



## Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana *(Founded 1961)*

### ROTARY IS ...

- **ROTARY** is an organization of business, professional leaders and service minded individuals united worldwide, which provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.
- **ROTARY** is the world's first service club. The first Rotary club was founded in Chicago, USA, on Feb. 23, 1905, by a young lawyer, Paul Harris, and three of his friends. Their weekly meetings "rotated" among their offices, providing the new service club with its name.
- **ROTARY** is more than a million service-minded men and women belonging to more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas in the world.
- **ROTARIANS** meet weekly for fellowship and interesting and informative programs dealing with topics of local and global importance.
- **ROTARIANS** plan and carry out a remarkable variety of humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs that touch people's lives in their local communities and around the world. Rotary is widely regarded as the world's largest private provider of international educational scholarships.
- **ROTARY** is The Rotary Foundation, which each year provides funding for international scholarships, cultural exchanges and humanitarian projects that improve the quality of life for millions of people.
- **ROTARY'S** motto is: **Service Above Self.**
- **ROTARY'S** International Theme for 2022 - 2023 is: **IMAGINE ROTARY.**
- **ROTARY** world-wide is divided into districts. The Saskatoon Rotary clubs are part of Rotary District 5550 which is comprised of most of Saskatchewan, all of Manitoba and NW Ontario.

### The Guiding Principles of Rotary

#### The Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary 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 to 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.

#### The 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do  
1. Is it the TRUTH?

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### **The Avenues of Service**

- 1. Club Service** - providing service to the Rotary club to enable it to run efficiently in the spirit of fellowship;
- 2. Vocational Service** - putting high standards of conduct into practice in the business and professional lives of Rotarians;
- 3. Community Service** - identifying needs in the Rotary club's community and addressing these needs with service projects;
- 4. International Service** - working for greater international understanding and peace by promoting goodwill among all people.
- 5. New Generations Service** - Recognizing the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects.

### **ORGANIZATIONS THE CLUB HAS HELPED (Recent Examples over the past 3 years)**

**Breakfast Program Saskatoon Indian Metis Centre**

**Breakfast Program at St. Frances Cree Bilingual School**

**Read Saskatoon** - Literacy program

**Saskatoon Food Bank** – food drives and monetary donations

**Vietnam Education Society**

**4-year commitment to St. Francis Cree Bilingual School** – purchased I-pads with \$10,000 per year for 4 years to assist with Cree Language Learning

**5-year commitment to St. Francis Cree Bilingual School** – a MOU was signed in 2020 committing \$20,000 a year for 5 years to assist with Arts and Cultural programming at their new school

**Oskayak High School Scholarships** - Sponsor scholarships to students pursuing furthering education

**Restorative Action Program** - Participate in community program that provides conflict resolution training and services, leadership development and life skills to youth in Saskatoon

**Rotary Peace Plaza** – Ceremony recognizing a Nobel Peace Prize recipient held at Rotary Park each year

**Rotary International – End Polio Campaign**

**Saskatoon Open Door Society**

**Salvation Army Kettles** - Assisting the Salvation Army by providing volunteers for their Christmas kettles fundraiser.

**Nobel Peace Prize Recognition Program** - Help build peace and understanding in our community and in the world.

**Citizenship Court** - Plan and arrange for a citizenship court for new Canadians.

**Honorary Paul Harris Awards** - Recognize persons who have made outstanding contributions to the community.

**Adventures in Technology** - In conjunction with the other Saskatoon Rotary clubs billet 40 high school students from various centres in Western Canada while they attend a special program for four days.

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** - Sponsor deserving students from Saskatoon and area to take part in district leadership camps.

### **Recent Fundraisers**

**Steak Night Fundraiser**

**African Night Fundraiser**

**Enchanted Forest** – run the entrance booth yearly

**Saskatoon RibFest** - Community fundraiser held yearly except for 2020 and 2021 was the last year held.

**Father's Day Scavenger Hunt** – held during Covid in 2020 when Ribfest was cancelled

**Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt** – held in 2021

**Online Auction** – Held at McDougall Auctions. Items were new and slightly used and all were donated by club members.

**During Covid and once meetings went to a zoom format, members donated funding each meeting for our fundraising efforts.**

### **INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Rotary World Community Service (WCS)**

World Community Service is a Rotary program by which a club or district in one country provides humanitarian assistance to a club in another country. Typically the aid goes to a developing community where the Rotary project will help raise the standard of living and the quality of life.

Past and present Nutana WCS projects include: water well (Mozambique), senior's home (Mexico), children's school and orphanage (South Africa), Ripple Effect School in Guatemala, schools in Belize & Haiti, medical books (Latvia), medical equipment (Ukraine),

wheelchairs (Nepal), ShelterBox and PolioPlus.

### **Youth Exchange Program**

Sponsor deserving students from Saskatoon to go abroad, attend school and stay with Rotary families either for one year or for a one month term during the summer vacation period. Reciprocate by hosting students from abroad during their stay in Saskatoon. Since the program was formally instituted in this Rotary region in 1974, the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana has sponsored more than 50 one-year exchange students and hosted a similar number of students from different countries for a period of one year.

### **Rotary Friendship Exchange**

An opportunity is provided for Rotarians and their partners to participate in visiting on a district by district basis whereby Rotarians will be hosted for a period of 2-3 weeks by Rotarians in another country. Rotarians then reciprocate by hosting their counterparts when they visit Saskatoon. Exchanges have been made with South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, England, Iceland, the Philippines and the USA.

### **Rotary District and International Conventions**

Rotary members are invited to attend one or both of the conventions that are held in the late spring each year. These events provide an excellent opportunity to learn and share information about Rotary programs and their successes as well as meet and develop friendships with people in their own district or internationally. Saskatoon will host the Rotary District Conference in 2023.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Rotary International is the association of Rotary clubs around the world. Rotary clubs select their own service projects based on local needs and requirements. Clubs work on projects relating to health, hunger, environmental concerns, literacy and vocational assistance, drug abuse and assisting senior citizens and young people. Members support projects internationally, through their own contacts with Rotarians in other countries, and through participation in the programs of the Rotary Foundation.

Membership in a Rotary club is by invitation and is on the basis of representatives of each business and profession. This classification system ensures a wide cross section of community representation. The real work of Rotary takes place before and after the meetings, when Rotarians plan and carry out a remarkable variety of humanitarian and educational service projects that touch people's lives in their local communities and our world community. Corporate and Associate Memberships are also an option.

Members are encouraged to attend regular weekly meetings of their Rotary club. Should members be unable to attend their own club's meeting, they may "make-up" by attending a meeting of another Rotary club. When Rotarians travel in Canada or abroad they will be welcomed at other clubs in the world, clubs whose members are committed to the same ideals of service as themselves. Business and social contacts are easily made. Members also have an option to attend online make-ups.

## **The Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana**

**meets Tuesdays at noon**

#### **Club Website**

<https://www.rotarynutana.org>

#### **District 5550 Website**

<https://www.rotary5550.org>

#### **Rotary International Website**

<http://www.rotary.org>

#### **Facebook –**

**Saskatoon Nutana Rotary Club**

