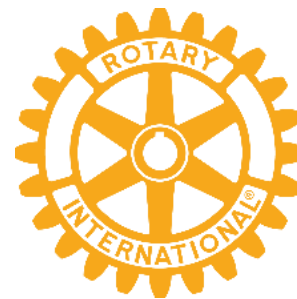


Rotary Club of Winnipeg



ROTARY NEWS, and MORE....

September 2, 2020

RECENT EVENTS:

Isa & Humberto's "Drive Through Baby Shower" was held on Saturday, August 29th. The "parents to be" were very pleased that so many people could attend to help them celebrate the upcoming arrival of their sweet baby girl Louise. As you can see, everyone was wearing a mask.



Rotary Career Symposium has decided to cease operations

The Rotary Career Symposium would like to inform all its loyal supporters and followers that after 23 years of service, we have had to make the very difficult decision to cease operations.

These past 23 years have allowed us to be an exciting part of workforce development in Manitoba by connecting students with potential careers, and employers, while helping them carve out their own personal career paths. It has truly been a pleasure.



The Board of the Symposium would like to thank everyone that has been a part of the success of the Rotary Career Symposium over the past 23 years, including; Sponsors, Exhibitors, Teachers, Students, Volunteers, Committee members both current and past, Suppliers and Attendees. It truly takes a village to put on such an event, and we are so thankful for everyone's involvement over this time.

We wish you all well in your future as you continue to support Manitoba's youth and job seekers reach their goals.

Regards,
Rotary Career Symposium Governing Board

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PEACE DAYS – September 10 – 21, 2020

This 12 day event has experienced tremendous growth during the past 12 years. Check their website for Upcoming Events: <https://www.peacedays.ca/events.php>

International Day of Democracy, September 15, 2020
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/democracy-day>

International Day of Peace, September 21, 2020
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace>

Singing for Peace/ Virtual Concert/ with Mezzo Soprano Laurelle Czaplinski, on September 15th at 7:00 PM. www.laurelleczaplinski.com Contact John Melnick at jmel134229@gmail.com to register for this free event. For those who wish to contribute, donations will be accepted when you log-in.



BREAKING NEWS:

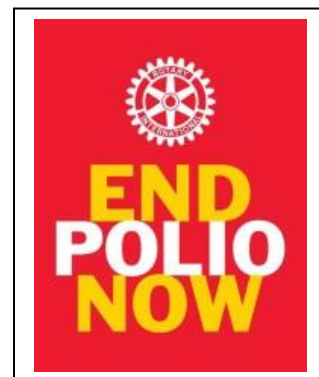
GOOD NEWS!! The WHO (World Health Organization) has certified the African region free of wild polio virus on August 25th, four years after the final case was recorded in Nigeria An incredible achievement worth celebrating after decades long commitment by Rotarians, our partners, and millions of health care workers and supporters. We have shown that we can defeat this devastating disease but the fight is not over as wild polio still paralyzes children in Afghanistan and Pakistan, with 102 cases YTD. As long as polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere. (From Pat Chernesky, District Chair for Polio Plus/ End Polio Now)

Stay tuned for our “End Polio Now” event in October

RIBFEST 50/50 Raffle Winner

Total sales were \$5,065. Given the circumstances, of no live RIBFEST event, Nancy Cosway, RIBFEST Chair thought we did very well. (Last year's sales were around \$9,700, including 3 days of event sales.) The WINNER on August 23rd was Curt Tesarski, from Portage La Prairie.

Nancy presented Curt with his Winnings of \$2,532.50 in front of the Portage La Prairie Rotary Club sign. The two EarlyBird winners of \$500 each were Glen Torgerson and Lucy Vogrig.



Lebanon explosion on August 4th: Among the many casualties was Rotarian Antoine Barmaky, President of the Rotary Club of Hammana –Upper Metn, Lebanon, who was killed in the explosion while visiting a relative at Saint Georges Hospital.

Several Canadian Rotary Clubs and other organizations have launched fundraising initiatives. If you are interested, just Google “Rotary & Lebanon explosion” for more information.

NEW MEMBER:

Gary Dawyduk (Introduced by Strini Ready)

Gary was born, raised and has always resided in Winnipeg. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (from the University of Winnipeg) in 1987 and complemented this with a Certificate in Adult and Continuing Education (from the University of Manitoba) in 2014. Gary retired just over a year ago having spent his previous 27 years working with the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission (which evolved into Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries as of 2014).



The main inspirations for Gary's working career were the educational programs offered by the MLCC, and for the last 13 years he worked as a Product Ambassador to deliver and continue to develop educational courses on beverage alcohol. These courses were delivered primarily to Liquor Mart retail staff to improve their product knowledge and selling skills. Gary also delivered lifestyle-oriented courses to the general public on the types of liquor products sold in Manitoba, touching on liquor production, history and culture, while always emphasizing the socially responsible consumption of alcohol beverages.

Throughout his adult life, Gary has been keen to be mindful of issues of social justice at home and abroad. He has volunteered with a handful of community organizations, has served on the board of a local anti-racism coalition and has participated as a member of the South Africa Education Support Projects committee since its inception in the early 1990s.

Gary: My Tendencies & Motivations (Inductions comment)

I express my gratefulness despite the unfortunate circumstance of induction under the restrictive environment of COVID-19. However, a virtual induction it shall be. I must concede that until we can meet face-to-face and work more directly together, I will be something of a mystery to all of you except for Strini and Rob Tisdale. So, with this in mind, I am going to offer a brief personal reflection on how I have come to join the Rotary Club of Winnipeg by sharing a few key tendencies of mine that have long roots and continue to motivate me today.

The first tendency I wish to mention is that I am an idealist. What this means to me is that, throughout the very fortunate life I have enjoyed, I have always believed that everyone should have the opportunity to live a fortunate life under the best circumstances they possibly can.

This was a very basic tenet of my upbringing, and embedded within, of course, is the belief that we are all equal. Another basic tenet of my upbringing was that pursuing fairness within our community was the way to success, and that ensuring this requires openness, honesty, commitment and hard work.

The second tendency I wish to mention is that I am a socially-minded being. While I, like everyone else, have unique individual attributes, I believe that largest part of how I understand myself has evolved through my interaction with family, friends, colleagues and more broadly, society. From my upbringing, through my education, through my coming of age, through my vocation and career, I have come to learn that I am inseparably a part of both a narrower community and a wider community, and the histories that have shaped them. For me, understanding my community is critical to understanding myself.

Another tendency of mine is that I like concepts. I'm something of a thinker. This has been both bad and good. The bad part is, as you might guess, a tendency to over-think at the expense of doing. The good part is that developing and adhering to well thought-out ideas can provide guiding principles that lead to successful results within a consistent and cohesive framework.

The last tendency I'll mention flows from the previous, which has been a lifelong desire to match thinking with action. Ideas on their own are fine but they need to root themselves in their context. This means that deeds must follow our conceptualizations. On an individual level, it means a willingness to be vulnerable and learn from mistakes while on a social level, it means conflict, dialogue, and consensus. Fortunately, this provides a forum for action which, in the best possible circumstances, results in continued social and personal evolution.

When I first began attending University in the early 1980s, I believed, perhaps naively, that political science was the way to weave thought and action together. I spent a fair bit of time as a social activist and while there were successes, there was also plenty of disillusionment. To make a long story short, I drifted into the field of education within the context of corporate government and through continuing my learning came to realize the transformative power of education. As a result, and to my great fortune I was, in small ways, able to enact the wonderful gift of teaching.

I work closely with Strini on the South Africa Education Support Project and our correspondence to donors contains famous words from Nelson Mandela, who stated that "education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". This quote captures for me a critical guiding principle that informs us as to how we should proceed to successfully bring together thought with action.

Since early May, Strini has invited me to join the virtual meetings of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg. I've been a wallflower for most of these meetings over the past two months and have been very impressed with what I have seen from this community. It is clear to me that you are a group committed to enacting good deeds under the guidance of strong conceptual principles. It has inspired me to learn more about Rotary through doing further research. As a community that has grown into an international organization, there have no doubt been challenges over the years but the Four-Way Test has obviously provided a conceptual basis that has led to tremendously beneficial results for many communities around the world throughout the history of Rotary. And so I humbly look forward to participating in this community and hope that I am up to the task. Thank you.

Philis Akunne (Introduced by Roy Vallance)

Philis Akunne is a Courier Onboarding and Incident Investigation Officer at SkipTheDishes (an Online Delivery Company). Before migrating from Nigeria to Canada in August 2018, she spent 12 years as a Service Quality Manager for Financial Companies in Nigeria. She built a successful career training bank operations staff on product knowledge, monitoring & enforcing compliance with regulatory standards and aligning staff compliance with effective operational risk management practices tailored for the financial services industry. She has a first degree in Geological Sciences, trained in Customer Relationship Management and recently obtained a Diploma Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety. She is currently working towards a career switch to a Safety Advisor role and is available to volunteer in this new role.



Lucas Baird (Introduced by Ron Reider)

Lucas Baird is a thirty-something-year-old certified financial planner, a chartered life underwriter (CLU), a certified health insurance specialist and holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree from the Asper School of Business. Lucas has worked with his father Laurie (Baird) since October 2010 and is dedicated to helping clients achieve their financial goals and objectives. Lucas practices with the highest standards of professionalism and integrity as part of his mission at Lawton Partners.



Lucas has passed the Level 1 exam of the Chartered Financial Analyst program and holds both his life insurance and mutual funds licenses. He specializes in the design and creation of custom excel spreadsheets and projections to illustrate complex financial planning strategies. He provides insight and strategic planning for matters relating to life, critical illness and disability insurance.

Lucas enjoys spending time with his girlfriend, Tiffany, biking, wakeboarding, downhill skiing and is a second-degree black belt in the martial art of Taekwondo. His interest in pursuing a charitable endeavor was what brought him to the Rotary Club of Winnipeg.

PRESIDENT's REPORT:

Board Members & their Roles for 2020-21 Rotary Year

Past President – Roy Vallance

Vice President – Nancy Cosway

Club Service - Ronald Reider

Fundraising – Trevor Stark

Membership - Eva Vida

Public Relations - Nancy Cosway

Chair of the Satellite Club - Humberto Dantas

Secretary – Elly Hooqterp

Community Service – Jeannette Brigit

International Service - Strini Reddy

New Technology - Jacques Pagé

Youth Services- Pat Vallance

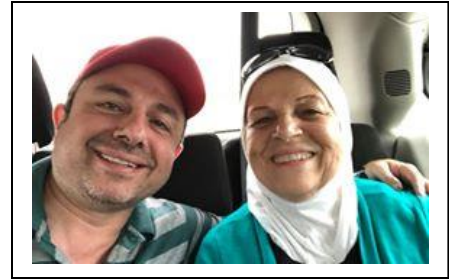
Advisor to the Board: Sid Ritter

ROTARY MEMBERS:

Youssef Mouzahem: Our Condolences to Youssef on the passing of his mother.

From Youssef on Facebook:

“Thank you so much to all the true friends who took the Time to call me or text me to offer condolences for my Loved mom. #RIPMOM”



PROJECT REPORTS:

Rotary Leadership Circle Funders Tour:

Amanda Doerksen, Program Coordinator, YAA reports that “We really appreciate you making the time to visit Art City and Evermore with us yesterday to showcase the RLC program! As promised, here is a link to the (short) [RLC Film](#) that is sure to make you smile, along with the group photo.



Nancy Cosway, Pat Vallance, Jeannette Brigit, Ron Reider & Roy Vallance participated in the RLC Tour.

COVID-19 PROJECTS

The Mask Project: To date Nancy Cosway has made 451 masks (at \$5.00 each) and raised \$2,781 from the sale of the masks and donations. Masks are still available from Nancy at ncosway@mts.net or text to 204-792-6503. Regular masks are \$5.00 each and the Rotary logo masks are \$10.

Thank You Letters from:

Willow Place



June 29, 2020

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg

Dear Rotary Club Membership,

On behalf of Willow Place, thank you for the monetary donations received by us in recent weeks. Two cheques, including \$500.00 dated June 3, and \$300.00 dated June 17, came to us at a time of uncertainty and need re: novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and we are very grateful for your generosity.

Located in the Winnipeg Region, Willow Place operates Manitoba's largest and most-utilized family violence shelter with 38 beds, and supports between 800-900 individuals in the shelter program yearly. This translates into over 8,500 bednights in a typical year – a "bednight" is a term used in the family violence prevention sector to count each time a woman or child sleeps in one of our shelter beds. All services at Willow Place are confidential and no-cost, and emergency support is available 24 hours, every day of the year. Willow Place also offers public education, follow-up and outreach services in community, including counselling and referrals for men. Thanks to in-kind and monetary support from compassionate community and donors like The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Willow Place has been able to maintain services and supports to some of the most vulnerable members in our community throughout the Province of Manitoba's COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Your donation also goes beyond providing material needs – it also supports the Willow Place mission of helping women and children establish a future where healthy relationships can flourish, by letting them know caring and compassionate community members acknowledge their difficult circumstances and wish to help. Willow Place recognizes there are many worthy frontline services in our communities right now offering vital supports and we feel very fortunate that you chose to donate to the Willow Place emergency family violence shelter program in Winnipeg.

Sincerely,

Pam Hadder, Community Coordinator
Willow Place, Inc.
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Email: PamH@willowplace.ca

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Winnipeg Harvest:



Rotary Club of Winnipeg
243-375 York Ave.
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3J3

May 29, 2020

Dear Friends,

Your support is helping to change lives right here in Manitoba. Thanks to the support of generous donors like you, Winnipeg Harvest is able to provide food for more than 62,000 Manitobans each month, of which 43 per cent are children. Did you know, Manitoba has the second highest rate of children using food banks in Canada!

Together we are creating hope for our neighbours.

With amazing donors, Winnipeg Harvest is also able to offer free job and life skills training to our food bank clients and volunteers, giving them the tools they need to step up and out of poverty. By helping to prepare them for the workforce, they are empowered to succeed.

To learn more about how you can help, about upcoming events, the programs we offer or to book a tour, please visit us at www.winnipegharvest.org, email us at info@winnipegharvest.org, or call us at 982-3663.

Thank you,


The CREW at Winnipeg Harvest

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