manitoba in Canada.

He is currently an SSHRC post-doctoral fellow at the University of Winnipeg. He leads a not for profit research think tank – Conflict and Resilience Research Institute, Canada and works for Manitoba Justice. His research expertise and interests are social conflict and peace-building, radicalism, youth extremism, and the UN peacekeeping operations.

Kawser is a proud father of two sons. He loves to travel and skydive.



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