



ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025



The mission of Rotary is to "provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through [the] fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders".

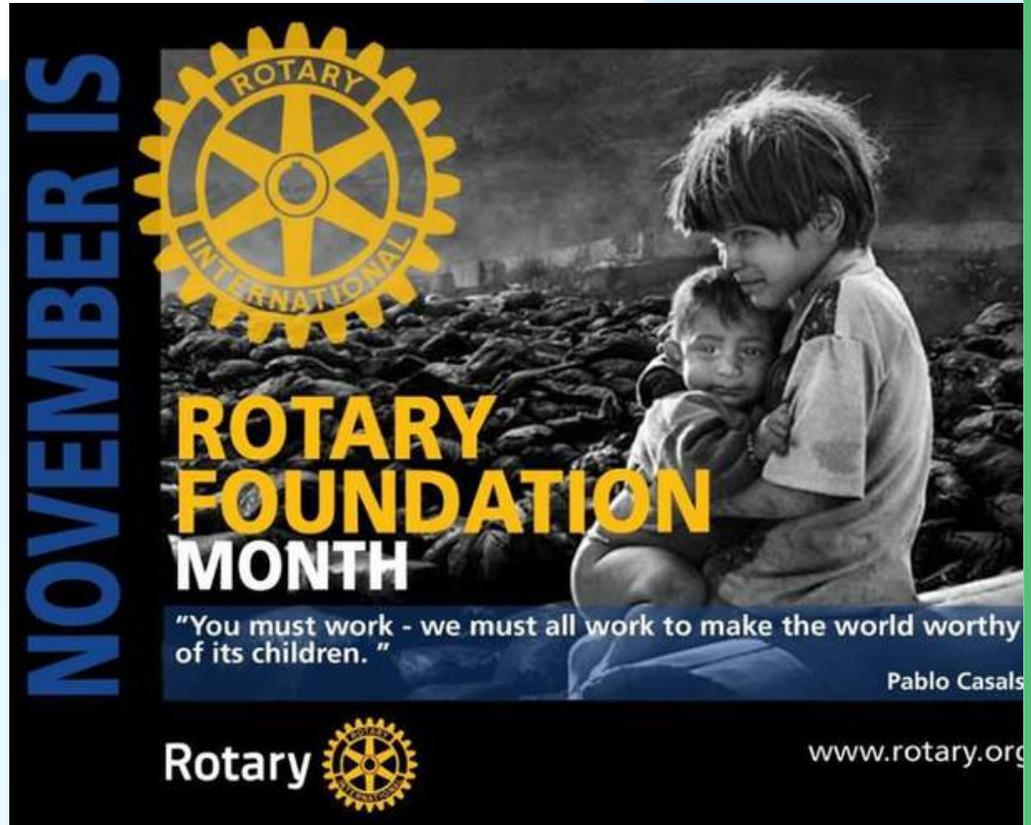
The **Rotary theme** for **November** is **Rotary Foundation Month**. This month is dedicated to raising awareness about the impactful work of The Rotary Foundation and encouraging contributions to its various programs and initiatives.

The Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International, which transforms gifts from Rotarians into sustainable humanitarian projects worldwide. These projects focus on Rotary's six areas of focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies
- Protecting the environment

Since its establishment in 1917, The Rotary Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing projects, including a leading role in the global effort to eradicate polio. Clubs celebrate this month through fundraising, awareness campaigns, and service projects.

Rotarians work to create opportunities for decent work, fair wages, entrepreneurship, and community resilience.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: November, 2025

Rotary Club of Winnipeg



November 26th at 7 p.m.

Here is information about fundraising for our South Africa Projects - **Subsistence farming, nutrition for Children, Women learning tailoring, improved water supply and gardening for sale of crops**

The South Africa fundraiser is on Nov 26 at 7 p.m. **\$10.00** at the door of X-Cue's - 551 Sargent Avenue. Additional donations will also be accepted.

Donate Now to the “Rotary Club of Winnipeg Fund” at the Winnipeg Foundation. It is now operational. This Fund is the former Permanent Endowment Fund. You can make donations and receive a tax receipt. The fund has almost \$1.8 million in it. We expect to receive about \$70,000 in interest each year. This is the donation that keeps on giving, year after year.

To donate click on the link below:

<https://www.mycharitytools.com/gift/wpgfdn/donate?fund=6001>



There is still some **Rotary Beer** available.

- **24 cans = \$72**
- **12 cans = \$36**
- **6 cans = \$18**

You can pay on-line or pay me & I will deliver it for you.

You can do an e-transfer to club@rcwacf.ca

Contact Frank Cosway frankcosway@mts.net or 204-294-7079



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: November, 2025

Rotary Club of Winnipeg

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

December 3rd at 6 pm at the **WWC** is an opportunity to **review the 2024-25 year** and hear from the Directors about activities and events that have made an impact on our community and the world. The Annual Impact Report will be circulated by email. Our Treasurer will review the financial situation of the Club. The Successful transfer of our Permanent Endowment Fund to the Winnipeg Foundation for management will be highlighted. Find out how you can still contribute to this fund.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
December 3 Dinner Meeting at the WWC 6 pm
Come and hear reports from Club Directors and our Financial report



Pre Holiday Social Evening

December 17th will be an opportunity for fun, laughter, conversation, good food and prizes. Join us for our Holiday event. This will be our **last meeting for 2025** as we will convene on **January 7th 2026**.

Pre Holiday Social Night
December 17th at the WWC at 6pm
Join us for fun, games, prizes and a very good evening together



On November 19th, the **Rotary Club of Winnipeg** held its in-person meeting at the WWC at 6:00 p.m., where the **“Rotarian of the Year”** recognition was presented.

Nominations had been received in advance, and the recipients were officially announced during the event. It was a wonderful opportunity for members to **celebrate and congratulate our fellow Rotarians** for their outstanding service and contributions. See photos on next page.

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
November 19 Dinner Meeting at the WWC 6 pm
Come and meet the Rotarian of the Year you nominated from our club



ROTARIANS OF THE YEAR Rotary Club of Winnipeg

Exciting meeting last evening. We honoured 3 club members "**Rotarians of the Year**". **Glen Torgerson, Ernie Shewchuk and David Ross** for their **long term commitment** to the successful operation of the **club's Permanent Endowment Fund**.

Congratulations!

They were each presented with a **Paul Harris**.



ROTARY MONTHLY THEME 2025 - 2026



Rotary Monthly Theme Calendar 2025-2026

July 2025

Maternal and Child Health

1 July - Beginning of the Rotary year

August 2025

Membership and New Club Development

15 August - Interact Club Excellence Award nominations are due

September 2025

Basic Education and Literacy

October 2025

Community Economic Development

Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week is celebrated Monday through Sunday during the week of 7 October
24 October - World Polio Day

November 2025

Rotary Foundation

5 Nov. - World Interact Day (World Interact Week is celebrated Monday through Sunday during the week of 5 November, Interact's anniversary)

December 2025

Disease Prevention and Treatment

15 December - Last day for early registration discount for the Rotary International Convention

January 2026

Vocational Service

11-15 January - International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

February 2026

Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention

23 February - Rotary's anniversary

March 2026

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

World Rotaract Week is celebrated Monday through Sunday during the week of 13 March, Rotaract's anniversary
31 March - Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

April 2026

Environmental

30 April - Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due

May 2026

Youth Service

June 2026

13-17 June - Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan
30 June - Club Excellence Award nominations are due

HEALTH, WELLNESS AND CELEBRATION:

New Member



Mark Tisdale

Mark was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His family was living in Carman at the time and then the family later moved to Charleswood. He went on to study at the University of Manitoba's Asper School of Business, focusing on Marketing and International Business. He spent two semesters abroad in Montpellier, France, where he traveled extensively throughout Europe, played rugby, and recorded and performed with a local group of musicians.

After graduating, Mark began his career at Great-West Life in Group Insurance account management before moving to Vancouver, where he discovered his passion for workplace health promotion. Having grown up in a family of doctors and nurses — and hearing many stories of preventable illness — he became driven to help people and organizations foster healthier, more sustainable lifestyles. Over the years, Mark has developed and delivered strategies, tools, and programs to improve workforce health and performance for companies around the world. Upon his return to Winnipeg, Mark was a member of the Winnipeg West Rotary Club from 2007 to 2016.

Now a consultant with Aon, Mark continues this work while enjoying life with his family. His two oldest children were born in Vancouver — his daughter now attends UBC and his son is enrolled in the CritiCare paramedicine program. In the summer he loves spending time camping and cycling with his wife and youngest daughter, now 18 months old. He and his wife also perform as part of Winnipeg's Drum Cafe, inspiring audiences with interactive drumming and dance performances.

Mental Health and Balance | Tandem Psychology



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Rotarian Eva Vida, of our club, is president of the **Rotary Foundation Canada**. She made a presentation to our Club on **November 12th** and all members are encouraged to view it on our YouTube channel

[Click to watch the video](#)

In order for our club to continue to benefit in receiving Global Grants we have a responsibility to contribute to the Rotary Annual Fund. This can be done on an annual basis or through monthly donations to the Fund.

Eva shows you how in the Video and explains the giving options. Donations can be as large or small as you are able and can afford. Remember that every donation counts.

To qualify for Global & District Grants our Club must donate a minimum of US\$50 per member to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. (Right now this is about CAD\$85) We do have 68 members so our target is US\$3,400 by the end of March 2026. Some members contribute more than the \$50 and some less as they are able. Remember that all your donations to the Annual Fund are credit to a Paul Harris. Once you reach US\$1,000 you will receive a Paul Harris award.

To learn more go to

<https://trfcanada.org/Page/ways-to-give>



Start with Rotary
and good things happen.





Dear Frank,

The Rotary Foundation is proud to announce that we have recently received a four-star rating — the highest level possible — for the 17th consecutive year from Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator in the United States.

We owe this success to the unwavering support and dedication of individuals like you. Thank you for being a crucial part of what makes our Foundation a powerful force for meaningful change and lasting impact through service.

Charity Navigator determines its ratings by examining how nonprofits use their funds, how sustainable their programs are, and how well they adhere to industry standards of transparency and accountability. You can learn more about how Rotary does that in our most recent annual report.

Your support of The Rotary Foundation inspires others and directly makes a difference with initiatives around the world as well as projects based in your local community.

We're deeply grateful for donors like you, who are dedicated to Doing Good in the World.

Sincerely,
Eric Schmelling
Chief Philanthropy Officer
The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary

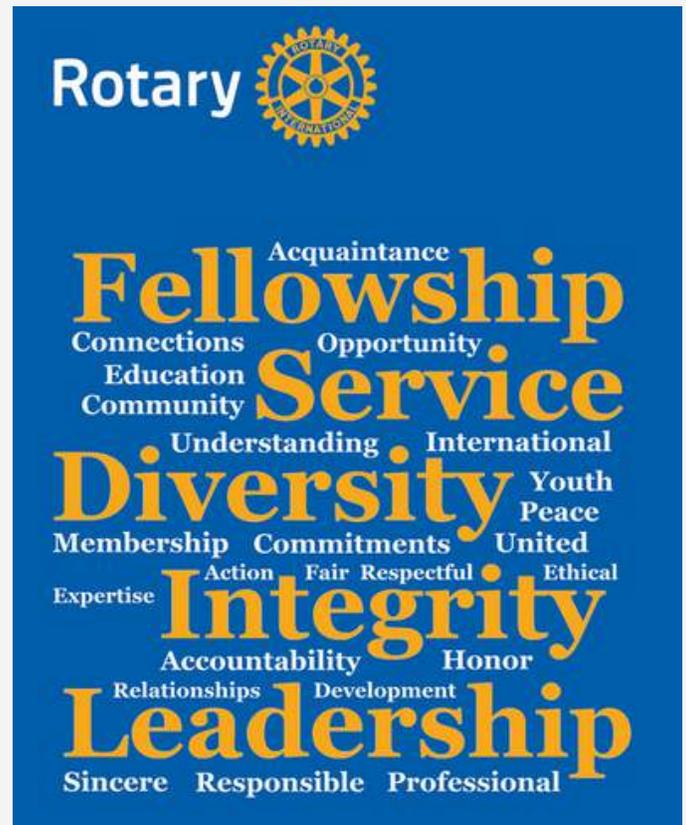
is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



BENEFITS OF ROTARY MEMBERSHIP?

- You can make a difference in the lives of others
- You can develop skills that can easily be applied to a career, like public speaking, project management, and event planning
- You can network with other professionals
- You can build lifelong friendships
- You can make international connections

What other benefits do you see in Joining Rotary???

You are part of a world wide movement of over 1.4 million people in over 200 countries. Rotary's mission is to serve others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Let's all become active and make a difference!!!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



OUR ROTARY CLUB NEEDS YOUR SKILLS, TIME and COMMITMENT

Check out the list below and see where you can fit in and add your name. A roster will be drawn up by the Club Services Director –

Rotarian John Melnick jmel34229@gmail.com 204 471 8816

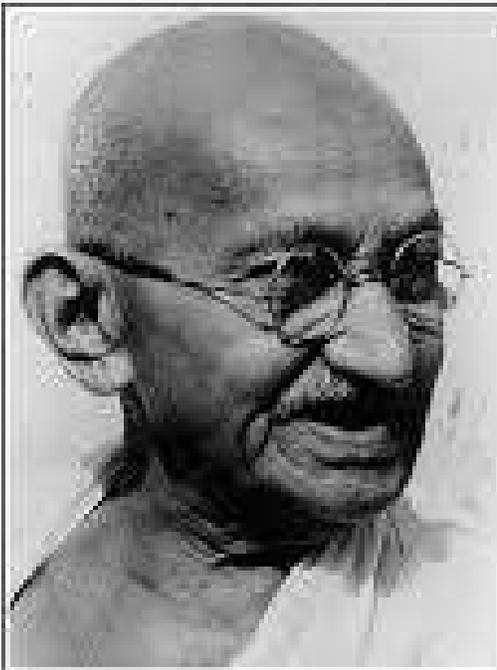
Task	Time Commitment	Rotarian Volunteer
Zoom Host	7 pm to 8 pm 2 nd Wed of Month	
	7 pm to 8 pm 4 th Wed of Month	
Set up banners at In Person Meetings	6 pm 1 st Wed of Month	
	6 pm 3 rd Wed of Month	
Take Down Banners at In Person Meeting	8:30 pm 1 st Wed of Month	
	8:30 pm 3 rd Wed of Month	
Registration Table at In person Meeting	5:30 pm 3 rd Wed of Month	
Introduction of Guests at In person Meeting	1 st Wed of Month when called on by President	
	3 rd Wed of Month when called on by President	
Reading Invocation and Land Acknowledgement at In person Meeting	1 st Wed of Month when called on by President	
	3 rd Wed of Month when called on by President	
Assist the Sergeant-At-Arms at In Person Meeting	1 st Wed of Month when called on by Sargeant	
	3 rd Wed of Month when called on by Sargeant	
Greet Rotarians and Guest as they arrive at In person Meeting	6 pm 1 st Wed of Month	
	6 pm 2 nd Wed of Month	

THE WINTER COAT DRIVE

Our Annual Drive for Winter coats, boots and hockey equipment was another Great Success.

We have sent 125 boxes of coats and boots to 7 Northern Indigenous partner communities.

Thank you all!



There goes my people. I must follow them, for I am their leader.

— Mahatma Gandhi —

AZ QUOTES

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY IN ST. THERESA POINT.

GRATEFUL HEARTS



Rotary Club of Winnipeg
Wpg, MB

Dear Strini Reddy and Rotary Club Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations of winter gear and clothing for our community. Your support is making a significant difference in the lives of those in need during this challenging season.

Thank you once again for your kindness and commitment to our community.

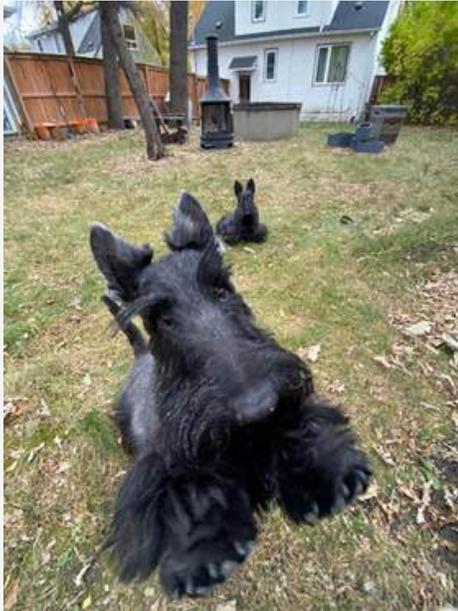
The first picture you will see following this short letter of gratitude is a community member named Jemima Wood, she was our first visitor, she has 9 children and 9 grandchildren and is a single parent. She had tears in her eyes, saying she wasn't sure how she was going to dress most of her kids this season because some of their jackets didn't fit and weren't very well-made.

The second pic is one of our Peace Officers Tracey Wood, she took extra clothing for our homeless wanderers in the community. She was happy to have a way to help them. Again, thank you for your blessed generosity and may all your families receive blessings.

Warm regards,

Stephanie Wood
St Theresa Point Ansinew Nation
Ansinew FNBE Coordinator/
Secondary Services Team Lead

PET CONTEST



Pick Me!!



Belly Rubs are the Best!



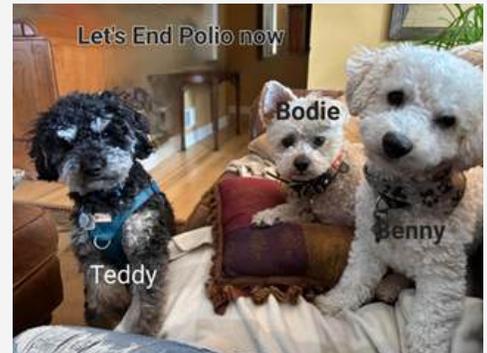
Can I Help You



The Green, Green Grass of Home



Chillin'



Let's End Polio NOW!

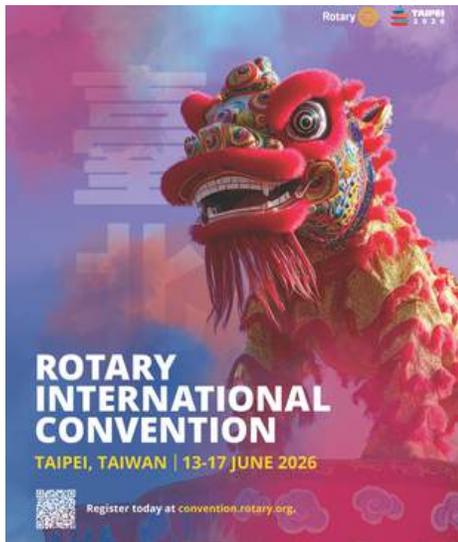
VOTING CLOSED NOVEMBER 17TH AND
THE WINNER IS..... **BELLY RUBS!** THE
WINNER WAS ANNOUNCED NOV. 19TH at
the ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR SUPPER @
Winnipeg Winter Club.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BELLY RUBS!



BELLY RUBS

CLUB MATTERS AND LINKS:

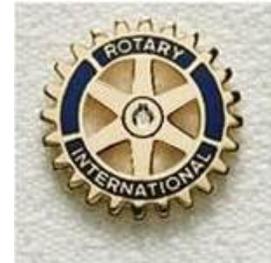


ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2026

[Register now](#)



Wearing your Rotary Pin is a great way to engage people in conversation as someone asks, "What is that Pin for?" Let's be proud Rotarians and wear our signature Rotary pin. It is a great conversation starter.



Share the Magic is a book collection & distribution program for lightly used children's books. ([Video](#))



Youth Project Report for Art City ART SQUAD



Winnipeg Rotary Club's 2025 MUNA

(Written Report with Photos)

Winnipeg Rotary Club's 2025 MUNA



RI President Francesco Arezzo

Join **RI President Francesco Arezzo** and other dedicated Rotary members for a one-day event commemorating the **United Nations' 80th anniversary** in San Francisco, California, on **Thursday, 11 December 2025**. Click the image for an invitation from our RI president. Learn more at globalgoalslocalaction.com.

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:

Please check out the following Social Media platforms for the Rotary Club of Winnipeg on **Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, Instagram.**

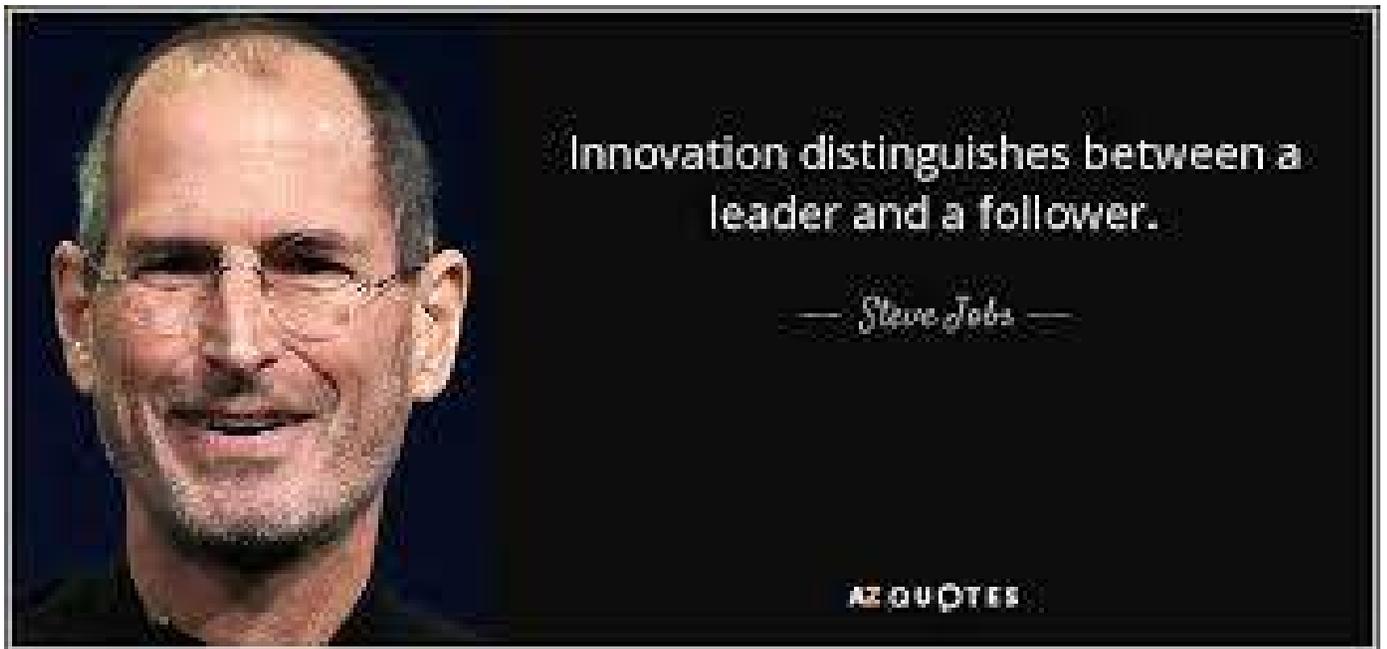
Rotarian Ope Allen has set up a **What's App** platform for the **Rotary Club of Winnipeg Group.** This is a great way to share information, network and keep informed on our club activities. Some of you have been added to the group.

Others need to set-up their **What's app account** and then you can join the Rotary Club of Winnipeg What's App group. Contact Ope Allen (opeallen@googlemail.com) to get the link.

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QUOTE



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