

Rotary Club of Winnipeg



ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

April 10, 2017

UP-COMING EVENTS:

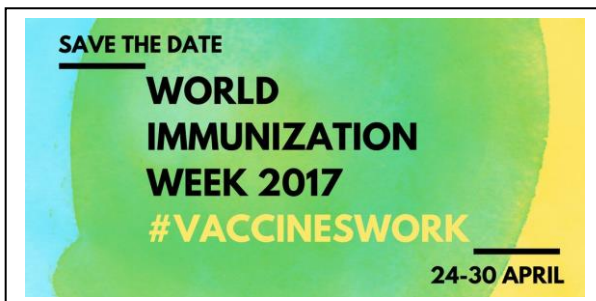
- **Guatemala Scholarships “Tacontento Dinner:** The youth of St. Andrew’s United Church will be hosting the Tacontento Dinner on Saturday, April 22, 2017 to share pictures and stories from their 2017 Guatemala Mission Experience trip. (Tacontento means Happy Taco!) There will be some items from Guatemala for sale. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$10 for youth (5 to 15), children 4 & under free. The address is 255 Oak Street, corner of Kingsway and Oak Street. Time: 6:00 pm. Tickets will be available from Pat McCallum (204-489-9797) or Stu Roche (204-487-1436).



- **National Volunteer Week – April 23 – 29, 2017.** Please remember to thank all of our volunteers who help implement and fundraise for our many worthwhile projects to make the world a better place.



- **World Immunization Week – April 24 – 30, 2017**



<http://www.who.int/campaigns/immunization-week/2017/en/>
<http://www.who.int/features/2017/vaccine-safety-website/en/>

- **MUNA - Model United Nations Assembly** will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on May 4 – 7, 2017, at Canadian Mennonite University. (See page 3 for more detail.) Contact person: Roy Vallance. Roy.vallance@shaw.ca
<http://winnipegmuna.ca/>

- The HKI Annual Dinner on May 4th, will be raising funds for the **Early Childhood Education Centre in the Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya**. Contact Strini Reddy for tickets (\$40). Strini is trying to put together a couple of Rotary tables as we have done in the past. sreddy@shaw.ca
<http://humankindintl.org/>



FYI: Muuxi Adams & Abdi Ahmed are co-founders of HKI.

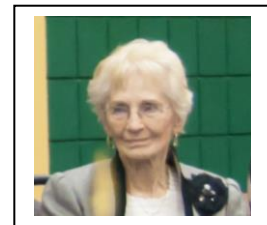
- **District 5550 District Conference** in Kenora, on May 25 – 28, 2017
<http://rotaryclubofkenora.ca/>
- **Rotary International Convention** in Atlanta, GA., June 10 – 14, 2017
<http://www.rotaryconvention2017.org/welcome/>
- **The Kinston Visit** by Winnipeg Rotarians is scheduled for October 18 – 22, 2017. If you are interested in being part of the Winnipeg group going to Kinston, please contact Verna Hryhorchuk at: vhryhorchuk@gmail.com

HEALTH & WELLNESS:

President Atanu Chaudhuri has returned from three weeks in India to attend his father-in-law's funeral. While there he participated in a Polio vaccination program and vaccinated 150 more children. (He has already vaccinated 3000 children.)

Marian Nelson: The Memorial Service will be held on April 24th, at 11:00 am, at Neil Bardal Funeral Centre. The full announcement should be in the newspaper on Saturday, April 15th.

Gladys Friesen: I received an e-mail from Sharyn (Friesen) Jarzombek, Gladys' daughter. Gladys was admitted to Health Science Center, on March 13th, for dehydration and a few other issues. Sharyn said, "These days are hard for her at the best of times because her pain levels are pretty high, due to a resurgence of Post-Polio Syndrome and advancing arthritis." On March 31st, she was well enough to go home to River Ridge.



Sharyn will be here from April 5 – 27th to help Gladys celebrate her 91st birthday on April 13th, and Easter with the family.

Emelia Reddy is back home and we wish her a speedy recovery.

CELEBRATIONS, AWARDS & APPOINTMENTS:

Induction of new member – Darren Swanson

Darren Swanson has been a Winnipegger for 15 years, having been transplanted from North Battleford-Saskatchewan via Boulder-Colorado and Boston. Someone once told him that you can take the boy out of the Prairie, but you can't take the Prairie out of the boy. They were right.



A Civil Engineer by original training, Darren later obtained a Masters Degree in Public Administration in International Development from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in 2002. He then joined the Winnipeg-based International Institute for Sustainable Development for a short three-month contract...which turned into a decade-long career helping governments, businesses and communities in Canada and around the world integrate sustainability into their strategy and planning.

In 2013, Darren began consulting independently through his company, NovelFutures.com, to award him the flexibility to pen his debut novel and enjoy meeting his daughter at the bus stop every day after school. Darren now consults full-time for a host of United Nations agencies around the world and for the International Institute where he is also an Associate.

When he's not thinking about sustainable development or trying to get his novel published, Darren can be found kayaking, x-country skiing, camping or playing volleyball somewhere in Manitoba.

MUNA celebrates 60th Anniversary:

MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) takes place this year from May 4th to May 7th. So far we have 70 delegations participating. Students come from Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, North Dakota and Minnesota.



We have a dedicated team that puts on MUNA each year. The planning starts in September and goes through to our wind up meeting in June. It's quite a commitment.

This year again we will be at The Canadian Mennonite University on Grant Avenue at Shaftesbury, and the Assembly itself takes place on Friday May 5th from 9:00 am to noon, and Saturday 6th from 9am - 5pm.

We would love to have our fellow Rotarians visit on these two days and listen to our students in action. We have taken over the Gym and have visitor seating at the sides and back where it is easy to come and go without disturbing the proceedings.

The Gym is located on the North Campus where there is also a car park. The entrance to the building will be posted; follow the signs.

<http://winnipegmuna.ca/>

From Pat Vallance & your MUNA committee.

ROTARIANS & OTHERS GIVE GENEROUSLY:

The Applebee's Breakfast fundraiser, organized by the Amnesty International student group at Fort Richmond Collegiate raised \$1,200 for the construction of a Clinic in Chirasauta, Zimbabwe. Congratulations to the students.

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



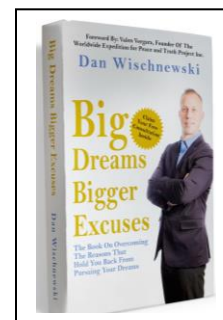
Annual Fund Appeal has successfully achieved its goal of contributing more than US\$50 per member to the Annual Fund at the Rotary Foundation. At last count, we had reached US\$58 per member for a total of US\$4,434. Thank you to all our generous donors.

This means that our Club qualifies to apply for Global Grants where we more than double our contribution with matching funds from the Rotary Foundation and our District funds.

ROTARY ALUMNI AND CONNECTIONS:

Dan Wischnewski, a former member of our Club, launched his first book, "**Big Dreams Bigger Excuses**" on March 28th, at McNally Robinson. In the first part of the book Dan describes his challenging early life, followed by his personal learnings and ways to overcome your fears and achieve your dreams. It is a good read. Lots of important lessons. Dan will be speaking to our Club on June 7th.

<http://bigdreamsbiggerexcuses.com/>



Three Rotary Alumni were involved in “Fast Pitch Winnipeg” which was sponsored by the Winnipeg Foundation. Fast Pitch Winnipeg is a 10 week program to train representatives of 15 Winnipeg charities to deliver a successful 3 minute Pitch for their organization to win prizes totalling \$20,000.



Karen Ferris of Youth Agency Alliance and Program Manager for the Rotary Leadership Circle was one of the 15 participants.



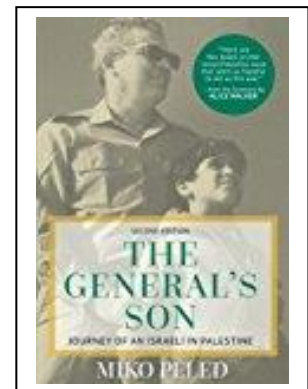
Jeff Powell, General Manager of the Canadian Sport Centre Manitoba also participated in the Final round of the competition. Jeff was a former Rotary Exchange Student to Japan.

Roger Barrington, founder of CanU, was one of the 10 finalists and was successful in winning the People’s Choice Award for \$5,000 for CanU. CanU is one of the two youth groups that will be supported by RIBFEST 2017.



WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Frank Cosway: You may remember that Terry Hidichuk from the Kiwanis told us about an Israeli and a Palestinian who met through their membership in Rotary Clubs in Escondido and Coranado, California. Their relationship builds from such simple things as visiting each other in their homes. The Israeli had never visited a Palestinian home and vice versa. Their relationship grows from fear to engagement with them making joint presentations to Rotary Clubs. The author says, “Rotary is an organization made up of people who take on impossible tasks and make them happen, and those were just the kind of people with whom we needed to be in touch.” It is a very personal story. I highly recommend it as an engaging read. The full title is “**The General’s Son – Journey of an Israeli in Palestine**” by Miko Peled.



ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS:

Rotarian Patricia Kumbakisaka, Regional Coordinator for United Nations Canada has been nominated in the YMCA – YWCA Young Women of Distinction category.



ROTARY PROJECT UPDATES:

Polio survivors (in Manitoba) fight for proper treatment of post-polio syndrome. (Donna Carreiro, April 4, 2017) This is an excellent article on current day Post-Polio Syndrome and Polio in Manitoba, from the first case in 1917 to the last case in 1960.



<http://www.cbc.ca/1.4055557>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/post-polio-syndrome-facts-1.4061084>

<http://www.postpolionetwork.ca/>



SHELTERBOX responds to Landslides in Colombia which occurred on March 31st. Shelterbox is a partner organization with Rotary International. If you wish to donate to the Colombia Landslides recovery, you can donate directly to Shelterbox.

<http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/>

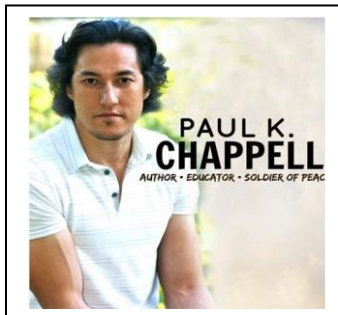
Ripple Effect San Pedro Scholarship Programme (Guatemala): The youth and chaperones of St. Andrews United Church went to Guatemala. This is the 11th time a group has gone to Guatemala over 22 years to meet with the San Pedro scholarship recipients we support. They also built a garden with irrigation at Pezzarossi School as well as helped them dig for a new foundation as they hope to expand the school. We visited Las Victorias School to deliver 24 laptops that were donated by Balmorall Hall School and refurbished by the technicians at Nav Canada. We met with the Rotary Club of Metropoli to continue building bridges between the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, St. Andrews United Church and the Rotary Club of Metropoli.
Report by: Elly Hoogterp



Meeting with Rotary Club of Metopoli (below)



Speaker on April 5th.



Speaker:
Paul K Chappell

Topic:
Peace Literacy

Paul asked what is more important than food and shelter? From his studies he suggested the following as being more important than food and shelter. The list included:

- Purpose and mission
- Sense of Belonging
- Feeling of self-worth and self-awareness
- Addressing trauma

For more on Paul's work on Peace Literacy, click on the link below.

<http://peaceliteracy.org/>

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