

Rotary Club of Winnipeg



ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

November 24, 2017

Editor's Note: This issue is heavily focused on **Members** – highlighting the activities of current Rotarians and introducing you to our new Rotary members.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 1st. **South Sudan speakers** (Part of 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence) from noon to 4pm., at the South Sudanese Cultural Centre, 129 Dagmar St.

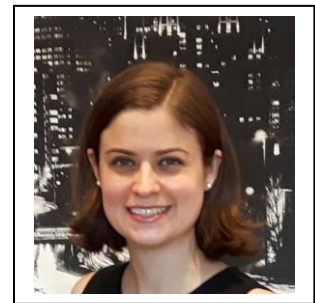
December 6th. Rotary Club of Winnipeg **Annual General Meeting** for 2016-17

December 13th. **Annual Rotary – Kiwanis Luncheon**

December 20th. **Rotary Family Dinner** at 5:30pm at the RBC-CC.

OUR ROTARIANS – MAKING CHANGES & ON THE MOVE

Caroline Quinn – Caroline is the new **Human Resources (HR) Effectiveness Specialist** at the **North West Company**, accountable to develop, deploy, manage and track Employee Relations & Development's continuous improvement initiatives focused on process improvement and efficiency, document management and enablement of employee self-service through the HR Intranet.



Dan Jonsson – On September 1, of this year, Dan further complicated his life by acquiring Macdonald Autobody at 1310 St James Street, and merging it with his network of 5 **CARSTAR Collision** repair stores.

This story has a number of Rotary connections to it: Dan's business partner **Skye Grexton**, is a long-time member of the Winnipeg Assiniboine Rotary Club, **Gord Yvon** – vendor and previous owner of Macdonald has been a member of Winnipeg West Rotary club since 1991 and also, **lawyers and accountants on both sides are active Rotarians.**

Larry Schmidt – Larry is starting a new adventure as Chairman & CEO of **Cogmation Robotics**. Cogmation is a Winnipeg based Edu-Tech company that markets its patented technology on a global scale. Cogmation is changing the way the world learns, works and plays. It is focused on encouraging and giving children around the world the confidence to pursue a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) based education.

Locally, Cogmation supply schools and individuals, and are embarking on their 4th training workshop with First Peoples Development Inc. Thereby having a positive impact on children of up to 34 bands in Southern Manitoba. Cogmation recognizes that it was founded and is located on Treaty One Territory. Cogmation is working to make Truth and Reconciliation a reality.

Larry recently attended the World Robot Olympiad in Costa Rica which was attended by people from around the world. Here is proof that Larry was really working all the time. Check out his Facebook for more photos.

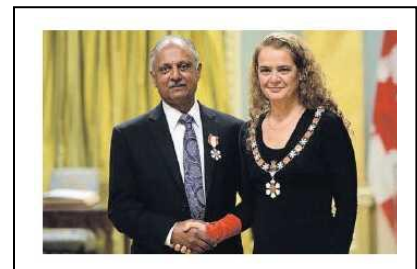


<https://cogmation.com/>
www.virtualroboticstoolkit.com



Jason Hoepfner of **Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy** was recognized as “**Franchisee of the Year**”. This award is presented to one of the 240 Canadian (Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy) owners every year at the Owner's Conference. This year's conference was in Penticton in September. Congratulations Jason.

Strini Reddy, a new **Member of the Order of Canada**, was presented with his medal by the Gov. Gen. Julie Payette, on Friday, November 17th. Strini was selected for his “engagement in community causes as an advocate for social justice, racial understanding, literacy and poverty reduction.”





Youssef Mouzahem has been instrumental in establishing the **Canada – Arab Association of Manitoba (CAAM)** and sits on the Board as Cultural Director. Youssef has also helped start the “**Arab Members Chapter**” of **Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba**. He is on their Board as well. (In the photo, Youssef is sitting at the end of the table.)

Peggy Maycher has been in China for the past month to visit several factories that make solar equipment. (eg. batteries, solar panels, Inverters...). **WNL Development Solutions** (Peggy & Paul Maycher’s company) has a project for the **United Nations in Liberia** to install small solar systems in rural police stations. <http://www.wnlds.com/>

While Peggy was in China she was also overseeing the packing, loading and paperwork of a shipment of equipment they had already ordered. She spent almost a month in Shenzhen doing this. For more on her trip check out her photos on Facebook.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Eric Grabner:

Eric was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He is a graduate of the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) and a Certificate of Leadership Development. He is currently pursuing his Certified Financial Planner and Registered Retirement Councillor Designations.

Eric has worked in the both the private and public sectors, in government, non-profit organizations, and currently as an entrepreneur. In his professional life, Eric is a Financial Planner with Investors Group.



Eric is very philanthropically involved in Winnipeg, being a long time donor and volunteer of the United Way of Winnipeg, the Winnipeg Humane Society, and Canadian Blood Services. He is currently a member of the board for Local Investment Toward

Employment (LITE) MB, and is nominated for the board membership with the Winnipeg Santa Claus Parade and the Manitoba Lung Association.

Eric enjoys playing softball in the summer and rec league hockey in the winter, as well as playing guitar. He has an interest in history, economics, and psychology.

Donna Alexander:

Donna Alexander was raised on a farm near Minnedosa, Manitoba but has lived in a number of different communities including Calgary, Toronto, Brandon, and Winnipegosis.



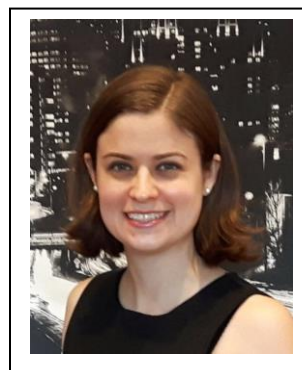
Initially, she worked for Scotiabank in customer service, consumer lending and in Human Resources as a trainer. Donna has a Bachelor of Education, and a Master of Arts (History). She has taught at Balmoral Hall, MacLaughlin College and recently at Minnedosa Collegiate, when she moved back there to care for ailing parents.

Donna has served on the Board of Macdonald Youth Services and West Broadway Youth Outreach. She is married to Brock Alexander and they have two children and four grandchildren.

Donna moved back to Winnipeg in July of this year and the house in Linden Woods is the 17th home she has shared with her husband.

Caroline Quinn:

Caroline Quinn is very excited to be joining the welcoming community that is the Rotary Club of Winnipeg. Caroline has a long history with Rotary. She was a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Northern Denmark in 2005-2006. Prior to that she was a participant in MUNA, RYLA, and Rotary Adventures in Technology.



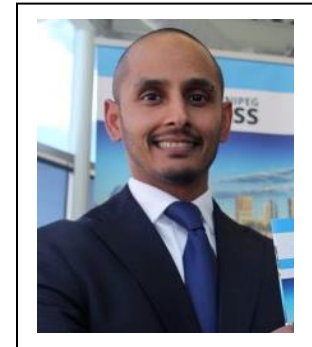
Caroline is originally a Winnipegger but after her Rotary Exchange she spent 11 years away from Winnipeg working and studying. She completed a Bachelor of Arts program in Language and Linguistics at Queen's University in Kingston and a Master of Business Administration from HEC Montreal in Montreal. Caroline and her husband Dan, a nurse manager for Cardiology at St Boniface Hospital, moved back to Winnipeg in June 2016.

A former management consultant and HR Advisor, Caroline has just started a new role at the North West Company as their Human Resources Effectiveness Specialist, where she is responsible for continuous improvement and transformation of their HR

department, which includes coaching and training staff. Caroline is a lifelong learner and is passionate about travel and education.

Enver Naidoo

If there were three words used to describe Enver, it would be Entrepreneur, Adventurer, Citizen. At the age of 16, Enver was provided the opportunity to relocate to Canada from South Africa at the end of apartheid. Appreciative and proud to call Canada home, Enver served in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves rising up to the rank of Corporal, while at the same time attending York University. Due to family reasons, he returned to South Africa in his early twenties. Over the subsequent decade Enver's career path provided him with the opportunity to live and work in 4 countries, 3 continents, and now 4 provinces across Canada.



Five years ago, Enver and his wife Cora relocated to Winnipeg and while not knowing anyone initially, they soon fell in love with the city and the people. Both are active board members with community organizations, and are proud to call Winnipeg home. As Managing Director of a program called Winnipeg Pass, Enver now works to promote Winnipeg to tourists and locals by packaging admission to top local attractions and experiences.

Omar Ngom

Originally from West Africa, Omar has been in Canada since 2011. He graduated from *Université de Saint Boniface* in the Finance/Accounting program and now works at CIBC Wood Gundy with great people. He also has a very soft side for Technology, which is why he has a great time working part time at the Apple Store.



Omar would like to help people in any way he can. He thinks that defines a lot of the way he sees the world -- to help others that don't have what he has and to learn from those experiences. Omar feels lucky enough to join Rotary and take part in the good that we do for communities to make things better. He looks forward to working and creating new experiences with everyone.

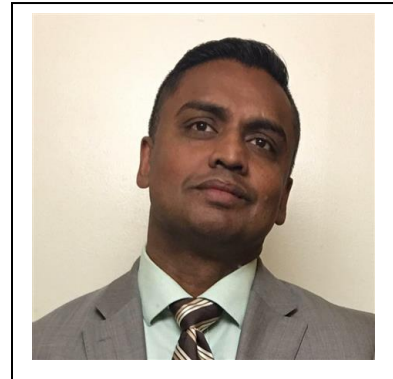
Manoj Nowrang

Manoj is the Vice-Principal of O.V. Jewitt Community School. He started his teaching career as a teacher in the Louis Riel School Division and was previously the Vice Principal of Edmund Partridge Community School, Maples Collegiate, Dakota Collegiate and Samuel Burland School.

Manoj was the Interim Head Coach of Men's Basketball, University of Manitoba in 2005-06. The year was a great challenge that taught him a lot about leading young men in a competitive sports environment. He has also coached numerous teams over the past 25 years in a variety of sports such as basketball, volleyball and track and field.

Manoj sits on the Citizens Equity Committee (City of Winnipeg) and previously sat on the Restoring the Sacred Advisory Committee and Technical Committee for Basketball Manitoba.

As a school administrator, he feels it is important to model lifelong learning and a respect for current research.



Bill Todd

Bill is a General Manager who has worked across 5 industries. He first discovered Rotary by stumbling across the Wikipedia page for Rotary International, which specifically mentions the Rotary Club of Winnipeg. As soon as he read the line "Rotary encourages high ethical standards in business", he was hooked. He immediately visited our website, contacted Cynthia, and the rest is history.

Bill lives in the southeast corner of the city with his wife Angela, and two daughters, one of which is autistic and non-verbal. Bill is passionate about audio recording, and is an aficionado of Tanks (as in battle tanks), especially tanks used during the great wars.



FOCUS ON ZIMBABWE:

My Happy Bucks for the week included the news that Robert Mugabe had resigned as President of Zimbabwe and hopefully this bring about significant positive change for the country and its people.

Winnipeg Rotarians have a long involvement with projects and people from Zimbabwe. The people include:

- **Strini Reddy** who spent two years (1962 – 63) in Zimbabwe at the beginning of his long travels to finally arrive in The Pas, Manitoba in 1971.
- **Chippo Hambira** who was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar hosted by the Charleswood Club, and often visited our Club.
- **Gertrude Hambira** and Family who were sponsored as a refugee family by the Charleswood and other local Rotary Clubs in Winnipeg
- **Kuda Hambira** has participated in the Rotary RYLA summer camp
- **Ismael Mvingi** was a member of our Club before moving to Florida
- **Tsungai Mvingi** was a member of the local Rotaract Club and now works with the Salvation Army
- **Dr. Mutanga**, Executive Director of the Canadian Multicultural Disability Centre in Winnipeg

The projects include:

- Support for **Hambira family** to escape persecution in Zimbabwe
- Tree of Life – **Community Healing Program for Youth** who have experienced Organized Violence & Torture in Zimbabwe received a \$5,000 grant and was championed by Ismael Mvingi
- **Chirasauta Water Project** was championed by Dr. Mutanga and Strini Reddy, who together raised over \$25,000 for this project.

RECENTS SPEAKERS:

Topic: **Menstrual Hygiene & Micro Enterprise in Uganda & Cambodia**

Speakers: **Betty Liedtke, Tabitha Kyambadde (from Uganda), Judy from the USA, and Diana O'Malley**, President of Rotary Club of Frankston Peninsula 2.0 from Australia



The three speakers from the USA, all Rotarians, spoke about their work with a project in Uganda. They talked about the problem of young girls dropping out or missing many days of school once they reach puberty and start menstruating. They drop out or miss

school because of the lack of menstrual hygiene products and the lack of privacy for proper hygiene.

The project has developed some menstrual hygiene products and is providing local women in Uganda with sewing machines to make the products and generate an income selling the products.

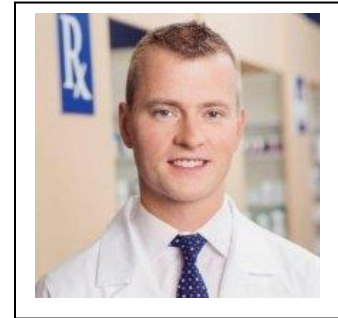
Diane O'Malley, a Rotary guest from Australia, is involved in a similar project in Cambodia and shared some of their experience and insights.

The major benefit from both of these projects is that young teenage girls are able to attend school on a continuous basis, and in the long run more girls are graduating from secondary school.

YEAR END OPPORTUNITIES:

Get your FLU SHOT & help END POLIO NOW:

Rotarian Jason Hoepfner, of **The Medicine Shoppe** at 660 Osborne Street is still giving Flu Shots, and for every Rotarian or Rotarian referral getting a Flu Shot, he is donating \$5 to the **END POLIO NOW** campaign. Get the Flu Shot & help eradicate Polio.



Giving Tuesday is November 28th. On Giving Tuesday you are encouraged to give to your charity of choice. Why not choose Rotary and support our Community Service Fund Inc or a specific project. Click on <http://givingtuesday.ca/> then click on Canadahelps & search "Winnipeg Rotary Club" and follow the prompts. Contact Trevor Stark if you need any assistance.

Last chance to make a Donation to Rotary in 2017, and get a Tax Receipt.

Remember, the more you donate the less the Government gets. Again, you may donate to the Community Service Fund Inc or a specific project of your choice.

Editor's Note:

Member input and newsletter feedback would be appreciated. What do you like? What could be improved? Any suggestions for topics?

I am gradually catching up on a backlog of News. Hope you enjoy it.

Frank Cosway