

# Rotary Club of Winnipeg



## ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

November 23, 2018

### RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November                   **“Rotary Foundation” month**
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
- November 7<sup>th</sup>.            Our **Remembrance Day program** was held on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- November 14<sup>th</sup>.         **The Salvation Army, “Hope in the City” Breakfast.**  
Don Ross organized a table of 8 Rotarians.
- November 15<sup>th</sup>.         **Manitoba Philanthropy Awards**, were held at the RBC Convention Centre. For more information on those receiving recognition Go to: [WWW.MBPHILANTHROPYAWARDS.CA](http://WWW.MBPHILANTHROPYAWARDS.CA)
- November 21<sup>st</sup>         **Paul Chappell**, was in Winnipeg and spoke about **“Peace Literacy Skills**, at our weekly meeting.
- November 27<sup>th</sup>.         **Giving Tuesday** <https://givingtuesday.ca/>
- December 5<sup>th</sup>            **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg.
- December 19<sup>th</sup>         **Rotary Family Holiday Dinner**, on December 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Dinner will be a Buffet and there will be Board Games for all to play. \$30 for Adults and \$12 for Kids. Let Elly know if you are coming and with how many people.
- January 25, 2019       **Big Daddy Tazz & Friends Comedy Night** in support of Local Charities at the MET, Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Winnipeg East A.M. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Show 7:30 pm Tickets are \$30/person.
- February 23, 2019     **Rotary Anniversary** celebration

## VISIT BY KINSTON ROTARIANS DISRUPTED BY TWO HURRICANES:

As you know from the October Newsletter, the visit by Kinston Rotarians to Winnipeg, was cancelled due to the ravages of Hurricane Florence (on September 14<sup>th</sup>) and Hurricane Michael (on October 10<sup>th</sup>). Kay & Jack Harrell experienced some damage on their Beach House on the Atlantic coast. Others also had some damage.



Google “Images of Kinston N.C. Hurricane Florence damage”

<https://www.google.ca/search?q=Images+of+kinston+nc+hurricane+florence+damage&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiz1qmhg-TeAhVkneAKHUjvCqIQ7Al6BAgGEBs&biw=1353&bih=630>

## THE BOARD HAS APPROVED UP TO US\$1,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS for the “KINSTON HURRICANE RELIEF APPEAL.”

In early November, the Board approved a request from the Kinston Visit Planning Committee, of our Rotary Club, for up to US\$1,000 in matching funds for the “**Kinston Hurricane Relief Appeal.**” It has been customary, that our Clubs have supported each other during past natural disasters.

To DONATE, make cheques payable to the “**Rotary Club of Winnipeg**” and in the Memo section indicate “**Kinston Appeal.**”

We will leave it to the Rotary Club of Kinston to decide on the greatest need and best use of the funds. In 2016, our donation was given to the “**Unmet Needs Committee**” of the United Way. Kinston Rotarians June Cummings and Adrian King were both involved with the United Way and the “Unmet Needs Committee.”

## CONNECTIONS TO NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER’S

### **Peggy Maycher:**

Following the October Newsletter and the recent announcement that **Denis Mukwege** was one of the two people awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2018, Peggy sent me an e-mail. (FYI: Denis Mukwege is a Congolese gynecologist. He founded and works in

Panzi Hospital in Bukavu, Congo, where he specializes in the treatment of women who have been raped by armed soldiers or rebel militias.)

Peggy and her husband Paul Maycher are owners of **WNL Development Solutions**. WNL is a multi-discipline engineering and consulting firm focused on development projects in Africa. For over 22 years WNL has helped governments, development agencies and private sector clients plan, design, construct and improve sustainability of infrastructure and service delivery in the sectors of: water supply and sanitation; health care and educational facilities; power supply and transportation systems.



In her recent e-mail, Peggy informed me that *“WNL has committed to the designing of the expansion of the water supply system for the Panzi Hospital, in the Congo, **without charge**. Paul and I have been involved with the development of this project for the last couple of years.”*

*“Paul visited the Panzi Hospital last year with the Co-Founder of the Panzi Hospital Foundation. I will be going to the hospital in January or February to see it and have been asked to get involved with the fundraising for this project. They are trying to raise money for the materials for the water project plus funds for another building for more beds. I will keep you posted.”*

Peggy Maycher, Vice-President, WNL Development Solutions Ltd.

**Darcy Ataman of “Make Music Matter”, from Winnipeg, and Dr. Denis Mukwege from the Panzi Hospital, in the Congo:** See recent article in French, which appeared in the Winnipeg Free Press, on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

<https://l-express.ca/victimes-de-viol-la-musique-pour-reparer-lame/>



**Donna Alexander:**

The other awardee of the Nobel Peace Prize for 2018 was **Nadia Murad**, a Yazidi Human Rights advocate who survived sexual slavery by the Islamic State (ISIS) in Iraq.

Last May, Donna Alexander sent me the following information on her work with a recently arrived Yazidi refugee family in Winnipeg.

*“As a history teacher and a great granddaughter of Ukrainian immigrants that arrived in Canada as part of Clifford Sifton’s plan to populate the West with sturdy peasants, I*

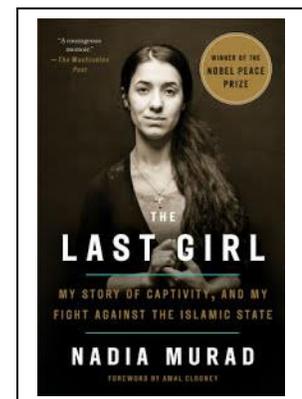
have watched with concern as groups such as the Syrians, Yazidis and now Rohingya have been forced from their lands. I felt that I not only had to voice my concerns, but help to ensure that once the refugees were in Canada they had a chance to transition into peaceful and successful lives.

Through the Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council, I have been paired with a Yazidi family. **Khaleel and Fani** have been here for just over five weeks and they have four of their children with them. They have no English language skills and I do not speak Kurdish but we are certainly enjoying each other's company. I knew that we would need an activity that we could do together that would be comforting and familiar, so I rented a garden plot close to their home and we have planted a variety of vegetables. Khaleel and Fani were farmers in Iraq and so they are happy to be able to continue providing for their family. Each time we go to the plot, we teach each other the words for the tools and the plants, and their little boy loves filling up his Tonka truck with dirt or hauling water from the pond to water the plants.



Soon we will be sharing meals together and exploring more of the city. Manitoba Interfaith is always in need of volunteers and the obligation is a small one. They are looking for people to visit a family once a week for six months. The role is to show them love and compassion in a way that is comfortable for both sides. If fellow Rotarians want to help, please contact me or Maysoun Darweesh at Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council at 204-977-1000 ext (253)”

For more information on **Nadia Murad**, see her memoir “**The Last Girl – My Story of Captivity, and My Fight Against The Islamic State.**” With a Forward by her lawyer Amal Clooney, the wife of actor George Clooney (It is available at COSTCO for \$11.99)



## HEALTH & WELLNESS:

**Nancy Cosway:** On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 3 days before departure for a planned 2 week vacation in Palm Springs, Nancy slipped on some ice while out walking the dog. She

fell and hit her head, getting a serious concussion, fractured her radius in her left arm and experienced temporary amnesia for about 12 hours. She was in St. Boniface Hospital for two nights and had 2 CT scans (24 hours apart) and an MRI to ensure that it was ok for her to go home. Her left arm is currently in a (purple) cast. She was told that her recovery could take 2 to 4 weeks. She gets tired easily, but is slowly recovering. Needless to say, we cancelled our trip to Palm Springs.

**Dick Mulder:** I had a brief note from Sarah Mulder on her recent visit with Dick. *“He seemed pretty weak when I was there but was very happy to have visitors. I asked him if he would like Rotarian visitors and he said yes. The best time to go is around 11 am.”*

Marilyn Page also reports *“that Dick has settled in well. The food and care is good. Dick’s voice is weak and it may be hard to hear him. His phone number is 204-661-1712. The best time to call would be in the morning. Thanks for keeping in touch. He appreciates it.”*

## RIBFEST 2018:

**RIBFEST 2018 presented a Grant for \$7,000 to Inspire Community Outreach.** Nancy Cosway, Co-Chair of RIBFEST recently presented the grant cheque to Chanique, who was representing Inspire.

For more information on Inspire, go to the link below.  
<http://inspirecommunityoutreach.ca/>



### ATM transactions at RIBFEST 2018:

Did you ever wonder how much cash was dispensed by the ATM – Cash Cow?

Total number of transactions: 615

Total amount of cash dispensed: \$43,040.

Another indicator of success for RIBFEST 2018.



## FORMER ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM ARGENTINA RETURNS AFTER 12 years:

**Josefina Bilotta is from Buenos Aires, Argentina.** She visited our Club last June and sent this e-mail message.

*“Thank you very much to this Club for hosting me 12 years ago. From this club Richard and Holly Whidden, Elly Hoogterp and Lorne Hurst and Al Hooft and his family all hosted me. John and Cath McFarlane also hosted me.*

*It changed my life forever. It was like someone planted a seed inside me and it grew into wanting to do work with Non Governmental Organizations (NGO’s). After I came back to Argentina, I started getting into digital communications, specializing in NGOs.*



*I realized that we can do better work when we work together to change the world and that’s how the Foundation I started with my family was born. It’s called “Together we are a team” or in Spanish “Juntos Hay Equipo”. This foundation is based on creating networks and working together with other NGOs, businesses and government.*

*Our goal is to install the same seed that Rotary planted in me to be planted in other individuals, so that they share their gifts to become agents of change as well and transform their realities.*

*Some of the goals/causes we support are:*

- *End hunger, achieve food security and improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.*
- *Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.*
- *Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote life-long learning.*
- *Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.*
- *Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for all.”*

**Thank you, Josefina**

## TRAVELING ROTARIANS:

**Larry Schmidt:**

Turkey is a fabulous place to visit and do business. I have just returned from being invited to speak about the importance of "the human element in the teaching



and learning of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)" at the **FATİH Project Educational Technologies Summit** held by The Ministry of National Education, General Directorate of Innovation and Educational Technologies on Nov 2-3, 2018 in Ankara.

Many thanks to Cogmation's Ambassador in Turkey, **Yucel Tekin**, his wife Berna, their children Elif and Onur, and all the other wonderful people I met in Turkey. If you have not been there, put Turkey on your "Bucket List".

Larry also recently attended the **World Robotics Organization's International Competition 2018** in Chiang Mai, Thailand!



**Ian Baker:** Ian is on a 3 week vacation in Thailand, where he is visiting Phuket, Bangkok, and Chiang Mai. While in Phuket, Ian was able to exchange banners with the **Rotary Club of Patong Beach**. In Chiang Mai, Ian was able to meet up with fellow Winnipeg Rotarian Larry Schmidt. Small world isn't it.



## FUNDRAISING & PHILANTHROPY:

**GIVING TUESDAY** is on **Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**. This is a great time to think about Rotary. Donations can be made by Cash, Cheque, Credit Card or at Canada Helps, on-line. We make it easy for you to give to your favourite causes.

**Special Holiday Season Project for children.** The Community Services Committee considered several projects and selected the following project. At the **Lord Selkirk Park Site** there are 9 infants between 3 months and 2 years, 23 preschoolers who are between 2 - 5 and 15 school age children ages between 6 -12. The children always love books, mitts, hats and scarfs etc. If you have any questions about donations, contact Nancy Cosway (204-654-1045).

**The Annual Fund Appeal for a minimum of US\$50 per member so that our Club qualifies to apply for Global Grants.** In order for our club to be eligible to apply for grants, (District or Global) the club must be certified and club members need to donate a minimum of \$50 USD per member before March 31st, 2019. **Currently our donations to the Annual Fund are at US\$15 per member.** Maybe we should follow Strini's example and donate according to our individual age.

**Remember:** The more donations you make before December 31, 2018, the less the Tax Man can take.

## BOARD NEWS:

**Ernie Armit** has been nominated for **President Elect Nominee for (2020-21)**



**Omoniyi (Omo) Fabarebo** has recently been appointed to the Board to fill an existing Director vacancy. Omo will be responsible for **Social Media & Public Relations.**

**Updating the Club's By-Laws:** President Trevor reports that Roy Vallance & Sid Ritter are doing a fantastic job of updating the Club's By-laws which will be presented to the members at the up-coming AGM on December 5<sup>th</sup>., for approval.

### Board Members & Portfolios:

President:	Trevor Stark
President Elect:	Roy Vallance
Past President:	Eva Vida
Secretary:	Elly Hoogterp
Executive Secretary:	Sandy Allen
Treasurer:	Brent Jorowski
Club Services	Hugh Latimer/ Trevor Stark
Fundraising:	Ronald Reider
Youth Services:	Pat Vallance
International Service:	Strini Reddy
Community Service:	Nancy Cosway
Information Technology:	Jacques Page
Club Advisor:	Sidney Ritter
Social Media & PR	Omo Fabarebo/ Hugh Latimer

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