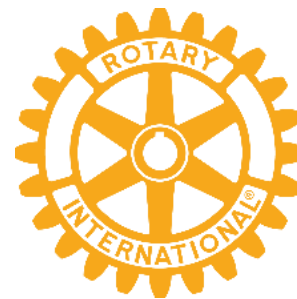


Rotary Club of Winnipeg



ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

March 20, 2020

COVID – 19:

Polio eradication staff are supporting the #COVID19 response. Using the infrastructure developed to identify the poliovirus and deliver vaccination campaigns, the polio eradication program is pitching in to protect the vulnerable from COVID-19. <http://bit.ly/2wdiQha>

Bill Gates - Ted Talk from 2015: The Next Outbreak? We're Not Ready.
https://www.ted.com/talks/bill_gates_the_next_outbreak_we_re_not_ready

CANCELLATION OF ROTARY EVENTS:

As may know, a number of Rotary events have been cancelled or postponed because of COVID-19

- Our weekly Rotary Club meetings (for next two weeks)
- Rotary Career Symposium
- MUNA – Model United Nations Assembly
- Rotary International Convention in Hawaii
- Rotary Adventures in Citizenship
- Chickenfest – Winnipeg West

HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Peggy Maycher (Rotary Alumni): Had a brief note from Peggy. She is currently in Northern Nigeria with her husband Paul Maycher. They are planning to stay till the end of March and will assess the situation then.

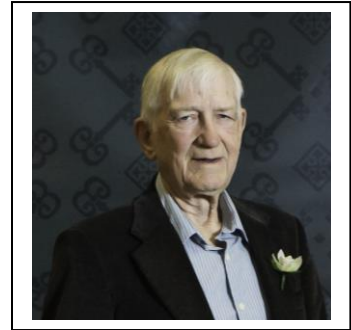
She goes onto to say, “We are taking all the precautions necessary here with the staff, but we will continue to monitor the situation and act accordingly.



Peggy says “Hello to everyone.”

Glen Torgerson: I received the following note from Glen as I was preparing this Newsletter, on March 19th.

“Our only news is the aggravation that we have gone through to get a flight home earlier. As you can guess the airlines were flooded with snowbirds trying to change reservations and get back faster. Hours on the phone or computer to finally get a reservation for travel the next day. What a rush to get everything closed up. We will still have a few things to do by phone but all the physical things on the ground got done.



I am currently sitting in the Calgary airport waiting for the flight to Winnipeg. Then we face a 14 day self-isolation period before we can venture out into polite company. I think our entire world will be heavily impacted for months.

Special thanks to the Rotary Board and Roy & Brent for handling a difficult, fluid, situation in exemplary fashion. Also special thanks to Rotarian Ernie Shewchuk for staying in constant contact with myself, his golf patsy, to keep me up to date on the travel restrictions. He was quite worried that I would get stuck in Mesa and unavailable for golf with him. Greater love hath no man.....

Tell Eva that I will get on her request for the Annual Fund Appeal when I return.”

Take care, Yours in Rotary, Glen Torgerson

For more information on Glen, check out this link

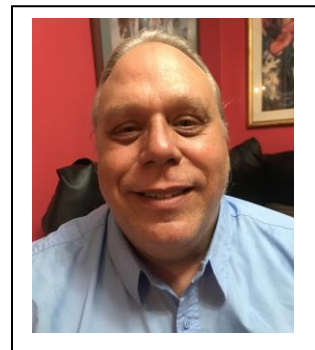
<https://www.hscfoundation.mb.ca/stories/glen-torgersons-legacy-story/>

NEW MEMBERS (Satellite Club):

Cameron Zywna: I am from Winnipeg. My educational background is earning a BComm (Finance), BA (Spanish), MA (Religion - focus on Latin American liberation theology), Certificate in Project Management, Project Management Professional certification, PRINCE2 Practitioner certification, and Advanced Certificate in Project Leadership (in process).

I speak Spanish and am currently learning French.

My wife, Rafaela (better known as Morena), is a health care aide from the Dominican Republic, and we have two sons, Andrew (20) and Gabriel (12).



I have wanted to be a Rotarian since I first saw their impressive community service work in action in the Dominican Republic, where I lived and worked from 1997 to 2002.

As an officer of the Association for the Development of San Jose de Ocoa, Inc. (ADESJO), a prestigious local non-governmental organization in the DR, then directed by my special friend and mentor, Fr. Luis Quinn, I specifically helped John Leddy of the Delhi, New York Rotary Club to implement a community truck project in a remote, mountainous, rural village to help farmers bring product directly to market and thereby get fairer prices, and to transport impoverished youth to the city to further their educational and career opportunities.

I have been working for 23 years in international development project management, first for ADESJO and then since 2002 for the International Centre, at the University of Manitoba.

I have helped faculty, administrators, and community leaders to develop diverse agriculture, education, gender, health, infrastructure, and livelihoods projects both remotely and on-the-ground in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

I am keen to continue contributing to sustainable international partnership initiatives through the Rotary Satellite Club, and am also growing in my interest in serving underprivileged constituencies in Manitoba.

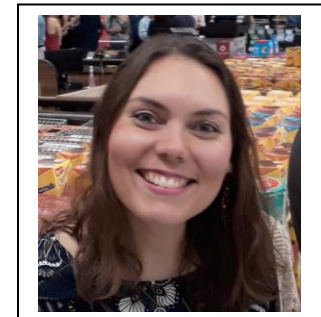
I am really enjoying the collegiality and new friendships from working closely with Satellite, Downtown, and Rotaract members! I have learned a lot from being the Chair of the Satellite Club since July, 2019, and look forward to contributing to many future service opportunities!

Humberto Dantas: I am the incoming President of the Satellite Club. I'm currently attending a Bachelor's program in Criminal Justice at the University of Winnipeg and working at the Civil Service Commission, Government of Manitoba.



I come from a family of Rotarians and have once been a member of the Rotaract Club in Natal, RN, Brazil. Despite my background in Law, I have traveled the world mostly as a professional musician visiting many cultures and making many friends.

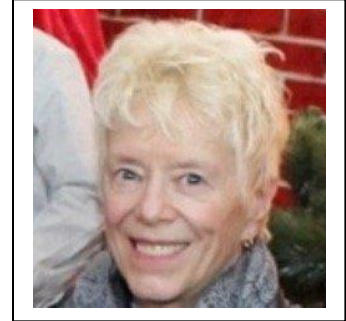
Isa Dantas: Isa is a professional in hospitality with over 20 years of experience in the field. She graduated in Business Administration and currently works for the Marriot Hotels group in Winnipeg.



Isa and I were invited to join the Rotary Satellite Club in 2018 during my preparation to register for university studies. Winnipeg Rotarians received us very friendly and opened the doors to our participation in the Club. Since then, we have volunteered for events such as the Career Symposium, the Guatemala Water Project fundraising, RIBFEST, and the Peace Days Festival. We are now feeling part of the city as residents and also very proud to be part of the Rotary family. It is our greatest wish to continue to serve our community and the world under the Rotary flag.

Brenda Newman: For many years, Brenda has accompanied and supported her husband David Newman as they attended Rotary International Conventions, and helped with the organization of World Peace Partners and Peace Days events and many other Rotary activities and functions.

Before joining the Satellite Club, Brenda was an active Rotarian with Rotary E-Club of One World (<https://www.oneworldrotary.org/>)



A LEGACY OF GIVING TO ROTARY:

Rotary Foundation - Annual Fund Appeal deadline is March 30, 2020

(Important message from Eva Vida)

Good afternoon Rotarians,

In the midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic, we are trying to ensure we are able to continue the good works of Rotary in general and particularly the work of our club.

Our Goal: As you know, annually, we are required to support the Rotary Foundation to the tune of \$50 USD per capita. Our membership as at July 1 was 73, so our USD contributions need to be at \$3,650 before the end of this month. We are currently at \$2,965USD, leaving us at \$690USD short of our goal or at the current exchange rate, about \$931 Canadian.

Why is this important you may ask?

Because it impacts our Club's ability to apply for District and Global Grants for the upcoming Rotary year. That would represent about \$25,000USD per project that we would miss out on if we don't make it.

Current Global Grant applications by our Club include:

- **Drilling a well with solar powered pump** to provide a permanent source of water at the Lily of the Valley Children's Village in Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa
(Our Club contributes US\$10,000 + District & Rotary Foundation US\$25,000.)
- **Training teachers in multi-grade schools** in rural KZN, South Africa and providing **computers and TVs** to access lessons off the internet
(Our Club contributes US\$10,000 + District & Rotary Foundation US\$25,000.)

Thank You!!

Let me say a resoundingThanks!!! to all those that have contributed so far.

For those who are able to help out here, I'm asking that contributions are made on line as follows:

Login to **Rotary.org**

Scroll down to the "**donate**" button and click

The donate button will come up on the next page again, **click**

Select the "**annual fund**"

Follow the directions to complete the transaction.

Given the dropping rate of the Canadian dollar, this is the opportunity to take advantage of the low rate set by Rotary International, set at the beginning of this month.

Please send me an email to advise if you are able to help and the amount as I will need this information for confirmation with our district in case funds are not processed in time. Appreciate your support, I know we can make this happen.

Eva Vida.

Coin Boxes at the Liquor Marts in February:

During the month of February, Manitoba Liquor Lotteries & Cannabis approved our Rotary Club of Winnipeg to have **Coin Boxes for donations** in all 35 Winnipeg Liquor Mart stores. The 89 boxes were placed beside each cash register and donations totalled **\$1,849.50**. Nancy Cosway was the project co-ordinator and recruited several Club members to deliver and collect the Coin Boxes. The message on each box was **"Rotary Club of Winnipeg – INVESTING IN YOUTH"**. Most of the donations were coins, but there was some paper money with the largest donation being a \$50 bill. Thank you to all the volunteers involved in making this project a success.



PROJECTS:

Winnipeg Rotary Peace Builders Toastmasters Club:

As you know, Rotary International and Toastmasters International are now working together to provide our members with even more opportunities for personal and professional growth. Toastmasters, like Rotary, is a global organization, and its mission is to develop communication and leadership skills.

On Saturday January 25th, the Winnipeg Peace Builders Toastmasters Club held their Charter Party Reception. President Roy attended with Pat to congratulate them on behalf of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg. This Toastmasters Club was created by a partnership of our Rotary Peace Builder Committee, District 64 Toastmasters, and the Winnipeg Connector Partnership, a project of Success Skills Centre.

The sponsors of the new club are Rany Jeyaratnam and John Melnick, who are both Rotarians and Toastmasters. The new club is the first of its kind in North America, and maybe in the world.

THANK YOU LETTER:



ST. ANDREW'S RIVER HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH

255 Oak Street at Kingsway
Winnipeg, Manitoba † R3M 3P7
Phone: 204.488.1130 † Fax: 204.488.1132 †
Email: stanuc@mts.net

Dear Rotarians;

Closing in on twenty years is an incredible milestone for the Guatemala Mission experience. In that time, many dollars were raised, countless volunteer hours were put in, numerous children and families were helped, and many lives were affected in Canada as well as Guatemala. The differences made at Pezzarossi school and the lives changed by our scholarship program will provide benefits for years to come. We're beyond grateful for the roles that so many members of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg played in making it all a reality.



However, every event has its cycle. After deep consideration and review of our full event experience, we wanted to share with you that the Guatemalan mission experience and scholarship program taken on by St. Andrew's River Heights United Church, has come to its natural end. We understand that this news may come with mixed feelings, but you should be proud of what this Mission experience has accomplished in part due to the passion and dedication of the members of your club. Over the last 20 years, we've empowered young adults to feel passion, grow spiritually and take ownership of numerous projects both in Guatemala and at home in Winnipeg.



We want to take a moment to thank a few key people who made this idea a reality; Kim Hannam had a spiritual vision of creating an incredible opportunity for our families to help

those families in need in Guatemala. Jeff Ward took a strong leadership role and ran both the spiritual and organizational sides of the trip for numerous years, their determination made this opportunity a reality in the early 2000's. The torch was passed to Stuart Roche, Elly Hoogterp and Pat McCallum and they worked hard to honour the original vision. Throughout it all Karen Lumley provided spiritual guidance and counsel.

We also want to recognize our church congregation and board for making these Mission Trips and the scholarship program a tremendous success by always supporting our ventures. Thanks go to all the families who cooked soups and made sandwiches, who planned dinners and drove kids around the neighbourhood, who stored boxes and bags of wreaths and trusted us with their children. Finally, thanks to the trip participants themselves, both youth and chaperones, who worked so hard and gave of themselves so fully while in Guatemala. We can all be deeply proud of the impact our group has had both locally as well as in communities 5000km away.

We would also like to thank the members of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg for their support over the last five years especially. Through direct donations as well as attendance at our celebratory and fundraising dinners you have provided us with tremendous support. In fact, it was our connections with Rotary that allowed us to continue with the program with the help of Rotary Metropoli when we ran into organizational issues in Guatemala.

Thank you for all YOU did to help us change the lives of our own youth and of the students and families we connected with in Guatemala. We could never have done it without you!
On behalf of the St. Andrew's Senior Youth,

Pat McCallum
(Former) Youth Leader

RECENT SPEAKERS:

Two of our recent Speakers demonstrated the ripple effect of participation in some of our Rotary programs.

Insp. Bonnie Emerson, of the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) recently participated in an intensive 3 month program at the Rotary Peace Centre in Bangkok, Thailand and this was followed by a five day Conference on Mediators Beyond Borders "Disruptors" Mediation Training in Bali in November. From these training experiences Bonnie is having significant input to Training programs for WPS and national Police Training programs.

Bonnie Emerson (March 4th.)

Insp. Bonnie Emerson is one of 22 people from around the world (and one of three police officers) selected by Rotary International for peace fellowships in its 2019 professional certification program at the Rotary Peace Centre at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok.

Her goal: to use the knowledge to set new paths for the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) in the community as a whole and with Indigenous people.

Bonnie Emerson is an Indigenous woman, community advocate and police officer. She leads the Winnipeg Police Community Engagement Division and believes police should play the role of peacekeeper. Bonnie has been actively involved in community and non-government organizations (NGO) boards for over 20 years, working to address poverty, employment, conflict resolution and safety. She has developed a number of collective impact initiatives to address root causes of crime, in nonviolent ways.



<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/winnipeg-officer-to-gain-international-education-504130892.html>

Nina Lam gave an excellent presentation on the annual Youth Parliament of Manitoba. As you will see below, she was involved with Rotary Interact in high school, Rotary Adventures in Citizenship and Best Delegation to MUNA 2016.

Nina Lam (March 11th)

Nina is the current vice-chairperson of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba. She has been involved in the organization since 2015, and this is her third year on the Executive, having previously served as the Director of Finance and Director of Procedures.

She has also been involved with the Rotary Club: in high school, she was the president of her school's Interact Club, a participant of the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship program in Ottawa, and the best delegation at the 2016 Winnipeg MUNA. Nina is currently in her last semester at the University of Manitoba studying Global Political Economy.



Frank Cosway, Editor

Tel: 204-294-7079

E-mail: frankcosway@mts.net