



OUR CLUB GOALS FOR 2021-22

Your commitment can help us to reach these goals

- Recruitment of 12 new members
- Raise US\$4,500 from club members to the Annual Fund
- Begin 3 new service projects
- Support development of Interact and Rotaract clubs
- Raise \$1,500 for Polio Plus
- Boost our Social Media presence



NANCY COSWAY
PRESIDENT

UP-COMING EVENTS



OCTOBER 24TH WORLD POLIO (ERADICATION) DAY INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE "END POLIO NOW"

Join the global Rotarian family on October 24th "World Polio Day" when The Rotary Club of Winnipeg will be holding their annual "End Polio Now" fundraiser. Because of the uncertainty of COVID19 restrictions this year's event will again be self-directed. Invite friends, family members and colleagues to sponsor you - then cycle outside or on a stationary bike, take a walk in the park or, like me, swim laps to raise much needed dollar donations.

For every donation over \$20 you will receive a Charitable Income Tax receipt.

For every \$40 donation your name will be entered into a draw to win this beautiful painting by Jim Corbett, a Winnipeg Polio Survivor: "Suspended in Paradise" (15" x 30") ready to hang.



REMEMBER FOR EVERY DOLLAR RAISED OUR CLUB WILL RECEIVE CREDITS.

Pledge Forms: Pledge forms can be obtained by emailing jcbrigit@mymts.net.

All donations will be matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Donations:

- Donations can be made at <https://www.endpolio.org/donate>.
- **Cheques** can be made out to Rotary International and mailed to 243, 375 York St, Winnipeg, MB R3C 3J3.

Photos & Hashtags: We want your photos!!! When posting on social media please include **#EndPolio #WorldPolioDay #MyRotaryMoment**. Don't forget to tag us on Facebook [@rotaryclubofwinnipeg](https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofwinnipeg).

Please share this information with your colleagues, family, friends and neighbours
Thank you.

Yours in service



JEANNETTE BRIGIT
COMMUNITY SERVICE
DIRECTOR

ROTARY MEMBERS



WHY I AM A ROTARIAN GARY DAWYDUK

I am pleased to take part in this wonderful series where we describe why we are Rotarians as many of you have done so eloquently in our recent meetings. Having been a member for 14 months, it is an opportunity to reflect on why I became a Rotarian in the first place and think about what has been accomplished since the journey began. As it turns out, this is going to be very easy for me, since I am going to draw my inspiration from the ads that we now routinely see in the Winnipeg Free Press 14 months ago, in my induction notes, I emphasized what I called my "lifelong desire to match thinking with action" and how joining Rotary promised to help bridge that gap in an active and ongoing way. Having participated from the outset with the World Community Services committee, I am so very pleased to say that my time with Rotary has been busy, productive, and has certainly contributed to "making a difference" as the Free Press ads profess.

Among other worthy initiatives, my main focus has been with having a leading role with our 1000 Survival Gardens project, which has grown with tremendous success over the past year. Through video conferencing, I have met dozens of people across Canada and in South Africa who are committed to create lasting change for those less fortunate than ourselves. And in the process of working with these people, I have experienced how passion and dialogue can be forged into action to bring about the change we are all seeking.

In the early days of the Survival Gardens project, our progress was modest and perhaps not as quickly successful as we may have hoped. But we have worked hard and have persevered to reach out to Rotarians here at home and across Canada, and gradually our project has been embraced and has grown to enjoy generous support from multiple communities in several provinces.

Because of this, the rewards have been many: we are well on the way to have funded over half of 1000 Survival Garden kits, and we continue to make unexpected and wonderful connections with funders in Canada, the U.S., and South Africa that, with our continued hard work and your continued support, will ensure that we reach our goal and beyond.

For me, this experience has shown how passion, commitment and hard work can build a larger community of support. Quite simply, this is how it's done. As our Rotary ad states: "Together, people create change." And this has a lot to do with why I'm a Rotarian.

To go a little deeper though, I will continue on a personal note. Over the years I have found that, far too frequently, people expect solutions for society's problems to come from "outside" themselves. We seek equality, we seek justice, we seek peace, we seek fairness, and when these things appear to be absent, our institutions and various levels of government are what are most often blamed for falling short on these goals.

Having now been an active Rotarian and looking forward to many more years of being an active Rotarian, it seems to me that what is forgotten is that governments and institutions are only capable of so much and that despite their best efforts, gaps grow in equality, justice, peace and fairness. And, for many complex reasons, governments and institutions, critical as they are to our well-being, cannot adequately address all of these gaps. In these instances, there is a need for people to act to meet those challenges.

Rotarians are these sorts of people: we work together, creating an environment that enables individuals to draw power from within themselves to help create the change that is needed to fill the gaps that government cannot manage. To me, this is exemplified in all of the excellent work our Rotary Club of Winnipeg does for youth, in our community, with peace-building, and on matters of social justice. And I am personally extremely grateful to have a role by helping "address the gap" for those South African women and families who have thus far been the beneficiaries of our 1000 Survival Gardens project.

As long as these gaps exist, and I suspect they always will, there will be a need for Rotarians. And this is why I am a Rotarian.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak and thank you for listening.



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ROTARY YOUTH PROJECT REPORTS:

ROTARY ADVENTURES IN CITIZENSHIP (VIRTUAL) CONFERENCE



My name is **Sagé Leona Jean Christine Fontaine**. I am a Ukrainian, Scottish, Polish, French, Ojibwe, Cree, and Metis woman. I've recently graduated from Technical Vocational High School. Where I earned both a grade 12 diploma and a Vocational Welding diploma

I am currently working as a welder. I am one of the two females in the building. I wake up at 5am every morning- during the week, leave the apartment at 5:50am, walk to my bus stop, catch my first bus, then eventually transfer and catch my second bus. It takes about an hour for me to get to work. I start at 7am and work till 3:30pm. It's hard labor all day but I love it. It personally is very empowering for me. I do not come from a lot of money and this job has helped as well as given me hope beyond words.

I have been involved with Can U since grade 5 and continued to be involved. They've exposed me to countless opportunities which have helped me grow immensely as an individual. I've met so many inspiring people and have been a part of many incredible events/ activities because of them. However, when Covid- 19 hit, in-person sessions were no longer an option. So, they continued their programs online through zoom.

This was the same time I got a call asking if I wanted to take part in a program called the **Adventures in Citizenship**. I accepted the offer, did research and found out how much of an honor it would be to be a part of this event. It normally takes place in Ottawa for a duration of 5 days. But due to Covid-19 it happened through zoom. Students were chosen from all over Canada to be a part of this conference.

I learnt about the following: citizenship, politics, the Parliament hill, Covid-19, freedoms and rights, health and safety, vaccines, small businesses, and the Canadian economy. I met Veterans, Senators, Citizenship judges, Prime Ministers, Indigenous influencers, and of course students from across Canada and many more other inspiring individuals.

The first day of the conference they had us do an ice breaker. The ice breaker was 20 questions. We had to get at least 15 out of the 20 questions correct in order to get into Canada or pass our "Citizenship test". My birthday is literally Canada day, and I got a 12/20. Most of us who were all Canadian Citizens did not pass. Which is wild because not even the people born here are in cahoots with the answers to these questions but the people coming into our country need to know the correct answers to these questions.

I am now going to share an overview of some of the experiences I had at the Adventures in Citizenship.

I learnt ways to work around covid-19, like: having zoom meetings or google meets, keeping businesses going (especially small businesses as it helps them and the economy), taking measures and precautions, such as having lockdown periods, social distancing, wearing masks, sanitizing, buying curb side delivery so you don't have to travel and go into stores when you cannot or don't need to. And keeping sciences and politics separate.

For the Vaccine section- we talked about Anti-Vaxxers, miss information, having the correct education on the vaccine, vaccine passports, and the health of the economy.

In the freedoms and rights section, we discussed individuals versus the government. Whether it should be a personal choice to wear a mask or if it should be mandated. How we can enforce lockdown. Having a mandatory mask policy in public spaces. Only allowing essential places to be open.

The last section I will talk about before I tell you about the people I met, is the health and safety category. We talked about delays in services. Lack of capacity in hospitals as well as their limited number of beds. The impact covid- 19 had on students in school. How online school can be hard on mental health. Having a drastic switch between online school and in- person school daily. Regulations and protocols to follow to reduce the spread. And tourism- many people come and go and that can bring in new cases and strains if we aren't careful and don't set up rules.

I have learnt a lot about politics and the Parliament hill as well. I met the Hon Joseph Day who is a Senator. Joseph insisted there be Senate as well as House of Commons. "Without the Senate there wouldn't be any Canada" he said. The Senate debates with the House of Commons. He also mentioned to be more selective with who you want to be involved with. He said you must be 30+ years of age to be a Senator. To become a Senator, you can take a 1-2-year Senate program. And lastly, he said never give up on wanting to improve.

Anthony Rota also said some words. He is the chief administrator of the House. He said when you are the Speaker you must keep everything neutral and make sure everything goes smoothly. You keep people healthy and safe. He also gave us some advice. How do you stay neutral? Listen to both sides. He also told us to get involved, volunteer and become a part of it. Learn more languages. And that keeping the conversation going and be as friendly as possible is always important.

Marie Senecal- Tremblay is a Citizenship Judge who also spoke. She told us about how she was the first one in her family to go to law school. She is an immigrant- her family came from France. She mentioned that 80% of immigrants get their citizenship. Citizenship judges are not a part of federal or provincial court.

You do not need to be a lawyer to become a citizenship judge. Anyone can apply. Citizenship judges swear in new Canadian citizens. Some benefits of becoming a citizen are the ability to vote, get a passport, and get certain jobs you need/desire.

Joe Clark the 16th prime minister also gave a few words of wisdom. He told us to lift each other up, offer real help when needed, be greater than yourself. Learn more because there's a lot you should know but you don't yet. Don't aggravate a serious issue by alienating it. Set realistic goals for yourself. And lastly proclaiming your views is important but not as important as listening/impacting others' views.

My favorite part about the conference was the fourth day called "Indigenous Affairs". I met a lovely family, who gave us teachings about the earth and strawberry tea. Their son spoke as well and said a line I really liked "in order to be comfortable you need to get uncomfortable". That was very eye opening. Next, I met a guy named Stranger. Yes, that's his full name. He is an Inuit man and taught me about the Inuit culture. He taught me that Inuit peoples are not the same as First Nations (what I am). Inuit peoples have different teachings and beliefs than First Nations do. Stranger also talked to me, and it was very heart-warming to be noticed, even if it was in the slightest way. It made my day.

The fourth day truly meant the most to me, however, the whole conference was incredible to be a part of. I am so grateful I was one of many to be chosen to experience The Adventures in Citizenship. I recommend this program for any youth or young adults interested in pursuing parliament one day or if they just want to know more about parliament. This program really does give you an abundance of knowledge and inspiration to be anything you want. I myself wish to be a welder for a few years, save up, then pursue a career in Social Work. I really do want to help, support, and believe in people as much as they've helped me, if not more. A BIG Thank You to the Rotary Club, Can U, And the Adventures in Citizenship!



ROTARY LOCAL PROJECTS:

OUR ROTARY HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (HIP) COMMITTEE AND OUR INDIGENOUS PARTNERS:

Our Indigenous Partners have included:

- St. Theresa Point First Nation
- Wasagamach First Nation
- Red Sucker Lake First Nation
- Pauingassi First Nation
- Little Grand Rapids First Nation
- Split Lake 171/ Tataskewyak Cree Nation
- Lac Brochet/ Northlands Denesuline First Nation
- Tadoule Lake/ Sayisi Dene First Nation
- Pukatawagan/ Mathias Colomb First Nation



ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG RESPONDS TO REQUEST FOR GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF TATASKWEYAK CREE NATION, FORMERLY CALLED SPLIT LAKE 171 RESERVE.

“Last summer we were disturbed to learn that one of our partner northern indigenous communities had experienced a spate of suicides among the youth. In discussions with our community contacts, we learned that they were trying to find ways to help the young people socialize rather than keeping themselves isolated. We were informed that they enjoyed playing table games like foosball and air hockey as well as board games.



We launched a drive and, thanks to the generosity of our club members as well as an allocation from our Honouring Indigenous Peoples budget, we were able to send 12 of the games tables as well as 14 board games which were greatly appreciated by the youth as well as the community. We are also very grateful to Gardewine Transport Company for very generously agreeing to send this shipment to Split Lake, free of charge.”

Editor's Note: I have attached several links which will provide some insights to the situation in Split Lake, concerning the lack of positive recreational activities and the negative impact on the mental health of the young people.

 [SPLIT LAKE MANITOBA, A QUICK LOOK AROUND.](#)

 [TATASKWEYAK CREE NATION DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY OVER INCIDENTS OF SELF-HARM](#)

 [WE ARE TATASKWEYAK CREE NATION](#)

 [WE MATTER LIKE ALL OTHER CANADIANS:](#)

PEACE LITERACY CANADA (PLC)

By Tamara C Larson, National Chair and our Speaker at our October 6th meeting. A YouTube recording of her full presentation will soon be available on our Club YouTube Channel.

Peace literacy is the key to unlocking the full potential of our shared humanity. On August, 6, 2021, Peace Literacy Canada (PLC) was formally incorporated as a national not for profit society; our vision is to provide Canadians that originate from all parts of the globe the capability, knowledge, values, and skills to understand, build, and sustain positive peace within themselves, their communities, and across the world.

Our mission will be to collaborate with key stakeholders in Canada to promote positive peace, compassionate actions, inclusion, fellowship, human dignity, justice, and sustainable communities through peace literacy by providing a safe place for sharing, capabilities, values, and support needed to build and sustain positive peace locally, nationally, and globally.

Peace literacy builds skills, practices, and a way of life that will create attitudes, institutions, and structures that will sustain peaceful societies; listening to understand and learn, empathy, conflict resolution, understanding rage and trauma, the concept of diversity, equity, and inclusion with compassionate action.

Education is our most powerful tool for change. PLC will work towards integrating peace literacy into school curriculums, create leadership development through peace service-learning opportunities, establish mentorship programs, teach responsible digital literacy, create digital platforms for sharing, use the arts and other non-traditional tools to share the message of peace, and most of all, ensure that these tools and learning are accessible to all.

As we move forward, we are building a board, committees, and a team that is truly reflective of our diverse nation: newcomers, educators, Indigenous community members, gender spectrum, language, race, religion, disabilities, geographic regions, and so much more. With all voices having a place at the table, we can work together to create system change that will create and sustain peaceful societies.

Reach out and find out how you can be a part of Peace Literacy Canada.

Tamara C Larson, National Chair
Peace Literacy Canada



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

GOLF FOR SOUTH AFRICA 2021

After a one-year hiatus owing to the global pandemic, the 28th Golf for South Africa took place at Netley Creek Golf and Country Club on Tuesday, August 31st. It was a picture-perfect day at the course, and despite the numbers of golfers being down from the last golf day in 2019, over \$9000 was raised for South Africa projects!

Winnipeg Downtown Rotarians Ernie Shewchuk and Glen Torgerson were on hand and their efforts as members of the team with the “best score” earned them much needed golf balls along with the other prizes they collected. The dinner and reception after the event was particularly high in good spirits as the golfers visited and enjoyed the excellent meal provided by Netley’s Lee Poworoznik and his team.

The South African Education Support Projects Committee (SAESP) thanks RC Winnipeg for their ongoing support and looks forward to hosting more Rotarians on the links in 2022!



Strini Reddy poses with stalwart Rotarian golfers Ernie Shewchuk and Glen Torgerson and their father-son teammates, Harry and Shaun Finnigan, at the Golf for South Africa on August 31, 2021 at the Netley Creek Golf and Country Club.

LINKS



[RIPPLE EFFECT PROGRAM – 4TH QUARTER REPORT \(APRIL – JUNE 2021\)](#)



[POVERTY GREATEST THREAT TO CHILDREN BY JOHN R WIENS.](#)

John was a speaker at our September 1st meeting. Below is a recent article, by John, from the Winnipeg Free Press, and a link to a YouTube recording of his full presentation to our Club.



[ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WINNIPEG - QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROGRESS Q2 & Q3, 2021](#)



[DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER](#) [SEPTEMBER](#) [OCTOBER 2021](#)

These Newsletters have lots of Rotary information.



[51 PHOTOS THAT WILL RESTORE YOUR FAITH IN HUMANITY](#)



[AUGUST NEWSLETTER FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF HILLCREST, DURBIN, SOUTH AFRICA.](#)

The RC of Hillcrest is our partner Rotary Club on several of our South Africa projects.

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