



UPCOMING EVENTS

DISTRICT 5550 VIRTUAL WORKSHOP OCTOBER 17, 2020.

The workshop will address three important topics:

- Community Engagement
- Member Engagement
- Fundraising During & Post COVID-19.

This is a Zoom workshop.



(CHECK YOUR SEPTEMBER 10 TH E-MAIL FOR DETAILS FROM SIGNE HOLSTEIN.)

VIRTUAL WINE & CHEESE PARTY AND FUNDRAISER

Is being planned for **November**. The event will be held in partnership with a local Liquor Mart. To participate, members will be asked to pay \$50. Participating members will be able to order their choice of wine: red, white, Chardonnay, sparkling etc or a gift basket of chocolates and goodies (valued at \$25.) which will be delivered to their home a few days before the event and then on the day of the event we will log into the Zoom call and will be able to enjoy our treats or wine with other members or guests and of course the music. The event will be open to everyone. Since this event is also a fundraiser, *each paying participant will receive a Tax Receipt for \$25.*



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WORLD POLIO DAY
IS 24 OCTOBER endpolio.org | [#endpolio](https://twitter.com/endpolio)



"PEDAL TO END POLIO"

WORLD POLIO (ERADICATION) DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED ON OCTOBER 24, 2020. ROGER CURRIE, A POLIO SURVIVOR WILL BE OUR SPEAKER AT OUR ZOOM MEETING ON OCTOBER 21, 2020.

Once again, The Rotary Club of Winnipeg will be hosting an End Polio Fundraising event on **"World Polio Day"** October 24. We are inviting our members, their families, and friends to join in raising funds for Rotary International – Polio Plus – End Polio Now campaign. **All donations will be matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.**

Because of COVID restrictions, this year's event is going virtual. Individually or in your social bubble, pedalling outside, on a stationary bike or, like one of my Home Instead Senior Care teammates with arthritis - in the water - riders can ride anytime throughout the day. Our Home Instead Team has pledged to raise \$500. We really don't want to win the prize for the most dollars raised - so start collecting your pledges and donations!

Pledge Forms:

Can be obtained by emailing me jcbrigit@mymts.net. Or send me a list of your donors with their email address, phone number and donation amount.

Donations:

[Click here to donate](#)

E-transfers can be sent to jcbrigit@mymts.net.

The downtown club will issue tax receipts for donations of \$20.00 or more.

You can also donate at www.endpolio.org

Photos & Hashtags:

We want your photos!!! When posting on social media please include **#EndPolio #WorldPolioDay #MyRotaryMoment**. **Let's flood the internet on October 24!!**

Proclamation: A request has been sent to Mayor Brian Bowman requesting a Proclamation from the City. We are hopeful 2020 will be the year this important day will be recognized.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WONDERS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR FUN PRIZE CATEGORIES



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RECENTS EVENTS



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

SEPTEMBER 30: EVERY CHILD MATTERS

For more information, see the children's book
"Orange Shirt Story" by Phyllis Webstad.



<https://www.orangeshirtday.org>




ROTARY MEMBERS

Jane Markesteyn announces Retirement:

Rotarian Jane Markesteyn retired on August 31st, 2020 after more than 30 years of practice as a mental health professional. Primarily in the area of Employee & Family Assistance Programs; both in management positions as well as direct service.

Jane plans to continue her Rotary volunteer work with the MUNA committee as well as seek other volunteer opportunities although those of interest are not available right now because of the pandemic. She has re-discovered the pleasure of knitting and has signed up for a refresher course at Wolseley Wool - in the meantime Jane has been knitting "newborn beanies" to donate to the hospital or You Can't Spoil a Baby organization.

Jane has taken several interesting on-line courses from Coursera.org and plans to do some more - once the cold weather sets in and gardening and biking no longer beckon. She will then head indoors to the Reh-Fit Centre and Yoga classes. Other interests like choir and theatre will have to be on hold for a while.



JANE MARKESTEYN

Below is a message which I received from Simone on September 15 Th. .

"I've been quite busy. During the month of August, I had my 5 year old granddaughter with me out at the beach. I took her back to Vancouver in early September, and just returned in time to celebrate my birthday. Also I've written a few articles for the Jewish Community paper here and for the Jerusalem Report Magazine in Israel. I returned from Israel on June 15th, and did my isolation at the cottage. Now I'm in the city catching up on paperwork. I still haven't done my income tax, and the extended deadline is today, isn't it? But of course now I've got our High Holidays. If you're interested in reading my articles, let me know. All the best. This is the time when we Jews wish each other a blessed New Year (5781) which will begin at sundown on Friday." Here are the links to Simone's two articles. Both articles have a Winnipeg connection. I was really impressed with the quality of her writing.



SIMONE COHEN SCOTT



[Bringing Nostra Aetate forward.](#)

[Doctor Chatterley's Passion \(Canadian Institute for the Study of Antisemitism\)](#)



PEGGY MAYCHER

Rotary Alumni

As far as I know Peggy and her husband Paul are still in Kano, in Northern Nigeria. In late July, Peggy & Paul were still in Nigeria because all of the airports were closed because of COVID. The airports are not expected to open before October.

Peggy & Paul both need to be in Nigeria for September through till November. Even if the airports re-open, they are concerned, that if they get out they may not be able to get back into Nigeria if the airports are closed again because of a second surge of COVID-19.

Meanwhile they continue to work on their respective projects and write Proposals for new Expressions of Interest.

For more on Peggy's life in Nigeria, check her out on Facebook. She recently celebrated her birthday with her Nigerian friends & staff and one of her two dogs delivered a litter of 6 pups.

KINSTON - WINNIPEG SISTER CLUB PARTNERSHIP - UPDATE

During the 1997 Rotary International Convention in Calgary several Rotarians from our Club met with several Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Kinston, North Carolina. This meeting led to the development of the **Kinston-Winnipeg “Sister Club” relationship**. For many years, the “relationship” took the form of Annual Exchange Visits between the two cities.

Over the years, many **Winnipeg Rotarians** have travelled to Kinston and experienced the warm southern hospitality and Kinston Rotarians have travelled to Winnipeg in the winter or fall to experience our cooler weather. Over the past few years the exchange visits have become less frequent and the two Clubs are reviewing how to continue fostering the Sister Club relationship. The coming of COVID-19 has further interrupted the visits and will likely delay our meeting in person for at least another year.



I have recently spoken with **Rotarian Adrian King, (1- 252-525-8097) the Kinston Visit Coordinator and Jack Harrell, (1-252-560-8098) one of the original founders of the Sister Club relationship.**

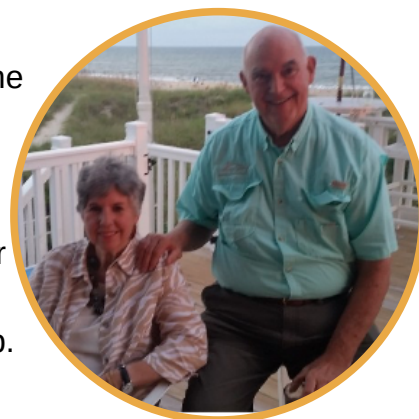
We talked about their Rotary Club, hurricanes, COVID-19 and the upcoming Elections. Their Club has not met since last March. They held their first Zoom meeting last week. Their President has been sending out a weekly e-mail message to members, and some interesting videos for members to watch.

It is hurricane season in North Carolina. This year they seem to just be getting heavy rains from passing hurricanes. In past years, hurricanes have led to serious damage and/or flooding. Jack's beach house (cottage) was seriously damaged in the 2017 hurricanes. They just recently completed repairs. *North Carolina* has been experiencing COVID-19 as well. With a state population of 10.5 million people, they are identifying 1,500 – 1,800 new cases per day. They have had 3,657 deaths so far.

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#)

Jack is a 76 year old retired Orthodontist and his wife Kay is likely of a similar age. Jack reports that he only goes out for groceries and to collect mail from the mail box. Jack keeps busy on his 20 acres of property with 5 sheds full of machinery and lumber. He still attends Auctions looking for a bargain.

For those of you who know **Kay**, she is doing well. Her Doctor recently told her that her Parkinson's is progressing slower than expected, but it is progressing. Kay has been a driving force in the development of the Sister Club relationship. She was President of her Club in 1997.





CLICK THE SCREEN TO SEE THE VIDEO

Despite COVID-19, 140 Students were able to participate safely in the Rotary Leadership Circle (RLC) program for the summer of 2020. The RLC program was created over 20 years ago to provide Inner-City Youth with an alternative to Gangs. The RLC program is implemented by the Youth Agencies Alliance. The age of the students is between 10-14yrs. The RLC had 13 sites up and running. It usually has 18 sites, but some could not open because of COVID restrictions.

The Youth Green Action Plan was new this year and was just one of the programs offered by the RLC. Throughout five weeks of Youth Green Action Plan (YGAP) workshops, youth worked together to make a difference in their communities. **Please help share the stories of these Youth leaders so they Can Be Heard.**

YGAP was a collaborative initiative which promoted youth environmental activism, community engagement, Indigenous ways of knowing, leadership, and skill-building. The goals of this initiative were to provide more than 150 marginalized youth with the opportunity to acquire climate action information in a supportive environment, share their personal ways of knowing, and by the end of five workshops identify concrete climate change actions.

Some of the sites participating in the RLC –YGAP program included: Art City, Boys Camp; Girls Clubs of Winnipeg, Broadway Neighborhood Centre, Evermore Gather Grow Lead Inc., I.R.C.O.M., Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre, N.E.E.D.S Inc., Spence Neighbourhood Association, Teen Stop Jeunesse.

PEACE DAYS 2020 & PEACE DAYS 365

PEACE, COMPASSION & LOVE

Peace Days 2020, is a space that's been created to promote and inspire understanding, goodwill and compassion locally, nationally, and internationally, (and) it supports and motivates people who want a culture of peace and compassion; Peace Days 2020 Winnipeg have collaborated with the organizers of Montreal Peace Days and both organizations are sharing information on each other's upcoming events and partnering on others.



WHO WAS THERE?

1000+ participants, audience, and social media interactions locally and globally

WHAT WERE THE EVENTS ABOUT?

Art, Music, Culture, Meditation, Education, Environment, Covid 19, Movies screening, Elementary schools Peace walk and Reconciliation.

WHEN DID IT TAKE PLACE?

September 2020 and will be on year- round (peace days 365)

TO ACCESS THE EVENTS AND SUPPORT PEACE DAYS PLEASE VISIT:

 www.peacedays.ca

 www.worldpeacepartners.org

ROTARIAN TUNJI FUNSHO NAMED ONE OF TIMES'S 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee, joins 100 pioneers, artists, leaders, icons, and titans as one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People. TIME announced its 2020 honorees during a 22 September television broadcast on ABC, recognizing Funsho for his instrumental leadership and work with Rotary members and partners to achieve the eradication of wild polio in the African region.

For full story, [click here](#)



TUNJI FUNSHO

PRESIDENT BRENT'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2020



Some reflections: As summer winds down and we get into Fall, which happens to be my favorite time of the year, it is time to reflect on the first few months of the Rotary year. It has been a year of change so far. We are meeting virtually instead of face-to-face, which to me has pros and cons. Of course, it is the safest option, and has been much easier for me logistically because I am working from home and providing 'day care' to Madeleine when needed. But there are cons such as the lack of face-to-face contact and the financial boost that comes to our club from the lunches (we will likely need to make some budget adjustments).

We have been meeting twice a month and attendance has typically been between twenty and thirty, although our attendance got as high as fifty at one meeting. To date, RBC Convention Centre has not indicated when they will be able to accommodate our lunch meetings again. When they are able to provide a reopen date, my plan is to let you know, and take a poll of the membership to gauge the level of interest in returning to face-to-face meetings, likely on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

UPGRADING OUR FINANCIAL SYSTEMS

There are also changes happening to the club's financial system. I mentioned at the beginning of the year that we would be moving out of spreadsheets and into QuickBooks, a move that had been recommended by our Auditor in previous years. ***I am happy to report that our accounts have been set up in QuickBooks Online (QBO) and we have now started populating the system.*** There will also be some changes to our processes which should streamline things and reduce manual work. ***Payment requests will be made, and payments will be approved electronically.*** We are also working on processes to enter deposit information directly into QBO and to process cheque deposits electronically. The hope is to eventually move primarily to an electronic system, although manual processes will remain as backup. ***I would like to thank Co-Treasurer Jennifer Ash for all her hard work on getting this new system up and running, and for all the work yet to come, and for still taking care of our annual audit on top of all this work.***



Julia Krovatts: And while we are talking finances, I would like to introduce our other Co-Treasurer, Julia Krovats. Julia is a Senior Accountant in the assurance practice at Ernst &Young, a global professional services firm. She is pursuing a Chartered Professional Accountant designation. Prior to embarking on her accounting career, Julia graduated from the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours).



Julia double majored in Accounting and International Business at the Asper School, and spent a semester studying international commerce abroad in France. Through her international business education, Julia developed a passion for exploring how culture impacts business. With Rotary, she hopes to deepen this knowledge through the initiatives abroad while working to improve our local community right here in Manitoba. In her free time, Julia loves traveling and skiing with family in the Rockies. She hopes to hike Machu Picchu on her next adventure. We are grateful to have Julia join our Board.

BOARD UPDATES

And speaking of the Board, we met in September after not achieving a quorum at our August meeting. Some important items from the meeting included:

- The Board passed a motion that the Club endorse a joint statement to the Non-Proliferation Treaty Parties circulated initially by David Newman and later by District 5550.
- The Board agreed to call around to nursing homes and non-profits to notify them of surplus Ecolab cleaning supplies being made available in Winnipeg by Rotary World Help.
- The club will be organizing a virtual wine social/fundraiser event and an information night for new members over the next month or so; details to follow.
- The Community Service Committee is investigating the Holiday Season Project or this year; details to follow.
- Board members participated in a Communication Strategy development session led by former Rotary Exchange Student (and future member) Josefina Bilotta.

As usual, there is a lot going on in this club, and that does not even touch all the great service work such as the numerous Peace Days events held recently. I will leave it at that for now.

If you have any questions or comments about how this Rotary year is going please feel free to get in touch with me.

Stay well and safe.



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