#### **EDITOR NOTE**

Hope you all had a good summer, despite all the challenges of COVID, aphids, drought and high temperatures. My only real complaint is that summer passed all too quickly. Nancy and I were able to enjoy a 5 day trip to Churchill to see the Belugas and the Polar Bears. Another highlight was seeing two of our grandchildren from Portage in early September for three days. (We had not seen them for several months because of COVID restrictions).

September is always catch-up time for producing the Newsletter. So many good things happened with Rotary over the summer. I have enough material already for a second Newsletter which I will try produce in about 3 weeks.

The Newsletter is sent out to our Rotary Alumni which include former members of the Club. One former member contacted us recently with a change of e-mail address and indicated that he enjoyed reading the Newsletter. Another former member, Gary Hirsch participated in the Habitat Build Team organized by our Club in August. (See photo on page 9)

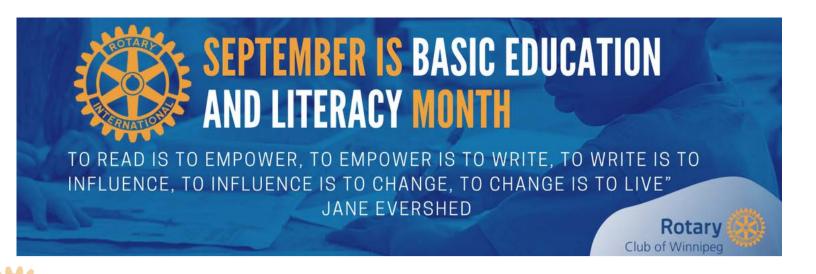
Please send in your photos, stories, news, and announcements for future issues of the Newsletter

Enjoy reading,









# **UP - COMING EVENTS**

#### **SEPTEMBER 10 - 21, 2021**

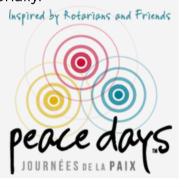
**Rotary Peace Days** – a Virtual & In-person event. The intention of the **Peace Days Festival** is to encourage individuals, organizations, businesses and institutions to raise awareness, start a conversation and promote positive peace and peace literacy locally, nationally and internationally.

For more information:

#### www.peacedays.ca

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director@peacedays.ca



#### **SEPTEMBER 24, 2021**

Annual Lobsterfest (with curbside pickup) is organized by the Rotary Club of Winnipeg Charleswood.

Unfortunately, it is now **SOLD OUT.**Keep it in mind for next year. **For more information: CLICK HERE** 





#### **SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.**

**Eliminating The Threat of Nuclear Weapons** virtual events hosted by the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

The Panel will begin at 11:00 am EDT/ 3:00 pm GMT and lasts for one hour.

Registration is required to attend. Click Here

This event is recommended by the Peace Builder Committee & David Newman.



#### **SEPTEMBER 30, 2021,**

Orange Shirt Day Virtual Special Event being hosted by Rotary (HIP) Honouring Indigenous Peoples Committee in collaboration with Rotary Peace Builder Committee. To Register for this event, go to: <a href="https://bit.ly/3mX9GNP">https://bit.ly/3mX9GNP</a> This program will be part of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30th.) activities. Funds raised from the Registration Fee (\$25) will be used to support future HIP programs and projects.



Brad Regehr, Immediate Past-President of the Canadian Bar Association On Truth and Reconciliation

DATE AND TIME: September 30
2021 @ 7pm CDT
FEE:\$25
MODE: Zoom



### **NEW MEMBER**



#### **NARINDER SAINI**

Narinder was born in the district of Ramgarh located in Jharkhand, India. He has a Bachelor of Arts (Graduate 1992).

Narinder moved to Canada in 2009 and first began working as a long-haul truck driver. In 2010, he became a Class 1 instructor. After progressively gaining experience in the trucking industry, he established his own truck driving school, Perfect One Driving School of which he is currently the Director.

Narinder has always had a background in Rotary Clubs since childhood. His father was the past President of Rotary Club of Ramgarh, RI District 3250. His siblings and most of his relatives are currently Rotary members. When he was in the Rotaract Club of Ramgarh, he was actively involved in it. He served as its District Director (International). He was also a member of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg North.

His hobbies and interests include playing video games, watching movies, cooking, listening to music, as well as several outdoor activities including camping and hiking. He is an open-minded person and loves to help people, especially those in times of need. He is also adventurous and artistic, in his own way of course!

#### Narinder's comments upon his Induction into our Rotary Club:

First of all, I am sincerely grateful and humbled to be inducted as a member of the club. Being from a family of rotary club members; both former and current members back in my hometown, a passion and desire to become a Rotarian always burned brightly within me. From a very young age, I was resolute on finding my way to becoming a Rotarian one day. I firmly believe we will build a fine fellowship together, and I promise to provide any assistance needed for the club's projects and such, to make our community a better place. Once again, I would like to thank your rotary club for providing me the opportunity to become a member.



PAUL HARRIS AWARD
PRESENTATION BY PRES. NANCY COSWAY

"The Paul Harris Fellowship Award is one of the highest honours Rotary can bestow upon a person. Recipients are Rotarians and community professionals, in recognition of their outstanding contributions, exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary in placing "SERVICE ABOVE SELF." I am very pleased to present this to our Club Administrator, Sandy Allen. She is a key person in our club to keep things in order and communicate with Rotary International regarding our membership. Yes she still collects the mail weekly from the RBC center. Thanks Sandy for all that you do for our club."

#### Sandy Allen's acceptance comments:

I'm honored and humbled to receive this award. As Nancy had said, a Paul Harris Award is one of the highest awards that Rotary bestows on individuals.

I learned about community service from my parents at a young age, starting with volunteering at Folklorama at age 11. I have continued my volunteerism throughout my life by sitting on community association boards, parent councils and managing sports teams.

The beauty of Rotary is their reach is worldwide. I commend you all for your accomplishments and the work you do to make lives better for so many people.

Again, thank you for this award. Sandy Allen

#### What is a Paul Harris Fellow Award?

https://www.rotary.org/en/history-paul-harris-fellow-recognition

(Be sure to check out the 4 different images of Paul Harris pins)

# **ROTARIAN UPDATES**

#### **JORREL CAMUYONG**

Jorrel appeared with the Winnipeg Youth Choir for the virtual & in-person Manitoba 150 concert at Shaw Park Stadium on August 28th. They preceded Backman & Cummings who were the closing act for Manitoba 150. (Jorrel is in the upper centre of the photo.)



#### **TAISEER SHAREIF**

Taiseer has been appointed to the Manitoba Education - Curriculum Advisory Panel. Congratulations.

Taiseer Shareif, as part of a 20 member Advisory Panel, has been chosen to advise the

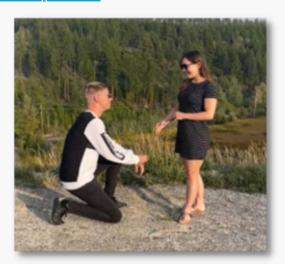
Manitoba Government on changes to the education curriculum in the province. The provincial government has committed to improving and enhancing our K-12 education system in the province.

Taiseer looks forward to using her knowledge and skills in incorporating diversity and inclusion in our provincial schools through her position on this advisory committee. The panel is expected to meet virtually every month to give feedback on the curriculum framework at central moments during the development process.

https://globalnews.ca/news/8184707/manitoba-k-to-12-curriculum-advisory-panel/

#### **LUCAS BAIRD & TIFFANY REIDER**

Lucas and Tiffany are engaged.
Congratulations to both of you. Check out <u>Tiffany's Facebook page for more photos.</u>



#### SHANA GOULBOURNE BECOMES SHANA GOODRIDGE:

Dwayne Goodridge & Shana Goulbourne were married at Fort Gibraltar on August 7th. Several family members were able to attend virtually. For more photos <a href="mailto:check out Shana's">check out Shana's</a>
<a href="mailto:Facebook pages">Facebook pages</a>.







# **ROTARY YOUTH PROJECT REPORTS:**

### **ROTARY ADVENTURES IN HUMAN RIGHTS**

Rotary Adventures in Human Rights is a collaborative program between Rotary District 5550 and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. The whole program was cancelled in 2020. We did only virtual for 2021 which was a big success.

The program was developed and introduced through Rotary Peace Partners and the CMHR in 2015 as a three year pilot program. The RAHR program achieved all of its goals as a national program of inclusiveness and diversity bringing students going into grade 11 and 12 to Winnipeg from as far east as Halifax to Vancouver Island in the West. This year we had a student attending "virtually" from as far away as Iqaluit. RAHR is now a permanent program in District 5550 youth programs.

The primary goal of the program is to provide students interested in human rights issues, a pathway to how they can bring their experience from the week back to their schools and communities.

We expect to be offering the full program in August of 2022.

The timetable for the week starts with an icebreaker session **Sunday** evening with the students playing board games with a light dinner.

**Monday** is spent at the CMHR with a guided tour of the museum and experiencing an overview of all of the galleries and special presentations.

**Tuesday** is focused on immigrant and refugee issues facilitated by the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba (IRCOM). The day winds up with an open air BBQ in Central Park serving all who come.

There are usually over 500 people being served by the students. For most of the students it is their first exposure to a portion of humanity they have never seen before let alone served.

Wednesday is back at the museum where they learn about Indigenous issues, women's issues and genocides. Mid-afternoon we break off and walk to the Legislature where the students experience the Hermetic Code tour. This has always been a very popular session as it involves a lot of walking and learning about what few of the students have any idea about. It is a break from the heavier issues of the program.

Thursday the students are back at the museum in mornina learning about democracy. governance and human rights. In the afternoon they do a change up again and go to Fort Whyte Alive to learn about the rights of the environment focused on water and also experience the Bison Safari where they learn about the history and meaning of the Bison to both the Indigenous peoples and the ecology of the Great Plains of North America. During the years 2016 through 2019 we have been fortunate to have the Lieutenant Governor invite the students to a reception in their honour at Government House on the Thursday evening.

**Friday** Is spent at the Museum and is focused on how the students can take their experience and develop an action plan to take home and expand their work on promoting and protecting human rights. We also include a session on how Rotary is there to assist them through Interact and Rotaract clubs as well as Rotary postgraduate scholarships that may be available to them.

**Saturday** morning they all gather for a final breakfast. It is a noisy happy and also tearful time as the students say their goodbyes and make promises to stay connected. There is a private Facebook page for all RAHR alumni that the students have been using to help stay connected.

Following some of the students in their activities it is most rewarding to see how most of the them continue with their passionate work on human rights issues. Human Rights is every day and everywhere we are. This is the message the program helps the students understand.

For more information on RAHR and to hear comments from the students, go the District 5550 Website and click Youth Programs and click on RAHR. Please explore the page thoroughly to hear from the students in their own words. You may know a potential participant. You are urged to have them consider this life changing opportunity.



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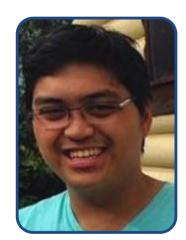


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## ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY (RYLA)



RYLA 2021 was held as a Virtual Event from August 1 - 20, 2021.

The District Chair for RYLA is **Jorrel Camuyong,** a member of our Satellite Club. Thanks for all your work in creating this excellent virtual program during the COVID 19 pandemic.

For more information, click on the "RYLA 2021 Information for Clubs" link on the District Website under Youth Programs. CLICK HERE

#### **WATCH THE VIDEO HERE**

(This video was made before COVID.)





# **ROTARY LOCAL PROJECTS:**

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD:**

(AUGUST 10, 2021)



A Big Thank You to our Rotary Club of Winnipeg - Habitat Build Team

Club members included:

- Eva Vida
- Brent Jorowski
- Gerry Storie
- Former member Garry Hirsch,

#### Rotoractors:

- Grace
- Isham
- Chadine
- Ahmed
- Jaydon.

This project was organized by Jeannette Brigit, Community Services Director.

Thank you Jeannette.



Our Club is on social media, please follow us and find out the latest news. click on the logos to see our accounts!









## WILLOW PLACE

" The heart of our work is healthy relationships. Willow Place provides inclusive, no-cost family violence prevention services, 24-hours, every day of the year. Willow Place is a registered Canadian charity". The Willow Place logo shows an image of a woman and a Willow tree which is flexible and resilient. https://willowplaceshelter.ca/

As part of our COVID Response in 2020, our Club provided Willow Place with two grants totalling \$800 which they used to provide their staff with PPE (personal protective equipment). These funds were raised by President Nancy's Mask Making Project.

In June, 2021, the Club received a new request for support from Willow Place. Club members were invited to respond to the request. We raised a car load of needed supplies.(See photos)

In addition, the Red River COOP provided a donation to Willow Place of \$2,000 in COOP Gift Cards.The COOP had originally donated the \$2,000 in Gift Cards to our RIBFEST fundraising for RIBFEST 2020. But as you know our RIBFEST 2020 & 21 were cancelled because of the COVID 19 Pandemic. In July, we approached the COOP to see if they would re-allocate the Gift Cards to Willow Place. They agreed, so we did a joint presentation to Willow Place on August 5, 2021.



(from left to right)

Pam Hadder, Community Coordinator, Willow Place Kelly Romas, Marketing Director, Red River Coop Nancy Cosway, President, Rotary Club of Winnipeg







**YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR CLUB PRESENTATIONS** 



**CANADIAN WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN:** You can subscribe to their Newsletter by clicking HERE





