



Official Bulletin of:

ROTARY CLUB OF SASKATOON MEEWASIN #22664

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Saskatoon, SK S7H 0W2
Founded: April 23, 1985
Meetings: Monday 0700

April 20,, 2026
Youth Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Wayne Jacobson

President: Arthur Whetstone
Past President: Luis Pagliarini

Pres Elect: Volunteer Needed

Secretary: John Luross
Treasurers: Dale Worrall

Sergeant Don Stefiuk
Chair: John Luross

Desk: Garth Courtney

Service Above Self

DUES AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO THE CLUB

- E-mail Transfer from Bank Account
 - Send to Meewasin Rotary Club using the email: meewasinrotary2020@gmail.com

DONATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION

E.G., Fines, Donations In Lieu Of Meeting Expense

- E-mail Transfer from Bank Account
 - Send to Rowasin Foundation using the email: rowasin2020@gmail.com

Payment by Credit Card (For either Meeting Expenses or Fines/Donations)

- For a credit card payment contact

Rotary Meeting

Location:

Grasswood Smittys
Highway 11 South/Grasswoods Road @ Esso

ZOOM: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88619629540?pwd=UL0YWkGMOPM90MapdbfgspruS5vDP1.1>

Password: Meewasin

Call to Order: Chair opened the meeting at 0700.

O'Canada, and the Rotary grace.

Attendance: There were 11 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and 1 guest.

Guests: Candace Odishaw – guest speaker from Nutana Club

Sergeant and Happy, Sads and Celebrations

Sergeant Don canvassed the room again looking for donations. He did a great job fleecing us (I mean extracting fine dollars)

Announcements

1) EDADZ BACKPACK Drop Off



- a) You can Drop off items at John Benesh's Office.
- b) There is a Box in the reception area
- c) Any bag is OK, not just back packs.
- d) You may bring the backpacks to the meeting to give to John B.

2) SARCAN Bottles

- a) Donate bottle proceeds to Meewasin
- b) Use the Self-Deposit area and Enter Code SMR.
- c) Send a photo of the deposit receipt to Art W (wci@sasktel.net) so that a donation receipt may be issued to you.

3) St Michael School Reading Program

- a) Time 12:45 – 1:20
- b) Reading to Grade 2 and Grade 3-4 classes
- c) New teacher responsible, so more information expected shortly.

| Date | Readers |
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| April 21 | Dale Worrall |
| | Readers needed – call Art P |

4) Christchurch dinner

- a) Every Third Tuesday of Month – we're not needed April 21
- b) Prepare and Serve Meal – volunteers needed
- c) Preparation: start at 3:00 pm; Serve meal: Start at 4:45
- d) Contact Nancy

5) Candace told us about Nutana's upcoming 2nd annual Cow Plot Bingo fundraiser, Sunday, June 14, 2026. BBQ and entertainment start at 12 noon, cows enter the arena at 2pm. 1 Ticket for \$15, 4 for \$50. Grand Prize \$2000. Full details at www.rotarynutana.org . Tickets can be purchased by etransfer to: rdmacgill@icloud.com (PW cowplop)

Club Business

LobsterFest 2026 – Go to our website for tickets: <https://www.meewasinrotary.org/> Donations collected by Nancy Luross

As of Sunday, we've sold 39 tickets (15 for 28th and 24 for 29th)

Leanne updated us on the **Rotary Student Exchange program**. Saskatoon officially has an incoming student, coming to Saskatoon this fall. Giada Grimaldi, an Italian student, will be here for this upcoming school year. For hosting opportunities, contact Leanne for more information.

Program

Les introduced our speaker today, Candace Odishaw from the RC of Saskatoon Nutana. Candace has been in Rotary for 20 years and has served as President 3 times. Her career background has been primarily retail sales in the furniture business. Candace spoke to us today about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Click on [this link](#) to go directly to Saskatoon Nutana Rotary Club's page on the Imagination Library.

(Candace's Presentation is also attached separately)

For more information and a video, go to [Dolly Parton's Imagination Library site](#).

Nutana opened the registration process (and now closed it again) and has received several applications. They currently have 75 kids registered that aren't funded yet.

Candace is looking to raise funds for this outstanding project. She is asking us to consider the following: a \$1000 donation per year over 5 years ensures that 21 children per year have books mailed to them monthly. A \$2500 donation per year over 5 years funds 53 children per year.

Robert thanked Candace for joining us this morning and had her sign a book to be donated to St Michael school.

Upcoming Meetings

| Month | Theme, Coordinator and Meeting Status |
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Events

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| May 28-29/26 | Lobsterfest | Meewasin | Kris Tenaski |

Welcome Song

We welcome you today
 Good fellowship 'twill be
 We're glad you chose to begin your day
 With Meewasin Rotary

We hope that you will return
 And join with us again
 Fellowship at breakfast time
 With Meewasin Rotary

4-WAY TEST

Is it the Truth?
 Is it Fair to all concerned?
 Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
 Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

ROTARY GRACE

O Lord and giver of all good
 We thank you for our daily food
 May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
 Help us to serve Thee all our days

Task Groups/Committees - 2024-2025

Administration/ Executive —Meeting administration (program, facilities, meals, supplies)

Whetstone (President/Treasurer), Luross (J) (Secretary), Pagliarini (Past President)

Membership—Membership recruitment, engagement, and retention

Anne Luross (Lead)

Meeting Program (Speakers)

Leanne Kessler (Co-ordinator)

Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition

Worrall (Lead)

Social Media — Social Media, Event promotions, website management

Geneen, Loopkey, Luross (J), Pagliarini

Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications

Luross (N) (Lead) , John Benesh

Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs

Stefiuk, Postle, Kessler

Literacy—Postle (Lead)

Officers and Directors – 2023-2024

Board Executive/Officers:

President: Arthur Whetstone
Past President Luis Pagliarini
President Elect TBV
Treasurer Dale Worrall
Secretary John Luross

Directors:

Don Stefiuk
Nancy Luross
Anne Luross
Tom Geenen
Ron Loopkey

Monthly Themes for Program

"Rotary Connects the World"

Listed below are the Theme months and the Committee Chair for each month.

July – New Rotary Year

August – Membership

September - Education and Literacy

October - Economic and Community Development

November –Rotary Foundation

December –Disease Prevention and Treatment

January – Vocational Service

February –Peace and Conflict Prevention

March –Water and Sanitation

April –Maternal and Child Care

May –Youth

June –Rotary Fellowship

