

# Rotary Club of Winnipeg



## ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

October 26, 2018

### Editor's Note:

Finally the first Fall issue has been completed. Hope you enjoy it. Please send me your announcements, stories and photos for future issues.

## RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 10-14<sup>th</sup>. **Kinston Rotarians Visit to Winnipeg postponed** because of the two recent hurricanes in North Carolina.
- October 20–27<sup>th</sup>. **INVICTUS GAMES** in Sydney, Australia  
<https://invictusgamesfoundation.org/>
- October 24<sup>th</sup>. **World Polio Eradication Day**  
<https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day>
- November 7<sup>th</sup>. Our **Remembrance Day program** will be on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- November 14<sup>th</sup>. **The Salvation Army, “Hope in the City” Breakfast**, at 7:00 – 9:00 AM. Breakfast served at 7:30 AM. at the RBC Convention Centre. Price \$65/ person. Contact Don Ross for tickets for the Rotary table. Tel: 204-777-1140 or dross3@mts.net
- March 2019 **Outbound Rotary Friendship Exchange to Australia.** Verna Hryhorchuk, Nancy & Frank Cosway will be participating
- June/July 2019 **Inbound Rotary Friendship Exchange from India.** Up to 10 Indian Rotarians will spend 3 days over the Canada Day weekend with our Winnipeg Club.

## NOBEL PEACE PRIZES WINNERS ANNOUNCED for 2018:

The **2018 Nobel Peace Prize** was awarded to **Denis Mukwege** and **Nadia Murad** "for their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict" **Denis Mukwege** is a gynecologist specializing in the treatment of women victimized by sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and **Nadia Murad** is a Yazidi human rights advocate who survived sexual slavery by the Islamic State in Iraq and published a memoir of the ordeal. "Each of them in their own way has helped to give greater visibility to war-time sexual violence, so that the perpetrators can be held accountable for their actions," reads the award citation.<sup>[1]</sup>



**Darcy Ataman** of "Make Music Matter" has spoken to our Club about his work with Dr Mukwege and the Panzi Hospital in the Congo. **Nafia Naso** has spoken to our Club about the plight of the Yazidis in Iraq and her efforts, along with the support of the Winnipeg Jewish Community, to help some Yazidi families to resettle in Winnipeg.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS:

**Dick Mulder:** I spoke with Marilyn Page a month ago and she informed me that Dick's health had improved from last winter when he was in Seven Oaks Hospital. He returned to his home at River Ridge Retirement Residence but he had 3 falls during the spring & summer as a result of neuropathy in his feet. In order to have more appropriate care, Dick recently moved to the Holy Family Nursing Home at the corner of Redwood & Main Street.

**Al Hoeft:** Al, a former member of our Club, informed me that, he just finished a Masters of Leadership program at the University of Guelph. Al is currently a Major with The Salvation Army based in Edmonton, AB. He is Divisional Secretary for Public Relations and Development and Area Commander – Northern Region.



**Paula Cohen**, daughter of Marsha Brick & granddaughter of Cynthia Brick recently graduated from the University of Winnipeg with a Bachelor's Degree in Conflict Resolution. Her studies focused on Family & Workplace Conflict. Two years ago, Paula went to Spain as a volunteer with Save the Children.



## RIBFEST 2018:

### Estimated Attendance:

14,000 people (10,000 – 2017)

**Estimated Profit:** \$16,500

**50/50 Winner:** Rotarian **Edward McLean**, from the St. Boniface/ St Vital Rotary Club was the winner of the RIBFEST 50/50. The 50/50 prize was \$4,692.50



**The Greening of RIBFEST:** Darren Swanson and his Green Team did a great job of sorting the waste and recycling as much as possible. See the numbers below:



- **Compost:** 20 cubic yards (12 cubic yards in 2017)
- **Recycling:** 23 cubic yards (14 cubic yards in 2017)
- **Garbage:** 20 cubic yards (about same in 2017, slightly less)
- **Grease:** 475 gallons (225 gallons last year)
- **Bicycle Corral:** 177 cyclists (113 in 2017)



## AWARDS:

**David Newman** received a 2018 Special Award for Community Champion from the **Canadian Race Relations Foundation**.



## PAST PROJECT REPORT:

**Osu Children's Library Fund** Annual Newsletter: The Club supported the Scholarship Fund of this children's library project in Ghana, West Africa, for many years. This project was founded by Winnipegger Kathy Knowles, who has spoken to the Club on several occasions. This Scholarship Fund was jointly supported by our Sister Rotary Club in Kinston, North Carolina

<http://www.osuchildrenslibraryfund.ca/news/directors-newsletter/>



<http://www.osuchildrenslibraryfund.ca/awarding-scholarships/>

## BANNER EXCHANGES:

**Senator Marilou McPhedron** receiving a banner from **Kalki Subramaniam, Founder of Sahodari Foundation**, Pollachi, India, in August.

In an e-mail to Kalki, **Senator McPhedron says**, "It was such a pleasure to meet you in Vancouver and to learn of your all female Rotary Club and to be entrusted with your Club's banner to deliver it to the Rotary Club in Winnipeg- which was the FIRST "international" club outside of the United States.



The banner was from the **Rotary Club of Coumbatore – Aakruthi, Tamilnadu, India**.

**Ernie Armitt visited the Rotary Club of Stockport Lamplighter, in the UK, in September.** Ernie indicated the it was an interesting Club involved in many local community projects. In his introduction to the Club Ernie told them about out RIBFEST event. Their motto is: **“Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things”**



## RECENT SPEAKERS HAVE INCLUDED:

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, **Shay-Ann Scott Joliceur** talked about her experience attending **Rotary Adventures in Citizenship** held in Ottawa on April 29 – May 2, 2018. She was so excited about her experience in Ottawa with all the other kids. It was a life changing experience. She was a great speaker – full of joy and energy. She is a great example of why we send students to this program.



“At 17 years old, Shay-Ann is beginning to plan her life outside of high school. She is looking into her many options and deciding what her priorities are. No matter what she chooses, she believes she will drive change in her community. She is an active member in the Social Justice committee, a dedicated athlete (volleyball, Track & Field), and a proud Metis youth.” From Stephanie Milford, Indigenous Graduation Coach at St. John’s High School.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50040/sitepage/rotary-adventure-in-citizenship>

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, **Kelly Falardeau**, the Co-founder of **Blankets for Burn Kids** spoke to us about her experience as a burn victim from the age of 2, and her current mission to ensure that Burn Kids feel that “You are loved, You are needed and You are wanted.” 75% of Kelly’s body was burned at the age of two. She had many operations and skin grafts during her youth. She experienced bullying because of her scars. Today, she and her sons advocate for Burn Kids to ensure that they feel loved, needed & wanted.



<http://mykellyf.wixsite.com/blanketsforburnkids>



On October 24<sup>th</sup>. **Gwen Buccini**, founder of **Tabs for Wheelchairs** spoke to us about her leadership over 20 years to collect enough Tabs in order to provide 20 customized wheelchairs for local youth.

- One Wheelchair requires about 14,000,000 Tabs
- Why just the Tabs? The Tabs are a higher quality aluminium and storing the cans would require too much space.
- The Tabs are sold to a local scrap dealer and the funds are used to purchase the wheelchairs. (Eg. .60 cents per lb of Tabs.)



Nancy Cosway presented Gwen with a large bag of Tabs. Frank Cosway has arranged with the RBC-Convention Centre to collect all of their empty pop-cans. If you want to collect some Tabs for Wheelchairs, please give the Tabs to Strini Reddy.

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/tabs-for-wheelchairs-gets-people-rolling-489409841.html>

## REPORT ON THE “PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND” (PEF) of the ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG

ON OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>., THE **CONTRIBUTORS AND TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND** OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG HELD ITS **ANNUAL MEETING** TO REVIEW THE PAST YEAR AND ELECT ITS BOARD AND ITS INVESTMENT COMMITTEE.

THE PEF MANAGES A **PORTFOLIO OF \$1.2 MILLION** WITH THE AIM OF PROVIDING INCOME TO THE CHARITY ARM OF OUR ROTARY CLUB. THIS MONEY IS THE RESULT OF MANY YEARS OF DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS BY OUR MEMBERS.

A ROTARIAN BY THE NAME OF TOM SILL CAME UP WITH THIS IDEA IN 1967 AND WAS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR DURING HIS LIFETIME. HE GATHERED A GROUP OF ROTARIANS AROUND HIM WHO SUPPORTED THIS IDEA FINANCIALLY AND THE PEF OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG WAS BORN. BY THE WAY, CURRENT MEMBERS CHARLIE CURTIS AND ANNALIESE KALLENBACK ATTENDED THE INAUGERAL MEETING.

SINCE THIS ENDOWMENT FUND PREDATES THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION IT HAS BEEN GRANDFATHERED EVEN THOUGH ANY NEW SUCH FUNDS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

ROTARIANS WHO DONATE AT LEAST \$500 TO THE PEF BECOME CONTRIBUTORS AND ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING. IF SOMEONE DID NOT HAVE THE \$500 IN ONE LUMP THEY ARE ALLOWED TO JOIN WITH A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE THE \$500 OVER TIME. WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE MORE ROTARIANS IN OUR CLUB TO BECOME MEMBERS.

AS SOME OF YOU MAY BE AWARE THE PEF SUPPLIES THE BULK OF THE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES FUND BUT IT IS NOT WELL KNOWN NOR WELL UNDERSTOOD BY MANY MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB. I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THAT THROUGH THIS TALK AND FUTURE SUCH TALKS.

THE KEY POINT IS THAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PEF BUILD INCOME THAT GOES ON YEAR AFTER YEAR IN SUPPORT OF OUR CHARITY ACTIVITIES. **THIS YEAR THE PEF HAS PROVIDED \$40,000 TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES FUND AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE FUNDING WILL INCREASE TO ABOUT \$43,000 NEXT FISCAL YEAR.**

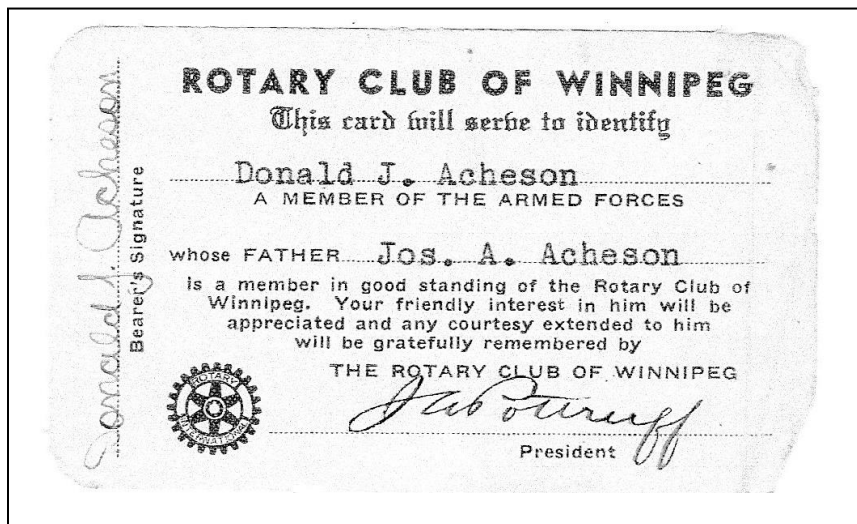
I HOPE THAT ANY OF YOU WHO ARE NOT YET CONTRIBUTORS OF THE PEF DECIDE TO BECOME ONE AS A WAY OF SUPPORTING YOUR ROTARY CLUB. THANK YOU.

Report by: Glen Torgerson

## HISTORICAL NOTE: Rotary Club of Winnipeg:

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From: Bob Acheson  
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I have a copy of my Father's temporary membership for the Winnipeg Rotary, circa 1942, as a "member of the armed forces." He was born in Canada but became an American citizen. I was sitting in my Rotary Club meeting today (San Bruno, California) and it occurred to me you might like to see a copy.



I didn't know that you were the first "International" Rotary, but I can't think of a better country for that to happen than Canada! There's a long (and to others, probably boring) family story, but the short version is that my father (Donald J. Acheson) was born in Ontario, but raised in southern California (Redlands). Most of my father's family remains in Canada, we just had a reunion of "Achesons" (and thereabouts) in Calgary. My Dad's father, Joseph Acheson (a member of the Winnipeg Rotary Club) remained in Canada for a good portion of his life, while my father remained in the United

States. My father joined the US Army Air Force in 1942, so his visit would have been sometime after that.

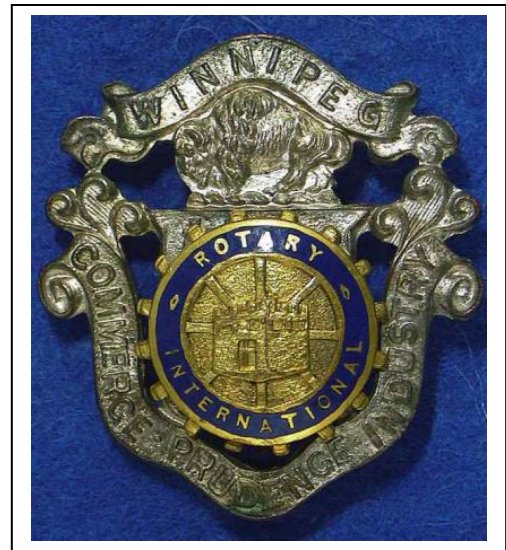
All the best! I hope if you or other members of your club ever come to Northern California (San Bruno is about 10 miles south of San Francisco), you'll come to our Rotary Club meeting, and should I ever get to Winnipeg.....

**Note:** The card was signed by J.A. Pottruff who was President from 1943-44, and District Governor 1946-47

## A HISTORICAL MYSTERY:

Does anyone have one of these Winnipeg Rotary pins? The only existing copy is in a collection held by Wolfgang Ziegler.

As you are touring local Antique Shops, see if you can find a copy of this pin?



## LINKS:

**Honouring Indigenous Peoples monthly Newsletter:** "The HIP Circle" This issue contains some photo of Winnipeg Rotarians and reports on their activities.

[http://www.rotaryhip.com/images/HIP\\_Circle\\_Sept2018\\_Finalcompressed.pdf](http://www.rotaryhip.com/images/HIP_Circle_Sept2018_Finalcompressed.pdf)

**True Patriot Love Newsletter**

<http://go.truepatriotlove.com/webmail/73492/347688939/98bb8b3d088bc5f3ce496d348ad92c1ea0c8edd4f8974235afcd38673caaf56a>

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