

Rotary Club of Winnipeg



ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

February 6, 2018

RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 23rd **Rotary Anniversary**
- April 16-18th **Rotary Career Symposium**
- May 3 – 6th **Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)**
- May 24 – 27th **District 5550 District Conference, Regina, SK.**
<http://www.rotary5550conference.ca/>
Registration is now open for District Conference
(Early Bird Registration applies until March 15, 2018)
<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=a7410580-4de1-47d3-9318-33e25e0821db>
- June 23 – 27th **Rotary International Convention, Toronto, ON.**
Next registration deadlines:
From December 16th – March 31st the rate is US\$410
From April 1st – June 27th the rate increases again to US\$495
- August 24 – 26th **Rotary RIBFEST 2018**
- January 21 – Call for Applications for **Rotary Friendship Exchange to District**
February 2, 2019 **3040 in India.** Deadline for applications is March 31, 2018. For
details check your e-mail in-box for February 4, 2018 for a message
from Dave Bennet. For further information, contact Dave at:
(david.d.bennet@gmail.com)

NEW MEMBER:

Simone Iris Cohen was inducted as a new member on January 24, 2018. Days after being inducted, Simone was leaving for Israel and was planning to visit a Rotary Club in Jerusalem.



Simone was born and raised in Winnipeg and after marrying, she moved to Toronto. Her career path began as an Editorial Assistant at a book trade magazine, then moved on to the Toronto Y.M.C.A., Toronto Board of Education, and Pickering/Ajax Y.M.C.A., serving in various capacities as Director and Coordinator of After School and Adult Education Programs.

Back home in Winnipeg as a single parent with young children to raise, she spent a few years with New York Life selling life insurance, had a stint as Program Director for the Manitoba Composers Association and attended Marin Esthetics School. After becoming a Certified Esthetician, she opened Skincare Studio on Pembina Hwy. Once established, she attended University of Manitoba and received a B.A. in Comparative Religion, with an honours in Judaic Studies.

Simone had planned to open a school of esthetics but instead, opened her studio and took in ESL homestay students through University of Winnipeg, alternatively with foster children through Jewish Child & Family Services.

Simone's interests and hobbies include singing in choirs, learning various ethnic songs (Yiddish, Ukrainian, German, Hebrew), classical choral music, as well as traditional Holiday performance pieces. She loves to read and she loves old movies. When time permits she likes to sew and crochet.

Simone has four children and four grandchildren.

After Simone was inducted and mentioned that she would be travelling to Israel and visiting a Rotary Club in Jerusalem, David Newman reminded members that in 1935 the Rotary Club of Winnipeg celebrated its 25 year anniversary and at the International Goodwill Weekend, several messages of congratulations were received. A Rotary Club from Jerusalem sent the following message: ***“Your Club set the Rotary Wheel in motion on a journey which shall never end until the desired achievement of world peace is accomplished.”***

<https://www.rghfhome.org/first100/clubs/cities/clubs/35winnipeg/35international.htm#.WnjNECXwbIU> (Check for the above quote under the photograph on page 2 in portrait format) This link contains some other additional historical information about our Club. This material was prepared by George Derwin, a member of the Winnipeg – St. James Club and later a member of our Club. George is currently a lawyer in Winnipeg with a private practice.

HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Bell Let's Talk about Mental Health Day was January 31, 2018. Please check out the Bell Let's Talk website promoting Mental Health Day. It is simple, informative and easy to follow. Check out the 4 Pillars of their program along 5 Ways you can help.

<https://letstalk.bell.ca/en/>

Rachel Beazley: Inspired by Clara Hughes, Jane & Peter Markesteyn's 19 year granddaughter Rachel has become an outspoken advocate to end the stigma of mental illness by disclosing her own mental illness challenges. She was honoured to have been selected as one of 5 Canadians to be a [Face of Mental Illness](#) for the [Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health](#) and for [Bell Let's Talk](#). She has been



interviewed in local media regarding her book entitled *"This is the Day - One Year of Mental Illness Advocacy Through Storytelling"*. She was invited to be a delegate at the [Jack.org](#) Summit in Toronto last March and will attend again in March 2018. [Jack.org](#) is the only national network of young leaders transforming the way we think about mental health. In October 2017 Rachel received the City of Winnipeg Youth Role Model award for courage given to individuals who overcome obstacles through hard work and perseverance. She is a member of the WRHA Youth Mental Health Advisory Council, and a member of the U of W Board of Regents where she is a 2nd year Education student.

<https://www.facebook.com/rachel.beazley.984/videos/2086857638216748/>

The Winnipeg Jets & True North Foundation– Project 11

<https://www.nhl.com/jets/news/jets-build-awareness-for-mental-wellness-through-hockey-talks-on-jan-30/c-295215648>

Norm Podolski: I recently met Norm at the Seven Oaks Hospital Wellness Institute. He attends 3 mornings per week. As you may, Norm's wife Phyllis has dementia. She does not get up till 11 am and she does not wander. Norm is starting to get some respite services for 1.5 days per week. Norm is still very interested in Rotary, but because he is a care-giver for Phyllis and has difficulty hearing during our meetings, he has ceased to attend. However, he would love to hear from some of his old Rotary friends. FYI: Norm was the Chair of the Organizing Committee for the Rotary Career Symposium many years.



Ernie Schell: I have just learned that Ernie is in palliative care in the Cardiac Unit at St. Boniface Hospital. He sustained a cardiac event for which he could not be treated. No visitors are allowed (except Family). Our thoughts are with Ernie and his family.



ROTARIANS & ROTARY ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Klaus Lahr CEO & President of the RBC Convention Centre is retiring in March after 25 years with the Convention Centre. Klaus is a former member of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, and was in charge of Speaker coordination for at least ten years. Klaus has been a great supporter of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, both as a member and more recently as a Rotary Alumni. Best wishes for an exciting retirement.



<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/business/end-of-an-era-for-convention-centre-471724984.html>

Bill Loewen (87) was a member of our Rotary Club for many years. It is 50 years since he started his first business, Comcheq Inc, an independent outsourced payroll company. When Comcheq was sold Bill kept ownership of Telpay, a novel direct bill payment business that was in start-up mode at the time. For more details, click on the link below.



<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/business/loewen-not-leavin-470204843.html>

Frank Cosway was presented with his second Paul Harris. President Eva Vida and District 5550 Foundation Chair Bob Durston presented Frank with his Paul Harris plus one. This means that Frank has contributed a minimum of \$2,000 to the Rotary Annual Fund since he became a Rotarian.



Paul Harris pins:

The blue-stone

Multiple Paul Harris

Fellow pin recognizes additional \$1,000 donations

up to \$5,000. The red-stone Multiple Paul Harris

Fellow pin recognizes additional donations

between \$6,000 and \$10,000.

Paul Harris recognition may be received in several ways.

- Individuals who have contributed more than \$1000 to the Annual Program Fund, the Polio Plus Fund or the Humanitarian Grants Program of the Rotary Foundation are recognized as Paul Harris Fellows.
- Individuals may contribute \$1,000 to the Annual Program Fund etc., to honour another individual. (eg. Ernie Armitt made a \$1,000 donation to honour an individual in another province.)
- Individual Rotary clubs may from time to time honor individuals as Paul Harris Fellows. These honorees are individuals who meet high professional and personal standards set forth by Paul Harris. (eg. Cynthia Brick and a few other members of our Club have been honoured by the Kinston Rotary Club during their Winnipeg visits.) Paul Harris recognition is not limited to Rotarians.



Dan Jonsson, Co-Owner of 5 CARSTAR autobody shops, will be speaking about “**The New MacDonald Autobody**”, at the Winnipeg West Rotary Club, February 15th.

Larry Schmidt of Cogmation Robotics, will be speaking about, “**What is the World Robotic Olympiad?**” at the Winnipeg West Rotary Club on February 22nd.



Patricia Kumbakisaka was selected as one of nine Future Leaders of Manitoba in January, 2018.



To celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, **Jewellery Business** magazine (July, 2017) asked some of Canada's leading jewellery designers to share what being Canadian means to them. **Neeta Gupta**, (Rajiv Gupta's wife) of **Neeta Gupta Fine Artisan Jewelry** was one of the ten designers selected "to share what being Canadian means to them".

PROJECT REPORTS:

RIBFEST 2017 presents Grants for \$10,000 each to two Youth Groups – CanU and Newcomers (NYESS):



Nancy Cosway, Co-Chair of RIBFEST, presenting the RIBFEST grant for \$10,000 to Karen Koroma, Executive Director of Newcomers Youth Educational Support Services (**NYESS**).

Brent Jorowski, Co-Chair of RIBFEST, presenting the RIBFEST grant for \$10,000 to Salena (grade 8) and Ola (grade 10) representing **CanU**



FELLOWSHIP & FUNDRAISING:

Guatemala Scholarship project: At the Spaghetti Dinner on January 20th at St. Andrews River Heights United Church a total of \$2700 was raised. Of this amount \$1950 is for the Mission trip, to help bring down the cost for families who can't otherwise afford to go and \$750 was raised for student scholarships. (Our Club contributes \$1,000/ year to this scholarship project. The church usually raises \$13,000.) The Wreaths and Swags sale before Christmas raised \$5,000 for scholarships. A big thank you to all Rotarians who have supported this program. Elly



Honouring Indigenous Peoples fundraising dinner on February 1, 2018.

The dinner at the Punjab Cultural Centre, on King Edward street, was attended by 32 people and raised \$800 to further the work of the HIP Reconciliation initiatives. It was a most enjoyable evening of great food and good company.



More information will follow on this project in a Special Issue of Rotary News and More

RECENT SPEAKERS:

Kristi Heather Kenyon

<https://kkenyon.weebly.com/>

Resilience and Contagion

Invoking Human Rights in African HIV Advocacy

By Kristi Heather Kenyon

An in-depth study of why civil society advocacy groups working on HIV choose the language of rights.

HIV represents not only an unprecedented pandemic but also a site of civil society innovation. In the midst of devastation, activists in sub-Saharan Africa are progressing from traditional forms of health advocacy to strategies that engage human rights principles, techniques, and language.

Employing a comparative case-study approach, *Resilience and Contagion* considers the efforts of nine local civil society organizations in Ghana, Uganda, South Africa, and Botswana. Kristi Heather Kenyon examines who adopts rights-based discourse and why, arguing that leadership, individual beliefs, and structure all play a critical role in framing advocacy. Beyond changing laws or policies, the most important impact of promoting the rights of people living with HIV, she attests, is that it enables individuals to interact with health services from a position of resilience, strength, and empowerment. This book delves into discourse at the juncture of human rights, social theory, and global health, prompting significant and relevant discussion on advocacy's evolution in the region of the world hit hardest by the HIV pandemic.



Drawing on 145 interviews, extensive participant observation, and fascinating document analysis, Resilience and Contagion foregrounds the voices of civil society actors who have conducted the most vocal, widespread, and innovative health advocacy to date.

Come From Away: What a great musical. It made me proud to be a Canadian.

Did you know September 11 is a federally-recognized day of service, where random acts of kindness and charity are encouraged to remember the 24 Canadians killed at the World Trade Center.

Where were you on September 11, 2001?



LINKS:

True Patriot Love Newsletter (January)

<http://go.truepatriotlove.com/l/73492/2018-02-02/7412c9>

Honouring Indigenous Peoples Newsletter (January)

http://www.rotaryhip.com/images/HIP_January_News_2018.pdf

RI Vice President Dean Rohr, Newsletter for Zone 24 & 32

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050077/en-ca/files/homepage/beyond-borders-feb-2018/08-Zone-Feb-2018.pdf>

A one minute Video of Strini's induction to the Order of Canada

https://www.facebook.com/nalini.reddy.92/posts/10154923930770981?notif_id=1516163658518226¬if_t=feedback_reaction_generic

Rotary Foundation receives highest rating from Charity Navigator (18-Jan-2018)

<https://my.rotary.org/en/foundation-receives-highest-rating-charity-navigator>

Rotary – Meet 6 Champions of Peace. Ann Frisch is one of the Champions.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-2017-peace-champions>



Frank Cosway
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