

Rotary Club of Winnipeg



ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

February 26, 2017

UP-COMING EVENTS:

- **International Women's Day. March 8, 2017**
Theme: "Be Bold for Change"
<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>
- **Rotary Career Symposium:** March 14 – 16, 2017 at the RBC Convention Centre. Volunteers needed. Contact person: Lucy Vogrig. L.vogrig@shaw.ca
<http://careersymposium.ca/>
- **Chirssauta Clinic (Zimbabwe) Fundraiser Breakfast** on March 25, 2017, 8 – 10 a.m. at Applebee's at 2065 Pembina Hwy. Tickets are \$12.00 Contact: prasansa99@hotmail.com for tickets. This fundraiser is being organized by the Amnesty group and the Rotary Interact Club at Fort Richmond Collegiate.
- **MUNA - Model United Nations Assembly** will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on May 4 – 7, 2017, at Canadian Mennonite University. Contact person : Roy Vallance. Roy.vallance@shaw.ca <http://winnipegmuna.ca/>
- **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/>

HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Don Killeen: passed away on Feb 9, 2017. Glen Torgerson sent the following note, "a former Rotarian and good friend; Don Killeen passed away at age 88. He had owned and operated C A Killeen and Son's Windows.

Frank Hornung, Frank's grandson, Eric Hornung, passed away January 29, 2017. I have talked with Frank and extended our condolences.

Jim Chalmers: “Thanks for asking about my absence. I've been having a problem with an eye which has required a number of laser surgeries over the past months and an inordinate amount of time in the doctor's office which has frequently conflicted with my ability to get out to the Rotary meetings. I think that I am finally on the mend and hope to be present soon.”

Zbig Gryz reports: “My mother suffered another bad fall and was taken to Seven Oaks Hospital on the 14th of January, and remains there. She has been medically stabilized and now is being assessed for the next step; likely entry to a Nursing Home. I am pleased to say that she is receiving excellent care at this Hospital.”

CELEBRATIONS, AWARDS & APPOINTMENTS:

Youssef Mouzahen has a new position as Project Administrator with the Town of Selkirk.

ROTARIANS ON THE MOVE:

Vocational Training Team (VTT) from District 5550, in Guatemala: From Feb. 5 - March 5 a team of 6 Rotarians will be at the Joya Verde School in Fraijanes, Guatemala to work with the teachers and students. Joya Verde school is a K-6 school with approximately 175 students. This project is sponsored by Rotary who have been working for years to build a school and improve educational opportunities for the children.



The members of the VTT Team, from left to right, are: Ron Nordstrom (Neepawa), Marriette Baker McDermid (Saskatoon), Margaret Ronning (Kenora), Doris Mengelberg (Kenora), Carolyn Hudson (Kenora) and Eva Vida (Winnipeg)

Eva reports: “The project is called “Interactive Learning”. We are working with the teachers daily, introducing new teaching techniques and then having them work with these techniques in the classroom.

Our curriculum has been reviewed by a local university and was approved as a certificate program for the teachers we are working with if they complete the session and prepare a portfolio detailing outcomes of new techniques.

We work in the school every day and meet with the teachers after school twice per week for additional coaching sessions.

The kids are amazing and the people in the community are incredibly nice and appreciative of all that we are able to do. The Rotarians of Rotary Club Norte have been gracious hosts, showing us their beautiful country in our few moments of spare time.

It has taken very little time for this place to work its way into our hearts and while we miss home and family, it will be difficult to leave.

To see more photos, check their Blog at: www.vtt2017.weebly.com and/or Eva's Facebook page.

Rob & Barb Tisdale in Puerto Vallarta. Nancy & I were able to spend an afternoon sightseeing and had a wonderful dinner with Barb and Rob at a local restaurant. They are in Puerto Vallarta for a month.



Frank & Nancy Cosway visited the Rotary Club of Puerto Vallarta Sur and exchanged banners with them. We met Winnipeg Rotarians Alan Cantor & Rolly Ayotte at the meeting. The whole meeting focused on giving scholarships to individual students. Alan Cantor & his wife have been supporting a student for several years.

ROTARIANS & OTHERS GIVE GENEROUSLY:

Rotary RIBFEST 2016 presents cheque for \$5,000 to the “Newcomer Youth Educational Support Services”

On January 25th, Dave Johnson & Strini Reddy from the RIBFEST Committee presented a cheque for \$5,000 to Karen Koroma, Executive Director of the “Newcomer.....” group.



Rotary Foundation - Annual Fund appeal: In order to continue to be eligible to apply for Global Grants, our Club must contribute a minimum of US\$50 per member to the Annual Fund, by March 31, 2017. Currently, we are at US\$20 per member. Our Club goal is to contribute US\$4,000 by March 31st. All donations to the Annual Fund count towards a Paul Harris.

For an example of what this means, read the Global Grant for South Africa update under “Rotary Project Updates” below. Our Club contributed US\$10,000, several other Clubs & Districts contributed US\$27,000 and the Rotary Foundation matched it with a grant of US\$28,000., for a total of US\$65,000. I think that is a great return on our investment of about US\$5,000 per year.

How to “**DONATE**”: The easiest way to donate is to do it on-line. Go to: “Rotary.org/give”, Click on “DONATE”, Under Annual Fund, click on “Annual Fund – Share” unless you want your funds directed to a specific Annual Fund area of focus. Follow the prompts to make your donation. If you need any help making your donation, please give me a call at 204-654-1045.

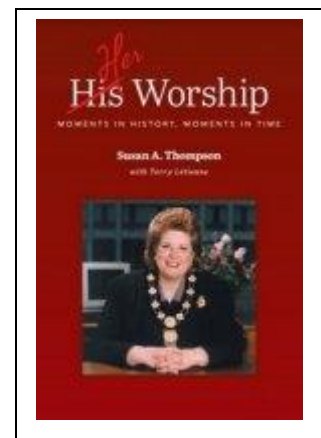
Study says Manitobans among most charitable.

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/special/goodnews/new-statistics-show-manitobans-practise-virtue-of-charity-414506093.html>

ROTARY ALUMNI AND CONNECTIONS:

Susan Thompson: With the approach of International Women’s Day, on March 8th., I thought you might enjoy this excerpt from Susan’s recent book, “Her Worship”.

“He (her father) never accepted that discrimination would stop a woman from achieving anything. His belief in the power of perseverance is one of the most valuable legacies he gave me. My favourite definition of perseverance is: “When the world says ‘give up’, hope whispers ‘try one more time’. And so that is what I did. I applied to the Rotary Club every year for at least eight years and was rejected every time. Finally, in 1989, I was accepted to become the first woman Rotarian in the city of Winnipeg. Perseverance pays off.”



ROTARY PROJECT UPDATES:

Global Grant for South Africa, valued at US\$65,000 has been approved by the Rotary Foundation. As part of a large GG project which our club supported in the rural area of Mphopomeni in the province of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa, computers and televisions were purchased and the teachers were trained in how to access lessons in the major subjects in order to prepare their students for the Grade 12 exams. This was extremely valuable as the first language of these teachers and students is Isizulu while the exams are in English. So successful was this initiative that the pass rate of the students in this school rose from 40% to 70% in the first year of the project.

The Department of Education indicated interest in expanding the initiative to include 10 new schools in the surrounding area.

Our sister club, the **E-Club One of South Africa**, approached us to support this venture which we did very willingly as this initiative is making such a great difference in the lives of so many underprivileged students. Our club's contribution of US\$10,000 matched by our District's contribution of a similar amount constituted the bulk of the total contribution of US\$37,000. This amount along with matching funds from RI resulted in a total budget of US\$65,000.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg 40th Anniversary, by Pat Vallance. On Tuesday evening, February 14th, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg celebrated 40 years of service to the Winnipeg community. The event was held at Government House.

Members from the various branches of BGCW were present including CSI (Community Schools Investigators) and YAA (Youth Agencies Alliance) which runs the Rotary Leadership Circle summer program, together with supporters.

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg was represented by Strini and Emelia Reddy and Pat and Roy Vallance. Lieutenant Governor Janice Filmon was a warm and generous host who spoke highly of the work being done by the organization and by the many volunteers.

It was a delightful evening during which old friends were met and new friends made amongst people committed to improving the lives of young people in Winnipeg. It was a humbling experience.

Honouring Indigenous Peoples Committee (HIP) - Report on “Indigenous Unity Gathering” by Roy Vallance. On February 23rd, the Police held their first **Indigenous Unity Gathering** at Riddell Hall at the University of Winnipeg. The objective was to



build positive relationships between police officers and youth. Our Committee was one of the sponsors and three of our members attended. It was a very successful evening attended by over 100, with 25 of them being police officers. We ate together, played a game together, were entertained together, and we chatted and got to know each other. We had joint MC's for the evening, an indigenous youth and a young policewoman. They called upon Elder Carol Moar to offer a prayer at the start. After we chatted for a while, we played an ice-breaking game which had all of us scooting around the room talking to many different people; the atmosphere became energized with much laughter and chatting.

The meal was then served by Diversity Foods, a social enterprise; the meal included bison and pike in keeping with the wishes of the Ma Ma Wi Youth Council to have a traditional meal.

There were a few very short speeches, including one from Winnipeg Police Chief Danny Smyth.

Entertainment was provided by a seven year old hoop dancer and Double the Trouble, a dad and his identical twin sons playing fiddles and guitar. David Newman and one of the young ladies at his table showed us how to dance the jig.

The photograph above shows Rotarian Pat, Erica, Sierra, Savannah, Constables Chika, Paul and David.

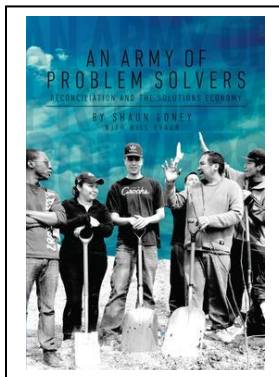
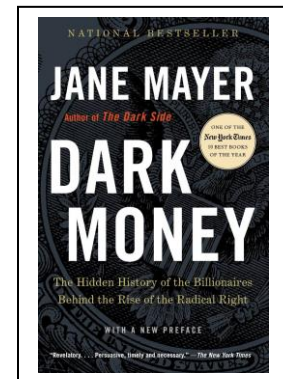
We look forward to the next Indigenous Unity Gathering.

South Sudan Educational Scholarships Report, by Rick Walker. The Rotary Club of Winnipeg continues to support South Sudanese children with their educational needs while attending various schools in Kenya. In partnership with the Rotary Club of Eldoret of Kenya our club has transferred funds to help pay for the first term school fees and school supply expenses of three students. Mary, Jacob and Elizabeth are now settling into their schools without having to worry about the expenses associated with furthering their education. Our Club will endeavour to raise funds to support the second and third term fees and needs of these students. If you want more information or wish to help support this project please contact Strini Reddy or Rick Walker.



WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Ernie Schewchuk: I would highly recommend **Jane Mayer's** book. **'Dark Money'** exposes how certain billionaires fund right wing think tanks and universities to teach libertarian policy. Fascinating and rather shadowy. Soft cover sells for about \$23.00.



Strini Reddy: Many of you will remember **Shaun Loney**, founder of BUILD Inc, who addressed our club early last year. I have just finished reading his interesting book **“An Army of Problem Solvers : Reconciliation and the Solutions Economy”** in which he describes how social enterprises can help rebuild local economies. Shaun has co-founded and mentored several successful social enterprises especially in remote northern communities. This book is an interesting read, by a thoughtful Manitoban.

HELP WANTED – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Volunteers needed to staff the Rotary booth at the Rotary Career Symposium, March 14 – 16, 2017. Shifts are available on Tuesday evening and during the day on Wednesday and Thursday. Contact: Frank Cosway: frankcosway@mts.net

Secretary, World Peace Partners Committee, Rotary District 5550
Contact: David Newman for more details. newman@pitblado.com

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Volunteers welcome: World Peace Partners welcomes new volunteers to serve on its Committee or Sub-Committees. Contact: David Newman for more details.
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Editor's Note:

Thank you to all of the members who submitted material for this issue of "Rotary News & More...". I received at least 8 submissions. As you can see, I ran out of space for some of the regular items. I will try to catch up in the next few weeks.

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