



ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025



2025 - 2026

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".

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ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

"Every human activity can be put at the service of the divine and of love. We should all exercise our gift to build community."

Jean Vanier

Rotary 

TAKE ACTION: Join a Project

October is Economic and Community Development Month

Rotary International focuses on Economic and Community Development — a reminder that sustainable peace and prosperity begin when people are empowered to support themselves and their communities.

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

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Rotary Club of Winnipeg

October 15, 2025

In-person Rotary Meeting with four YOUTH Speakers,
speaking about their experience & its impact.

- **Rotary Adventures in Citizenship**
• <https://rotaryottawa.com/page/welcome-to-the-rotary-adventure-in-citizenship-program>

- **Rotary Adventures in Human Rights**
<https://rahr5550.ca/>



October 8 - 24, 2025

World Polio Eradication Day

Ways to contribute:

- Polio Coin & Paper Money Collection
- Pet Photo contest- see e-mail from Jeannette Brigit
- Donate on-line
• <https://www.endpolio.org/>



October 25, 2025,

40 Volunteers needed to Build 50 Beds for Winnipeg Children in 4 hours.

Registration starts at 9:30 AM., and The Bed Build starts at 10:00 AM and will be completed by 2:00 PM. Rotarians, Family and Friends are welcome to volunteer.

To Volunteer: Text or Call Frank Cosway at 204-294-7079

The new location for Sleep in Heavenly Peace is **820-D Berry St just off Wellington Ave.** (This is out near the Airport.)



October 30, 2025

Paul Harris Awards Dinner, The Awards Dinner is being organized by the President's Council of the **Rotary Clubs of Winnipeg.** Each Winnipeg Rotary Club has nominated two Non- Rotarians for a Paul Harris Award. Each Club is being encouraged to have at least one table of 8 members attend.

Tickets are \$60 each for a lovely 3 course meal.

Payment can be made by e-transfer to: club@rcwacf.ca

Location is at newly rebranded **Birchwood Inn**, 2520 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg.

Contact: Frank Cosway, email: frankcosway@mts.net or text @ 204-294-7079



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: October – November, 2025

Rotary Club of Winnipeg

Volunteers needed: Our Winter Clothing Drive for our **Northern Indigenous Partner Communities** has started. We need **warm coats, ski pants, winter boots, toques, mitts & sports equipment**. Volunteers will also be needed in late **October** to sort and pack the boxes for shipping up North. Contact Strini, if you can assist, at **204-996-8937**

November 10, 2025

Joint Rotary REMEMBRANCE DAY Program will be hosted by: **Rotary Club of Winnipeg Charleswood** at the **Breezy Bend Country Club** 7620 Roblin Blvd, Headingly, MB.

The buffet dinner will be \$25 per person.

Instruction will follow later on how order & pay for your dinner.

All Winnipeg Rotarians & guests will be invited to attend. Last year over 75 people attended. For questions, contact **Rob Tisdale**

November 12, 2025 (12:00 – 1:30 PM)

The Salvation Army – Hope in the City Fundraising Luncheon will be held at Canad Inns at Polo Park. The **Guest Speaker is Milt Stegall** (former Winnipeg Blue Bomber) Tickets are \$100 per person.

For many years a Salvation Army Officer was a member of our Club. The Club volunteered to staff the Kettles before Christmas and we usually had at least one Table at the Hope in the City Fundraiser. More recently we have also made a \$1,500 donation to the Hope in the City fundraiser.

To purchase tickets go to: <https://donate.salvationarmy.ca/page/178926/event/1>



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



HEALTH, WELLNESS AND CELEBRATION:

Winter Must Be Around The Corner Poem by Hebert Logerie

The tall trees are sad, pale and nude;
And the leaves are dry. There is no more food
On the branches for the birds. Some hungry squirrels
Are inspecting the abandoned barrels,
For left-over crackers, or hard-shelled mixed nuts.

Several wandering raccoons sneaked in the huts;
They destroyed and ate away the antique chairs,
And the sofa beds that the peasants left for the bears
To enjoy during their three-month sojourn in the city.


Winter must be around the corner; it is a pity
That all sitting and standing waters are now frozen and solid.
From afar, we can hear the wind whistling like a fresh kid.
Winter is not too far, and yet we're praying for the return
Of spring, as the world incessantly continues to wobble and turn.
-Hebert Logerie



Winter Ready

Your Home Maintenance & Care Checklist

- ✓ Keep Your Heating System Happy
- ✓ Prevent Frozen Pipes
- ✓ Roof and Attic Check
- ✓ Seal Out Drafts
- ✓ Snow & Ice Readiness
- ✓ Fireplace & Chimney Safety
- ✓ Test Safety Devices
- ✓ Protect Floors from Winter Mess
- ✓ Kitchen & Laundry Check
- ✓ Emergency Kit Prep

Rotary  UNITE FOR GOOD			
Rotary Monthly Theme Calendar 2025-2026			
July 2025	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025
Maternal and Child Health 1 July - Beginning of the Rotary year	Membership and New Club Development 15 August - Interact Club Excellence Award nominations are due	Basic Education and Literacy	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	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026
Rotary Foundation 5 Nov - World Interact Day (World Interact Week is celebrated Monday through Sunday during the week of 5 November, Interact's anniversary)	Disease Prevention and Treatment 15 December - Last day for early registration discount for the Rotary International Convention	Vocational Service 11-15 January - International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA	Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention 23 February - Rotary's anniversary
March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026
Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene World Rotaract Week is celebrated Monday through Sunday during the week of 13 March, Rotaract's anniversary 31 March - Pre-registration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention	Environmental 30 April - Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due	Youth Service	13-17 June - Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan 30 June - Club Excellence Award nominations are due

HEALTH, WELLNESS AND CELEBRATION:

New Member

Juliana Romero



Juliana is originally from Brazil and now proudly calls Winnipeg home for the past two and a half years.

She is a Global Talent Acquisition Manager at Stellantis Canada where she leads recruitment systems and products with a multicultural team around the world. It's a role that truly reflects her passion for diversity and global collaboration.

Juliana started her career as a speech therapist, transitioning into Human Resources 17 years ago and has never looked back. She has worked with amazing companies like Telefónica, KPMG, Shire, BRF, and now Stellantis, cross industries from telecom to pharma to automotive.

Rotary has always been part of her life. Her parents, both former Presidents of the Rotary Club Alto da Lapa in São Paulo, introduced her to the values of service at an early age. She started Rotary in Interact; her daughter began in Rotary Kids and her niece is currently a district RDK and Club President in Brazil. So, yes, they are a full-on Rotary family!

Joining the Rotary Club of Winnipeg feels like coming full circle, and she is thrilled to finally be part of this vibrant community here in Canada.

Juliana lives in Winnipeg with her husband, Claudio, and their 14-year-old daughter Iza. They love exploring parks, going on hikes, enjoying picnics, and immersing themselves in the city's rich cultural life, from museums and theater to concerts and Folklorama.

They have embraced the cold and are building strong roots here. Outside of work, Juliana loves dancing flamenco, watching series, cooking for friends, and cheering for her favorite soccer team. Music, food, and laughter are always part of their home.

Tutu Oyerinde

Tutu is a Chartered Accountant and PhD candidate at University of Kent. Her research interest is on legitimacy of sustainability reports. She has presented her academic work at many academic fora. She is one of the founding organisers of the AQR Seminar Series where she has presented articles of renowned qualitative scholars, hosted and coordinated successful seminar sessions. She is a recipient of the 'AQR Outstanding Contributor Award 2024' for her continuous contributions in the Seminar Series.



Tutu has been a finance professional for over 17 years. She is a graduate of computer science and holds an MBA from University of South Wales in the United Kingdom. She is a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK. While at University of Kent, she was a sub-editor at GradPost postgraduate magazine, which is a student-led publication of the university.

Tutu currently works as an assistant professor with Providence University, Manitoba where she lectures at the business school.

Tutu was born in Nigeria, and she is happily married with three children (young adults). She loves going to gym but her flaw is keeping a consistent gym regime.

HEALTH, WELLNESS AND CELEBRATION:

New Member

Jerusha Onyimbo

Jerusha was born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya in a loving family of 8 siblings. She is the proud mother to Jesse Onyach, a young adult currently studying at the University of Manitoba. Family has always been at the center of her journey, and Jesse continues to inspire her to serve with purpose and resilience.

Jerusha holds an undergraduate degree in Business Administration and Management and further specialized through a Professional Entrepreneurship Development Program at Strathmore University in Nairobi. She has built a career in Finance, Administration, and Logistics, serving with international humanitarian organizations including Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Holland in South Sudan, Somalia, and Kenya in the Finance Department, as well as the European Commission Regional Office in Nairobi.

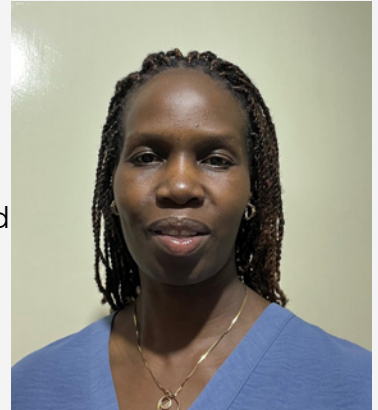
Alongside her late husband, she also managed a family building and construction business. After his passing in 2022, she devoted time to working as a Social Community worker with DEVLINK, a social enterprise NGO, advocating for and empowering widows economically at the community level.

She has been actively involved in Rotaract and Rotary Clubs in Nairobi. She is also a Life Member of the Kenya Red Cross, a member of Médecins Sans Frontières Eastern Africa, and part of Soroptimist International – Kisumu Winam and the Soroptimist International Canada West Online Region.

Since moving to Canada, she continues to live out her passion for service through volunteer work with L'Arche Winnipeg, Siloam Mission, Grace Hospital, and St. Paul's Anglican Church, Fort Garry.

Jerusha is an outdoor enthusiast who loves hiking, biking, and beach walks. She also finds joy in reading, traveling, dancing, music, arts and crafts, cooking, and baking. These interests keep her grounded and connected to both nature and community.

At her core, she is passionate about giving back, building connections, and uplifting others. Her journey across Kenya, Africa, and now Canada has shown her that no matter where we are, communities thrive when people come together in service — a value that resonates deeply with her as a Rotarian.



Samuel Karichu



Samuel was born in Kenya and moved to Canada with his family in March, 2018. They are a family of six, his eldest son is 18 years old, youngest daughter is 3 years old. They became Canadian citizens in March, 2022.

Samuel has a Bachelor's degree in Foods, Nutrition and Dietetics from Kenyatta University, Kenya. Most of his work, particularly before moving to Canada, was working in the humanitarian sector. His work mainly involved planning, designing, implementing, managing, and evaluating community nutrition programs and other community development programs.

In Canada, he works as a policy and program development specialist for Cedria Consultancy.

He is a member of the Canadian Evaluation Society and works with non-profits in the community development sector to help them develop, implement, manage, and evaluate community development programs and social interventions.

He also helps community organizations identify and effectively respond to community needs, including skill development, employment assistance, mental health, recreation and sports, social participation and well-being, and capacity building.

As you can see from his work, he has a passion for working with community organizations to support and empower those who are disadvantaged. It is no surprise that he has now joined the Rotary Club of Winnipeg because he sees it as a platform to continue serving the community.

HEALTH, WELLNESS AND CELEBRATION:

New Member

Toluwalope Omonale-Bello



Tolu is thrilled to be joining the Rotary family and to bring her unique experiences and passion for service to Winnipeg. Originally from Nigeria, she embarked on her Rotary journey as a Rotary Exchange (Rotex) alum, where she had the chance to experience cultural exchange first hand. This experience sparked a lifelong commitment to service and a deep appreciation for international connections. Last June, Tolu moved to Winnipeg, excited to start a new chapter in life and connect with the local community. Her background is in Information Systems and Networking, and she enjoys blending her tech expertise with her desire to make a positive impact.

She has also served as Vice President of a Rotaract Club, where she worked alongside fellow members on various community projects.

Outside of her professional and service work, Tolu loves reading, watching movies, and traveling. Exploring new places and cultures is one of her greatest joys, and she often shares these experiences with friends. She is happily married to a wonderful man, and together, they've built a life full of love and shared adventures. Coming from a close-knit family of three, Tolu has always been deeply involved in her community. She's had the privilege of serving on boards that focus on youth affairs, where she has worked to empower young people and encourage their entrepreneurial spirit. She has also served her community by guiding youth to turn their ideas, especially those involving eco-friendly materials, into real-world solutions that can help benefit the environment.

Ann Ulusoy

Ann Ulusoy is the Deputy Minister and Secretary to Treasury Board for the Government of Manitoba. She provides financial oversight into the province's \$26 billion expenditure budget and \$3 billion annual capital infrastructure plan, ensuring financial decisions are grounded in rigorous analysis and strategic foresight. She also leads accounting and financial policy for the 129 entities that make up Manitoba's Government Reporting Entities.

Ann is a lifelong Torontonion and relocated to Winnipeg in 2020 to join the Government of Manitoba. In Toronto, she served as the Director, management services for the City of Toronto and held vice president of finance and director positions in the public sector in health care and insurance entities in Ontario.

Her early private sector experience include Manulife Financial and Arthur Andersen & Co. in Toronto. She has also served as board chair for the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre and the MasterCard Centre for Hockey Excellence.

Ann is a Chartered Professional Accountant (Ontario 1991, Manitoba 2020) and in 2025, was recognized as a Fellow CPA (FCPA) by CPA Manitoba. Ann currently serves as a member of CPA Canada's Public Sector Accounting Board Cloud computing task force. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce with Honors and a Diploma in Public Administration.

Ann is single and has one adult son from a previous marriage.



HEALTH, WELLNESS AND CELEBRATION:

Returning Member

Simone Iris Cohen



Simone Iris Cohen was originally inducted into our Club as a new member on January 24, 2018. Days after being inducted, Simone was leaving for Israel and was planning to visit a Rotary Club in Jerusalem.

On September 3, 2025, Simone renewed her membership in our Club. We look forward her continued presence.

Simone was born and raised in Winnipeg and after marrying, she moved to Toronto. Her career path began as an Editorial Assistant at a book trade magazine, then moved on to the Toronto Y.M.C.A., Toronto Board of Education, and Pickering/Ajax Y.M.C.A., serving in various capacities as Director and Coordinator of After School and Adult Education Programs.

Back home in Winnipeg as a single parent with young children to raise, she spent a few years with New York Life selling life insurance, had a stint as Program Director for the Manitoba Composers Association and attended Marin Esthetics School. After becoming a Certified Esthetician, she opened Skincare Studio on Pembina Hwy. Once established, she attended University of Manitoba and received a B.A. in Comparative Religion, with an honours in Judaic Studies.

Simone had planned to open a school of esthetics but instead, opened her studio and took in ESL homestay students through University of Winnipeg, alternatively with foster children through Jewish Child & Family Services.

Simone's interests and hobbies include singing in choirs, learning various ethnic songs (Yiddish, Ukrainian, German, Hebrew), classical choral music, as well as traditional Holiday performance pieces. She loves to read and she loves old movies. When time permits she likes to sew and crochet.

Simone has four children and four grandchildren

A Call for Rotarian of the Year Nominations

As in previous years, October is a time when we begin to reflect on the past year, start to write our Club's "Impact Report" for the Annual Meeting and identify a recipient for our annual Rotarian of the Year Award.

The 'Rotarian of the Year' award is an annual distinction presented to a Rotarian within the Rotary Club of Winnipeg who exemplifies "Service Above Self" and who has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the Four-Way Test. A sincere Rotarian is someone who actively helps the club achieve its goals, upholds high ethical standards, and participates in the club's community projects both locally and internationally.

The recipient promotes Rotary by their actions and involvement, whether through leading a major initiative, participating in multiple activities, or serving across several committees. The Rotarian of the Year is highly visible in weekly club activities and represents the spirit of Rotary in daily life. We would like to hear from you about who this person should be!

Previous recipients: **Jorrel Campuyang, Nancy Cosway, Bagula Rubasha**

Instructions for Submitting a Nomination are all in your email from **Jeannette Brigit - jeannettebrigit0@gmail.com** (search your mail box). The Board will review and choose the winner at the November Board meeting. We will honour this person at the **Rotarian of the Year Recognition Supper, November 19th**, at the Winnipeg Winter Club.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email, or text me at **204.898.5227**.

HEALTH, WELLNESS AND CELEBRATION:



Start with Rotary
and good things happen.



THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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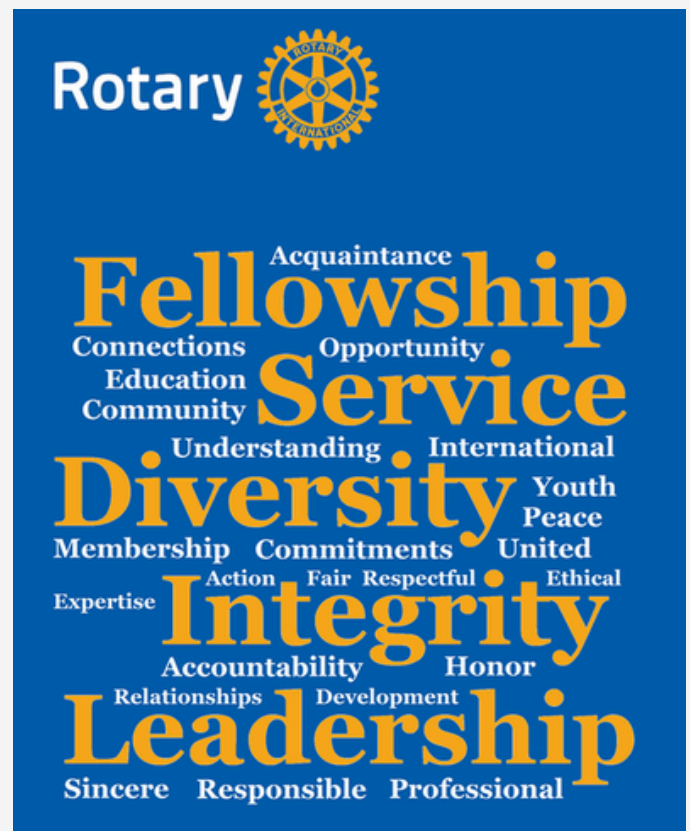
is to encourage and foster the ideal of service
as a basis of worthy enterprise
and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

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!!!



SAVE THE DATES *Opportunities to Volunteer and Make a Difference*

October 25 - 9 am to 3 pm

Bed Build

40 Volunteers needed

Build beds for Children so they will no longer sleep on the floor, Friends and Family are welcome

Contact Frank Cosway

Text 204 294 7079

New Location at

820-D Berry St Just off Wellington Ave



WORLD POLIO DAY OCT 24



**Donations
accepted on line
or drop them in
the boxes on
the table
instead of the
50/50**



YOUTH SPEAKERS

October 15th at the WWC

Hear from Bronson and Jayla who attended
the Rotary Adventures in Citizenship

And

Mya and Conner who attended Rotary
Adventures in Human Rights

Come and hear about their impactful
experience and share in their excitement

Winter Clothing Drive

Our Winter clothing drive for our Northern
Partner Communities has begun
Warm Coats, ski pants, boots, toques, mitts and
Sports equipment

We will also need volunteers in late October to
pack the boxes for shipping up north. Contact
Strini if you can assist
204 996 8937



ANNUAL APPEAL FOR WINTER COATS, BOOTS AND SKATES

This is our annual appeal for donations of new and gently used winter apparel for children and youth in in our remote northern Indigenous partner communities.

For the past several years, we have very generously collected new and gently used winter clothing, skates and hockey equipment which are among the items most requested by our friends up north. We are, once again, inviting you to join us in responding to this need.

This fall, collecting will take place from the latter part of September up until October 25th.

The Louis Riel School Division kindly provides us with the space for collecting, sorting and packing of the donations at their Monterey Board Office located at 50 Monterey Road.

Arrangements can also be made for pick up if necessary.

We rely on school to collect many of these items and we also purchase from thrift shops. We do need volunteers to make these purchases.If you are able and willing to assist with this please be in touch with me

Please free to email or call me if you require further information.

Also, please share with colleagues and friends and invite them to join us

Strini Reddy, 204 996 8937

Honoring Indigenous Peoples Committee

Rotary Club of Winnipeg

Families selecting clothing for their children in one of our northern partner communities



Families selecting clothing for their children in one of our northern partner communities

RYLA SUMMER ACTIVITIES

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There were several summer activities engaging youth and members:

- **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** – we sponsored two youth to attend the Jr camp and two for the Senior Camp



Kylie and her Mom



Iza and her Mom



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Rotary Adventures in Human Rights

We sponsored two indigenous and 2 non indigenous participants to this program



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Assisting the Fire Evacuees

Several of our partner Indigenous communities were evacuated to Winnipeg. We provided lots of equipment and supplies



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Habitat for Humanity Build

10 participants spent the day building a home



CLUB MATTERS AND LINKS:



...great ideas for your club and district!



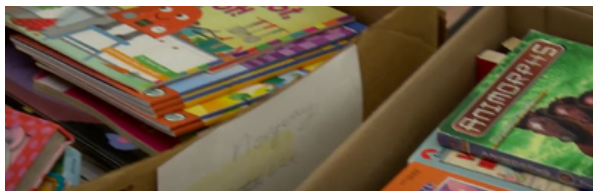
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2026



[Register now](https://convention.rotary.org)

CLUB MATTERS AND LINKS:

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

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(Written Report with Photos)

Elmwood Summer Wellness Program Report (written Report & Photos)



ROTARY 🌟🎉 CONTEST TIME! Caption this Rotary photo and WIN! 🎉🌟



How to enter:

Follow [@rotary5550](#) on Instagram

Comment your best caption on this post

Tag a friend who you would love to work with in Rotary!
(Not a member? Tag your favorite Rotarian or changemaker!)

Share this post to your story and tag us!

📅 Contest runs Oct 1-14. Winner announced before the end of October. Ready, set, caption!

[#CaptionRotary](#)[#RotaryMoments](#)[#RotaryInstagramContest](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:

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

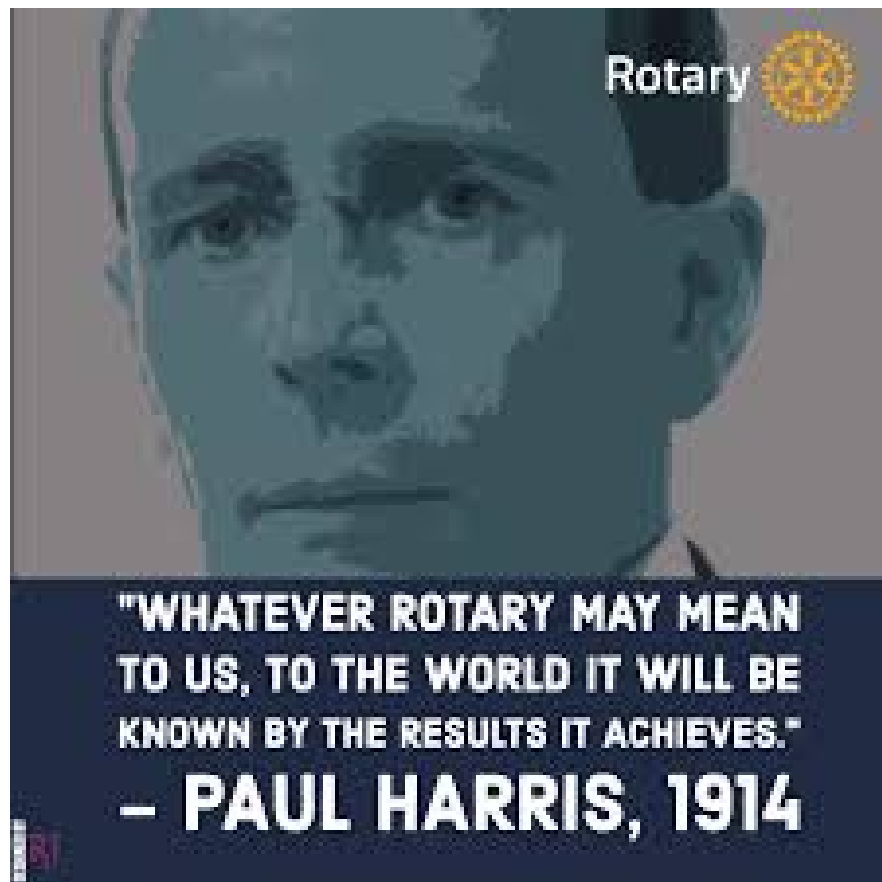
Rotarian Ope Allen has set up a **What's App** platform for the **Rotary Club of Winnipeg Group**. This is a great way to share information, network and keep informed on our club activities. Some of you have been added to the group.

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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