

# Rotary Club of Winnipeg



## ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

January 17, 2018

## HAPPY NEW YEAR:

## RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS:

**A Celebration for Strini Reddy receiving the Order of Canada** was held on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The celebration was attended by several Rotarians and Strini's many friends and colleagues. The celebration was organized by Strini's family. As usual, Strini ensured that there was an opportunity at the event for attendees to donate to a couple of youth projects. In the photo, from L. to R. are Emelia Reddy, Vijay Shell, Kumaran Reddy, Strini, and Nalini Reddy.



**The Family Dinner**, on December 20<sup>th</sup>, was well attended by about 65 members and guests. Visitors included from L to R. Atinuke Babalola, Eva's Nigerian daughter who is studying at the U of M, Chisambwe Douglas Katengo, District Governor Nominee from the RC of Kusinta-Lusaka, Zambia (visiting his daughter who is at university in Winnipeg), and President Eva Vida



**Agape Table Donations Appeal** in December raised \$505 cash plus 5 large boxes of food and winter clothing. They were very grateful for the donations. They serve breakfast 5 days a week to 250 – 300 guests. They also have a low priced grocery store, an emergency food bank, and guests who can be encouraged to pay a dollar for their meal. Their goal is to help their guests to transition from need to self-sufficiency. They would welcome a volunteer group of Rotarians to help serve breakfast.



January 17<sup>th</sup> **RIBFEST Grant presentation and Sponsorship/Donor Recognition.** This will be our monthly evening meeting at 5:30 PM at RBC Convention Centre

January 18<sup>th</sup> **First meeting of the Satellite Club** at Rudy's (in the Manitoba Hydro Building) at 5:30 pm.

January 20<sup>th</sup>



**Guatemala Scholarships Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser** is being held at 5:30 pm at St. Andrew's United Church, at 255 Oak St., corner of Oak and Kingsway. Dinner is \$15 per person and children 5 and under are free. Tickets may be purchased from the church office (204-488-1130) or you can contact Elly Hoogterp for tickets at: [elly@empiricus.ca](mailto:elly@empiricus.ca)

February 1<sup>st</sup>



**Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP) Fundraiser dinner** to support remote First Nations communities, at 5:30 pm., at the Punjab Cultural Centre, 1770 King Edward Street. Cost is \$40 per person with a \$20 tax receipt. RSVP by January 26<sup>th</sup> to Strini Reddy – [sereddy@shaw.ca](mailto:sereddy@shaw.ca)

February 23<sup>rd</sup> **Rotary Anniversary**

April 16-18<sup>th</sup> **Rotary Career Symposium**

May 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> **Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)**

May 24 – 27<sup>th</sup> **District 5550 District Conference, Regina, SK.**  
<http://www.rotary5550conference.ca/>  
[http://cbfellowship.ca/wp12/wpcontent/uploads/2017/Rotary\\_Conference\\_Video\\_-\\_Final.mp4](http://cbfellowship.ca/wp12/wpcontent/uploads/2017/Rotary_Conference_Video_-_Final.mp4)

June 23 – 27<sup>th</sup> **Rotary International Convention, Toronto, ON.**  
Next registration deadlines:  
From December 16<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> the rate increases to US\$410  
From April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup> the rate increases again to US\$495

## HEALTH & WELLNESS:

**Ernie Schell** and Norma recently moved to a condo at BrightWater Senior Living of Tuxedo with Personalized Healthcare in order to have better medical services for Norma. Brightwater is located at 741 Sterling Lyon Parkway. Ernie can still be contacted through the same phone number and e-mail address.



**Lives Lived (from Winnipeg Free Press January 13, 2018)**

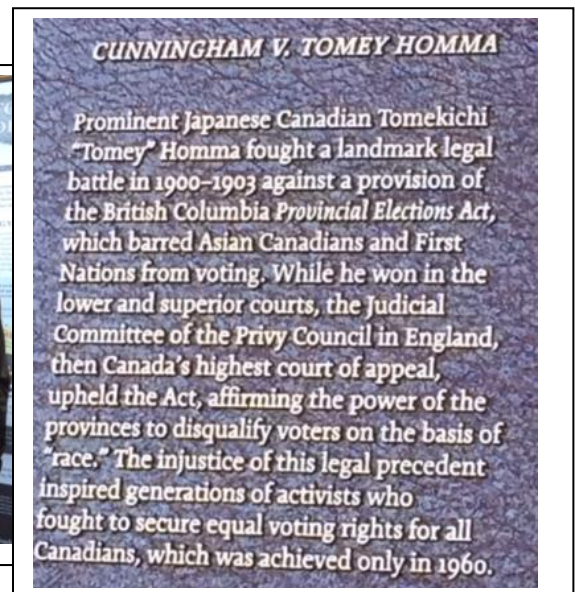
**Archie Speers (93)** – April 5/17. Archie was a long time member of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg and, with his wife, he helped set up the Rotary Career Symposium. Archie was also one of the three authors of our Centennial book. “Rotary Club of Winnipeg – 100 Years of Service”.

**Larry Whitney (74)** – Jul17/17. Larry was the bureaucrat who headed the province’s fight against the Flood of the Century in 1997 and was honoured for his work by being named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International in 1997.

**Les Wardrop (102)** – Sept 19/17. Les was an Electrical & Civil Engineer and the founder of Wardrop Engineering, (now Tetra Tech) in 1955. He was a member of our Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS:

**Sandy Allan’s grandfather Honoured**  
on Dec. 10, 2017 in Burnaby, BC.



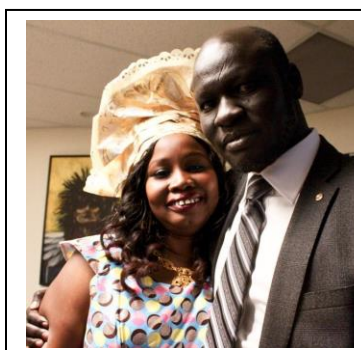
On Dec. 10, 2017, a Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque was unveiled in Tomekichi Homma's honour in Burnaby, recognizing his fight for the rights of Indigenous and Asian Canadians to vote in the first half of the last century.

Born into a samurai family in Japan, Tomekichi "Tomey" Homma moved to British Columbia in the late 19th century while still a teenager.

In 1900, Homma, a Canadian citizen, tried to enter his name on the voters' list in Vancouver. He was denied because of a provincial law that banned Asian-Canadian as well as First Nations from the vote.

Undeterred, Homma sued the registrar in what was to become a landmark case, now considered one of the most important human rights challenges in Canadian history. The county court and the Supreme Court of B.C. ruled in Homma's favour, but in 1903, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, then the highest legal authority in the Dominion of Canada, upheld the ban.

Homma did not live to see the change he fought for. He died in 1945 in an internment camp in the B.C. Interior, three years before Asian-Canadians secured the right to vote.  
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On December 10, 2017, Senator Marilou McPhedron presented the Canada 150 Medals to 11 Change-Makers including: Arek Manyang (David Atem's wife), Estelle Lamoureux, and David Newman.



## PROJECT REPORTS:

**Early Childhood Development School in Dadaab Refugee Camp, in Kenya** is being built by Humankind International and the Rotary Club of Winnipeg. For more details: <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050077/en-ca/files/sitepage/beyond-borders-newsletters/beyond-borders-dec-2017/06-Zone-December-2017.pdf>

## RIBFEST 2018 UPDATE:

**New Leadership:** RIBFEST 2018 is being led by Co-Chairs Nancy Cosway and Brent Jorowski. Brent will continue to be responsible for Entertainment, Insurance and RIBFEST Finances. Nancy will be the “Go-To-Person” for everything else. Watch out, she knows how to delegate. Frank Cosway will be focusing more of his time on being Co-Chair of Sponsorship, Fundraising, Budgeting, and Financial Reporting.



**Guidelines approved by the Board for RIBFEST fundraising and grants.** RIBFEST will:

- Showcase two groups each year
- Groups will be supported for a maximum of two years
- Grants will be for capacity building, not long term funding
- Each group will receive 1/3 of the funds raised up to a maximum of \$10,000
- The remaining 1/3 of the funds raised, plus any surplus, will go to the Winnipeg Rotary Club Community Service Fund Inc.

**RIBFEST 2017 Grants for \$10,000 each**, are being presented to the Newcomers and CanU youth groups on January 17<sup>th</sup> at our evening meeting.

## Two new Projects selected for RIBFEST 2018:

**HIP (Honouring Indigenous People's) – Reconciliation Initiatives** will nurture and strengthen partnerships between Indigenous students in northern community schools and students in southern schools to enhance and further reconciliation through increased understanding and friendships. Students will connect through social media, face to face visits, and team work to get to know each other, develop understanding and positive relationships.



This project has been initiated by the Rotary Club of Winnipeg with the Garden Hill School and funds raised through RIBFEST 2018 will further the exchange with other schools in Northern Manitoba.

**INSPIRE Community Outreach** supports youth and families with unique challenges, celebrating their strength. They provide evidence informed, culturally sensitive, family-centered education and programming, designed to meet the needs of those living with mental health issues and neurological/cognitive differences.



Serving upwards of 3000 individuals a year without funding, they have recently gained charity status and are looking forward to increasing support to benefit our community's overall well being.

## RECENT SPEAKERS:

**Kawser Ahmed, Helal Mohiuddin & Saidul Islam** with Conflict and Resilience Research Institute Canada Spoke about the "Rohingya Crisis in Myanmar and Bangladesh". [www.crric.org](http://www.crric.org)



**Kawser Ahmed** will be launching his new book, “**Grassroots Approaches to Community-Based Peacebuilding Initiatives – Theory and Praxis on the Front Lines**” on Friday, January 19, at 7:30 pm., at McNally Robinson – Grant Park in the Travel Alcove.

**Kawser Ahmed** was born in Bangladesh. A commissioned Army officer in Bangladesh Army his tour of duty included: an exchange officer with the Turkish Armed Forces, an observer to the United Nations Missions in Western Sahara (MINURSO), and a course participant at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA), Washington DC. His research interest includes social conflict and peace-building, radicalism, violent extremism, and peacekeeping operations.

In this important study, he listens to the voices of community leaders on the front lines of social justice work in Winnipeg. These leaders are working with nongovernmental, ethnic-based, and faith-based organizations. Here he explores the intersection among structural factors and grassroots activism in the face of social challenges such as poverty, discrimination, and colonialism. This study is significant for learning both the strengths and obstacles to civil society as an engine of social change in peace and conflict studies.

## **LINKS:**

**My Experience Volunteering in Guatemala** by Ron Nordstrom

<http://www.rtam.mb.ca/fall2017.html> PP. 14-19

President Eva Vida was the Team Leader for this Vocational Training Team (VTT)

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<http://rotary5550.org/bulletin/View/fa00e753-e18f-4362-ba44-43346ac67dae>

**Canada’s Indigenous Peoples**, Special Issue of Canadian Geographic, Nov – Dec Issue, 2017

[https://cangeo-media-library.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/styles/past\\_issues\\_thumbnail/public/images/print\\_issue/cover/4983/cover\\_nd17.jpg?itok=UyNcDICB](https://cangeo-media-library.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/styles/past_issues_thumbnail/public/images/print_issue/cover/4983/cover_nd17.jpg?itok=UyNcDICB)

**HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) News**, Dec 2017

[http://www.rotaryhip.com/images/HIP\\_December\\_News\\_2017.pdf](http://www.rotaryhip.com/images/HIP_December_News_2017.pdf)

**Annual Volunteer Awards Dinner**  
**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Awards**

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Victoria Inn

If you have anyone to nominate, do it soon.

Deadline for Nominations is Friday, February 2, 2018

[www.volunteermanitoba.ca/awards.php](http://www.volunteermanitoba.ca/awards.php)

**Bill Gates, “On the doorstep of victory”** (There is a video in this link.)

Millions of courageous vaccinators have brought the world closer than ever before to the end of polio.

By Bill Gates, January 10, 2018

<https://www.gatesnotes.com/Health/On-the-doorstep-of-victory>



Frank Cosway  
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