



ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

Theme 2023-2024



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".

OCTOBER

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*"If we can make a difference in the life of one person in a community, it is a small yet significant step to empowering a whole community."
Loshini Naidoo*

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH

TAKE ACTION:
Get Involved, Join Rotary

ROTARY MEETINGS | WEEKLY

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

November 1, 2023, Zoom Meeting, 12:15 – 1:15 PM., Speaker: Crystal Irvine, Topic: Ready, Set, Go Work Program and Revive and Thrive.

November 8, 2023, 6:00-8:30PM. Remembrance Day event with Hon. Colonel Kevin Shepherd WWC speaking on “Homes for Heroes”

November 12, 2023, 2:00PM. “Be The Change”, the Peace and Harmony Networking Event organized by Winnipeg Peace Builders Toastmasters in partnership with the Rotary Peace Builders. Fort Garry United Church, 800 Point Road, Winnipeg. Tickets available through link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/be-the-change-2023-peace-days-365-festival-tickets-729356604237>

November 15, 2023, Zoom Meeting, 12:15 – 1:15 PM. Speaker: Rotarian Jessica Sookermany. Topic: Craft Talk.

November 22, 2023, Social Event in the evening. Venue & Time TBA. Honouring Rotarian of the Year, Anniversary of the Club Celebration

December 6, 2023. Zoom Meeting, 12:15 – 1:15 PM., Speaker: Rotarian Kawser Ahmed. Topic: Successes of the Education project with Rohyinga Refugees in Bangladesh

December 13, 2023. In Person 6:00-8:30PM. Annual General Meeting In Person WWC. Agenda: Overview and Opportunities - Our Future

RECENT EVENTS:

Elementary School Walk for Peace Days - September 15, 2023



Rotary Peace celebration and walk at the CMHR with a thousand elementary school students. Check out full story on Global News link below (includes a pretty cool video):

<https://globalnews.ca/news/9964554/winnipeg-students-march-for-peace-at-tenth-annual-elementary-school-peace-walk/>



International Day of Peace - September 21, 2023

The Forks Winnipeg sign and Esplanade Riel Bridge lit up in the Rotary colours in honour of International Day of Peace.

The International Day of Peace, also known as World Peace Day, was established in 1981 by the UN to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. It is a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

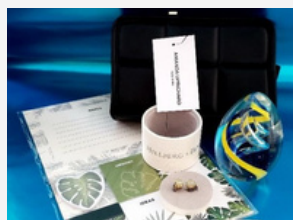
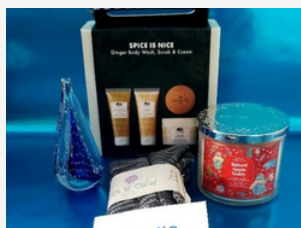


Rotarians: Brent Jorowski & Nancy Cosway



Rotary International Polio Day - October 23, 2023

Prizes from the raffle - Thank you to all our donors.



This year Rotary Club of Winnipeg (Downtown) Polio Plus fundraiser was a Raffle. The very generous donations received enabled us to create 10 terrific Raffle Prizes. Photos above.

The Draw was held on Oct 24th "World Polio Day".

Congratulations to the happy winners!

- #1 - Frank Cosway
- #2 - Elly Hoogterp
- #3 - Graeme Rowswell
- #4 - Pat Austin
- #5 - Glen Torgerson
- #6 - Atanu Chaudhuri
- #7 - Elly Hoogterp
- #8 - Jane Markesteyn
- #9 - Marsha Brick - Cohen
- #10 - Eva Vida

Thank you Jeannette for coordinating and all those who supported!

NEW MEMBERS:

Jessica Sookermany

Jessica has had Rotary as part of her world from the day she was born. When her Grandfather, Past President Ron Hore, announced her birth at the February Convention, he was fined, a fine he celebrated paying! Throughout his time as an active Rotarian, being fined for sharing Jessica's many awards and accomplishments was a common occurrence for which he was, again, very happy to pay.

It was another Rotarian - Neil Bardal - who opened the door for Jessica to pursue her dream career of working in the funeral industry. Currently, she is the Embalmer for Korban Funeral Chapel on Main Street. In addition to the embalming work, Jessica feels privileged to work with families to create services of farewell and feels passionate that every person deserves a funeral or celebration of life that reflects their personality, loves, and interests.

Jess also has a love of history, especially of Winnipeg and Manitoba. When not at the funeral home you'll find her checking out museums and historical sites around Manitoba. If not exploring museums, she can be found in the bushes around Hadashville, hunting, berry picking and avoiding bears. Jess is looking forward to carrying on in the Rotary tradition set by her grandpa.



Oluwafemi (Femi) Adebayo

Oluwafemi is Occupational Health, Safety, and Environment professional with over 18 years of professional experience.

He was born in Northern Nigeria, in Africa, and raised in a warm, loving family of six. He is happily married to the dearly loved wife of his youth and blessed with three wonderful 'nations', who bring immense joy and fulfillment to his life.

He earned a Bachelor's degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from a reputable Federal University of Technology, Nigeria.

Oluwafemi is an accomplished professional and holds numerous certifications, including Project Management Professional (PMP), Chartered Occupational Safety & Health Professional (CMIOSH), Lean Six Sigma Black Belt (LSSBB), and Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP). He brings a diverse skill set to the table having worked with prestigious multinationals throughout his career. He recently made a transition from the United Kingdom to Winnipeg.

Oluwafemi is proud to be a part of the All-fab Group as a Continuous Improvement Specialist. His role allows him to harness his passion for driving positive change and growth within the organization. Beyond his work, he finds great fulfillment in helping and developing others. Empowering individuals to reach their full potential is a core value he holds close to his heart.

In his leisure time, he enjoys exploring new places with his family and finds solace in reading, as it fuels his curiosity and broadens his perspectives.

He looks forward to connecting with the great minds of the Rotary Club Winnipeg and contributing to further entrenching the Club's positive impact in the community and the world at large.



ROTARIAN INITIATIVES, AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

Frank Cosway was presented with Paul Harris Award on May 11, 2023

By Club President, Ronald Reider

Frank grew up in Southern Ontario where his father managed a farm outside of Oshawa Ontario. He learned to drive the pickup in the field when he was 13. He went to the Waterloo Lutheran University and majored in Political Science. He met Nancy while at University. After Graduation they both went to Ghana and Frank taught Math & Science at a Secondary School for 2 years.

Frank's career included Inter-cultural Communication consulting, Pollution Prevention (Province of Manitoba), International Development at the International Institute for Sustainable Development, and Rural Water & Sanitation and Project Management in Ghana.



Frank has been an active Rotarian since 1999, President of the Winnipeg Club (2015-16), sat on the Board of Directors for 8 years. He was Co-Chair of the Winnipeg Rotary RIBFEST modelled after RIBFESTs in Ontario. He is now a Paul Harris fellow, plus one. He published the Winnipeg Rotary Club's monthly newsletter for 7 years Frank was also very active in the Rotary Club of Tamale, Ghana (2002-08) while living in Ghana.

Frank has attended RI conventions in Salt Lake City, Montreal, Bangkok, Lisbon, Sao Paulo, and Atlanta. He and Nancy participated in a Rotary Friendship Exchange to Australia in March of 2019.

Frank is interested in visiting new places, meeting new people and learning about different ways of doing things in Rotary. Frank enjoys carpentry – building and restoring things. Has built or renovated 5 houses. Likes reading – both fiction & non-fiction, especially historical & intercultural fiction.

Frank is married to Rotarian Nancy, and they have 2 sons living in Winnipeg and 5 grandchildren.



Izzeddin (Izzy) Hawamda is a busy person. Check him out on Facebook and LinkedIn. He works tirelessly to foster improved relations through dialogue and engagement between Muslims and Jews in the Middle East and here in Canada.



After spending the summer in Palestine, facilitators Izzeddin Hawamda and Karen Ridd returned to share stories of both struggle and resilience in the context of Palestine under occupation. For Izzeddin, the experience of bringing a dear friend and colleague to stay with him in his home in Palestine offered an opportunity to reflect on daily life from a different perspective. With the support of the Canadian Mennonite University, Karen and Izzeddin spent a week teaching a course on Conflict Resolution at An-Najah National University in Nablus alongside a local professor.

The aim of this course was to challenge colonization, uplift Palestinian voices, and share meaning through dialogue. In addition, Chloe Bergen and Rielle Miller spent this past summer in Bethlehem fulfilling practicums in Physiotherapy and Human Rights respectively - contributing complimentary experiences.

Gaser-Bridge partnered with the Mediation Services of Winnipeg to host and facilitate an installment in the series of Unbounded Stories. The aim of this series is to share stories from Palestine while engaging with the power of narrative exchange. Story plays a central tenet in human life and our event will focus on creating spaces for silenced and untold stories to emerge.

As we share our stories, we wake the morning dew in our chests, a new color blossoms as every word leaves our heart, and the sun is decorated with saffron.

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS:



Rotary Exchange Student - Narinpat (Chicha) Jantprangkul

Our Rotary Exchange Student, Chicha, pronounced Shisha is from Bangkok Thailand and is attending grade 10 in Dakota High School.

Chicha has spent time travelling across the province and participating in Rotary events. She visited the inbound orientation at the Southport Aerospace Centre, and enjoyed Clearwater Lake in The Pas, MB. As well, Chicha spent time at A Maze in Corn with the Satellite Club for the ShelterBox fundraiser.

HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (HIP):

Our Rotary Club is collecting winter clothing for our partner Indigenous Communities.

Rotary Club of Winnipeg is excited for our initiative to provide support and winter materials to our partner indigenous communities. As the winter season approaches, we understand that the challenges of staying warm and comfortable become even more significant, especially in regions where the weather can be particularly harsh.

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg is committed to making a positive impact and ensuring that all individuals have access to the necessary resources to navigate the cold season. Our donation includes a variety of winter materials such as winter gloves, scarves, hats and Boots to help residents stay cozy and comfortable.

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg is deeply committed to community service, and we consider it an honor to contribute to the well-being of residents in our partner indigenous communities.

Thanks Strini and Nancy for the coordination and all the Rotarians that have helped. Next is the Hockey Drive. YES WE CAN!

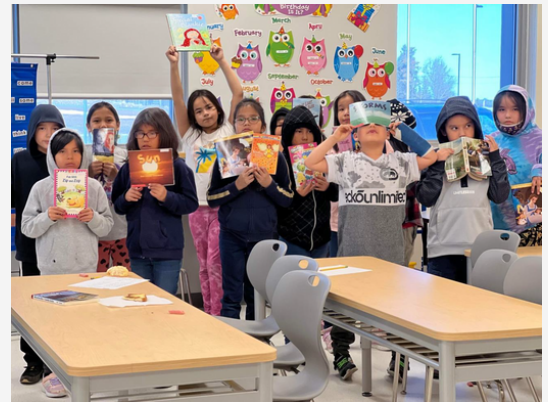


LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Share the Magic Book Program - A Rotary Partner

The Share the Magic Book Program (Share the Magic) is celebrating 20 years of giving-away books to underserved communities throughout Manitoba. What began as a hobby, has developed into a federally registered charity. As of October 2023, the Program has given-away over 700,000 books at an estimated value of over \$4.4 million. Share the Magic aims to increase literacy levels throughout the province of Manitoba by working directly with grassroots individuals and organizations. All services are provided completely free of charge.

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Our Rotary Club is very grateful to be working in partnership with you to support the efforts of our northern Indigenous partner communities to encourage literacy. The work you do is invaluable.”

Most recent history and milestones:

2019-Present Share the Magic partners with the Rotary Club of Manitoba to send books for all ages – pre-school to Elders, to northern and remote First Nations communities. To date 30,865 books have been sent up north.

2022 Chris was awarded an honorary membership by the Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg, a council of the International Literacy Association for raising community awareness on the importance of reading.

2024 Share the Magic will celebrate 20 years providing quality reading for all ages to under-served communities in Manitoba.

Thank you.

Strini Reddy, HIP Honouring Indigenous Peoples Committee

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, a new member of our Club, 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 Nancy Cosway (ncosway@mts.net) to get the link.

Thanks to Rotarian **Ope Allen** for setting this up.

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LINKS:

Are You Interested in World Peace?

A new course by **World BEYOND War**, developed in collaboration with the Rotary Action Group for Peace: Ending War 101.

Click here: <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/ending-war-101-making-the-impossible-possible?source=email&>

Recommended by David Newman, World BEYOND War is a global network of volunteers, chapters, and affiliated organizations advocating for the abolition of the institution of war.

Please find attached the **Ripple Effect Program Quarterly Report** for the period July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023 for your review and comments.

We thank you for your past support and we look forward to your continuing support.

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050018/en-ca/files/sitepage/ripple-effect-program/2024-1st-quarter-report/rep-first-quarterly-report-for-2023-2024.pdf>

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