

Rotary Club of Winnipeg



ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

December 23, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 22, 2020 A **ROTARY Social Evening** will be held at Trans Canada Brewing Co. at 1290 Kenaston Blvd. starting at 5:30 pm. Beer and food are available for purchase in the Taproom. Check out the menu on the link below. Children are welcome when accompanied by a parent. This is a great opportunity to bring along family and friends for a fun evening.
<http://www.tcb.beer/our-taproom>

February 5, 2020 A **Club Assembly** will be held at our weekly meeting. This is an opportunity for discussion of new ideas and feedback from our members. More information will be distributed before the Assembly.

February 17, 2020 **Louis Riel Day**

February 23, 2020 **Rotary International Anniversary.** This will be 115th anniversary of Rotary International. Also, 2020 will be the 110th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg.

NEW MEMBERS:

Tatjana Brkic: Tatjana was born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia and is the proud mother of daughter Adriana.

She holds an MBA from Dalhousie University, MSc in Engineering from University of Belgrade/Sarajevo and a degree in Informatics from Belgrade Business School.

Tatjana is an entrepreneurship mentor for HEC Paris (an International Business School), MBA program and a faculty member at Red River College where she teaches International Political Economy, Global Economic Issues and Economic Geography courses.

Prior to her academic career, Tatjana established strategic planning and business intelligence functions at MTS Qunara and researched and analyzed eBusiness industry, internet technologies, markets and competition.

Tatjana serves as a member on the Board of Directors of Willow Place and is an active member of the Rotary Peace Building Committee.



John Melnick: John was born and raised in Winnipeg. He graduated in 1975 from the University of Manitoba. John spent 30 years in the Financial Services Industry.



In 2002, John endured a clinical depression and fended off a "suicide attack" in September of 2002. He spent six weeks in the Victoria Hospital Mental Health ward.

John left the Financial Services industry and has worked to promote mental health since then. At the 2018 Rotary Intentional Convention, John presented at a breakout session, "Improving Mental Health inside and outside of the Workplace".

John has been a Rotarian since 1990, recently transferring from the Rotary Club of Winnipeg West. He is an active member of the Rotary HIP Committee. He lives with his wife Jan and their Sheltie dog "Bling". Bling is never spoiled. She just gets whatever she wants !!

Elmer Everett: Elmer was born and raised in Berens River First Nation, a nation known for its unique location along Lake Winnipeg, its preservation of the Saulteaux language and cultural practices and beliefs, and for its friendliness and kindness of the community and its natural beauty and character. He left Berens River First Nation at a tender age of 15 years old to attend a Provincial residential school in Cranberry Portage for Grade 10. Then he transferred over to Gordon Bell High School in Winnipeg for his grade 11 and 12.



A year after sole searching, jumping from job to job, he decided to pursue higher education. In 1980 he enrolled into a Program for Education of Native Teachers (P.E.N.T.) at Brandon University and finished a 4 year Bachelor of Education degree in 1986. He taught for a few years at Berens River School and in 1994 he took the position of School Principal. During this time as Principal Elmer pursued a post- Baccalaureate degree on Administration and Educational Leadership at the University of Manitoba. He completed the post- Baccalaureate degree in 1996.

In 1999 Elmer resigned from Frontier School Division, moved away from his community to work for the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC) in Winnipeg, who are affiliated with the Chiefs in Manitoba. There, Elmer spend 19 years working as a service delivery agent for the company. In 2011 he started a Master's Program in Educational Administration from the University of Manitoba. He completed his Master's Degree in 2015 and retired from the MFNERC in 2017. He is now free to volunteer and give back to the things that matter the most.

Taiseer Shareif: Taiseer is originally from (North) Sudan. She is a mom of a daughter and a son.

Taiseer is a self- employed business management consultant who helps small business owners improve their business operations, to help make a business better through addressing problems and recommending innovative solutions.

She holds a Master in management with focus on innovation, technology and operations with further post graduate education in international business and a bachelor degree in accounting and finance.

Taiser nurtures a keen interest in designing and implementing knowledge sharing and strategies to raise awareness about peace building activities in Sudan and all over the globe. She paints for conflict resolution. She believes that art is a great way to express your emotions without words which inspired her to start a workshop for healing through painting to replace your inner negative energy with hope and peace.

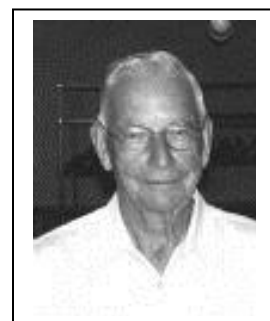


LEAVING A LEGACY TO ROTARY:

The Estate of Dick Mulder:

The Club was recently informed that the late Dick Mulder left a legacy of \$10,000 to the **Permanent Endowment Fund** for the Rotary Club of Winnipeg. The Club is very grateful for this generous donation to the PEF.

At the recent Annual General Meeting on December 6th the Club members were informed that the PEF balance on June 31, 2019 was \$1,262,272. During the past year, the Winnipeg Rotary Club Community Service Fund Inc (our Registered Charity) received \$44,000 from the Permanent Endowment Fund. These funds came from the interest earned on the Principal which must be retained in the PEF.



The Rotary Foundation and the Annual Fund:

Rotarian Eva Vida gave an excellent presentation on the workings of the Rotary Foundation and explained how our District and our Club benefit from our donations to the Rotary Foundation. For example, our individual donations to the Annual Fund help our Club qualify for Global Grant matching funds from the Rotary Foundation and Rotary District 5550. To qualify for Global Grants, our Club must contribute a minimum of US\$50 per member to the Annual Fund by March 30th 2020. These donations also qualify individual members for Paul Harris Fellow credits.



Eva explained how this can all be done on-line. To make it easier for members to contribute, they can contribute a minimum of US\$10 per month or more. Following Eva's presentation, I signed up for a contribution of US\$20 per month to the Annual Fund.

With Global Grants, our Club's contribution of US\$10,000 will be matched by the Rotary Foundation and Rotary District 5550 by an additional US\$20,000. Global Grants are for projects of a minimum of US\$30,000 or more.

STAND – The Movie Musical

Many of you will know **Danny Shur of STRIKE** and now the Musical movie **STAND**. Danny spoke to our Club a couple of years ago when STRIKE & STAND were just ideas. Now they are a reality.



John Melnick reports on his family's connections to "1919 Winnipeg General Strike."

- "My Grandfather, **Angus Corley**, was employed by the **CP Railway** at the time. He ended up losing his seniority. He lost his pension. He was re hired and worked until the mid 50's with the CP."
- "A Great Aunt of mine, sister to Angus, was one of the "**Telephone Girls**" who pulled the plugs at the city switchboard and walked out .
- "Family folklore" is that my Grandfather was there on "Bloody Saturday" when Mr Sokoloski was killed. His son, my uncle George, told me of an incident which happened when the soldiers charged into the crowd of marchers. One of the soldier's had singled out a marcher and had his horse running straight at him . A few feet before a collision, the soldier reined in his steed and veered off. Why? The two men had made eye contact and recognized each other as they were "next door neighbors"!!!
- The Corley / Melnick families have supported Danny Shur since "day one". My Father , now passed away, a sister and myself invested in "Strike ! " the musical, and were at the World Premier at the Theater in the Park many years ago.
- We never heard of the "1919 Winnipeg General Strike" while attending school. Winnipeggers and all Canadians should be aware of it.

END POLIO NOW – POLIO PLUS

The "**Rotary Ride for Polio Eradication**" was held on October 24th at the Winnipeg Winter Club, on **World Polio Eradication Day**. Five teams of up to 4 riders each competed to raise funds. A total of \$2,195 was raised for Polio Plus.



Meet Rick Shatsky, a bike rider and A Polio Survivor:

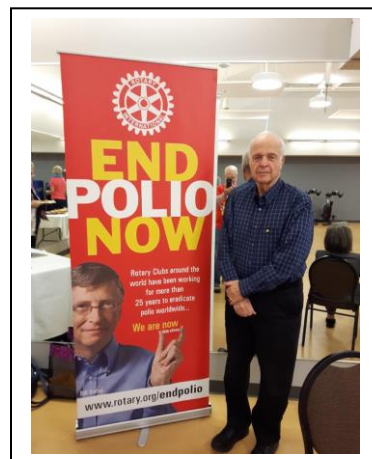
Rick attended our Rotary Ride for Polio Eradication. He is a Polio Survivor and his son-in-law is Michael Charach, Past President of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg West.

The following are his early childhood memories of his polio illness and recovery.

After school in the fall of 1944, I developed the chills and shakes at the age of just 6. I was taken to the Children's Hospital which was located at Main and Redwood. At the time I was in grade 1 at Machray School. I was then diagnosed with infantile paralysis and bedridden for approximately 3 to 4 mos.

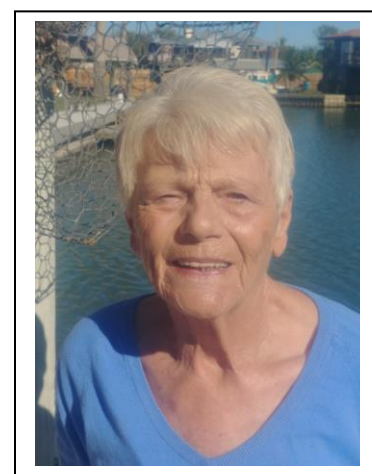
The treatment consisted of hot blanket cloths called Foments on a regular basis. I came out of paralysis in the new year and was given exercises to do regularly.

Thankfully, I was then able to go back to school and passed grade 1.



Meet Dan Jonsson's Mother – A Polio Survivor:

My name is Joanne Jonsson and I was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on October 13 1940. In 1945 I was diagnosed polio. I had a fever of 105 degrees, sore throat, and a very stiff neck. I remember the sickness very well. In the late evening in August my mother called the doctor who gave my mother sulfa medication for me. The next day I was no better and was admitted to the Children's Hospital.



I was in a large room with about twenty children. At the back of the room there was a glassed-in area with children in Iron lungs. I was released after a few weeks and told I could go to school, but I had very bad back pain throughout my youth. It was determined that I had curvature of the spine and my parents and doctors discussed what to do. As I was almost finished growing my spine would eventually stop curving. They said I could either have a hole up my spine and put a rod in the hole but I would have to be bed ridden for a year or I could wear a cast that covered my whole torso for a year – at 16 years old, I chose the cast.

In the hospital I was taken to a room with a strange bed in it. There was no mattress just a board on top. I laid on the board with head and hips strapped into a harness of some sort. At the back of the bed there was a man who bent over and started to crank the joined harness. It hurt a lot but I couldn't say anything because my jaw was so tight. I was like that for 4 hours and stayed in the hospital for a week to make sure my spine would be straight and the plaster dried. It was a very uncomfortable constriction. My parents decided that I would miss a year of school. I couldn't bath and I was very itchy all the time. When it finally came off, I sat in the bath tub and scrubbed for an hour. I had to wear a surgical corset for a year, exercise a lot and swim as much as possible. I was lucky because my parents owned a cottage at Victoria Beach so I did a lot of swimming that summer.

After I was able to rid myself of my corset the doctor got an x-ray of my back and said that my spine had gone back to the same as it was and they didn't think anything more could be done.

In spite of my back problems I lead an active teenage life. I played on an organized baseball team that won the city championship.

I was married when I was nineteen and lived permanently in Victoria Beach when I became pregnant with my first son. The doctor noticed that my back deformity was getting worse. My right hip, left breast bone and right shoulder were protruding. He told me that I might have a difficult pregnancy and delivery, as I did with all three of my sons. In spite of back problems, I was very active in our community - snowmobiling and curling in the winter and playing baseball during the summer.

As I got older, I noticed that my deformity was getting worse, but I still enjoyed curling and working in my gardens. I started a greenhouse business when I was 60 and it prospered. The greenhouse kept me busy until the back pain prevented me from working when I was 73. I finally went to a doctor and was examined thoroughly. It showed that the curves in my spine were now quite pronounced. One thing that was noted is that my driver's license listed my height at 5'6"and now I am 5'1".

I've been through many difficult procedures to help ease the pain and nothing has worked well so far. I now manage the pain with medication and although I had to shut down my greenhouse I still love working in my gardens and having my grandchildren come to visit. I have found that anyone can live well and enjoy life with the love of your family to help you through the tough parts.

PROJECTS:

Honouring Indigenous People Reconciliation Initiatives:

Winter Clothing: Strini Reddy reports: "Thanks to the generosity of our schools and communities we have now sent gently used winter apparel to 5 northern indigenous partner communities. All shipments have been safely delivered. We sent over 125 large boxes. Here is a photo of some of the boxes at Perimeter Air Cargo before being shipped."



"Members of the U of M Rotaract Club sorting and packing the clothing. This huge task was completed with the help of dozens of student volunteers from the Louis Riel School Division as well as the Director and students from the Indigenous Student Centre, U of M."



Rotarians Honouring Indigenous Peoples:

This article from “Rotarian Action Group for Peace” is a quick overview of the indigenous experience, and the formation of the Rotary Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP) movement

<https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/honouring-indigenous-peoples/>

Salvation Army – Hope in the City Breakfast – 2019:

This annual fundraising Breakfast, held on Nov 13th at the RBC-CC, was well attended by seven of our members and guest.

(L-R, Dave Johnson, Elly Hoogterp, David Ross, Mrs. Ross, Youssef Mouzahem, Nancy Cosway & Don Ross.)



Peace Builder Team (Rotary Club of Winnipeg) attended the Mediators Beyond Borders “Disruptors” Mediation Training & Congress in Bali, November 3 – 8, 2019

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David Newman,
Brenda Newman,
(RC of Winnipeg)
Jim Thiessen,
(Beds for Kids)
Bonnie Emerson,
(Rotary Peace
Scholar)
Abdi Ahmed,
(Rotary Peace
Scholar)
Muuxi Adams
(Humankind
International)



LINKS:

Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP) Newsletter – November, 2019

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19MYBqYrXXHO1Up-C5LveDlxNjuOyn2LB/view>

Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP) Newsletter – October, 2019

This issue contains photos and stories from Winnipeg on pages 3, 7, 14, 15, & 20

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y7QtkkVshDNZOLu71SAcZ6KWALBYjR0l/view>

Canada's top-rated charities 2020: Overview, This article appeared in the Nov 28, 2019 issue of MoneySense. This article describes their methodology.

<https://www.moneysense.ca/save/budgeting/canadas-top-rated-charities-overview/>

Dan Wischnewski, a former member of our Rotary Club was involved in a horrendous accident at the intersection of Garven Road and PR 206 on May 8th, 2019. Dan survived the accident and is slowly recovering from major injuries. He anticipates being off work for at least another 12 months. Dan led a campaign for major changes at the intersection for improved safety. On Nov. 2nd, 2019, Manitoba Infrastructure announced reduced speed limits at the intersection and rumble strips were installed in the summer along with flashing red lights on the stop signs. Dan is still pushing for traffic lights at the intersection.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZRNQV3A20Y>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS FOR WINNIPEG HARVEST!

Nancy Cosway, Chair, Community Services Committee, wishes thank everyone who donated hygiene products and toiletries for women and men. Two large boxes of items were donated to Winnipeg Harvest for distribution. Winnipeg Harvest was our Holiday Season Project for 2019. Also, \$100 was donated in cash to Winnipeg Harvest.

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