



Official Bulletin of:
ROTARY CLUB OF SASKATOON MEEWASIN #22664



8B -3110 8th St East, Box 425 S7H 0W2
Founded: April 23, 1985
Meetings: Monday 0700

April 14, 2025

Maternal and Child Care Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Peter Tonge, Winnipeg [<https://rotarypeterdistrict5550.org/>]
President: Arthur Whetstone **Pres Elect:** Your Opportunity **Secretary:** Jahn Luross
Past President: Luis Pagliarini to serve **Treasurers:** Art Whetstone

Sergeant Luis Pagliarini Desk: John Benesh
Chair: Anne Luross

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 Art Postle (postle@sasktel.net).

Rotary Meeting

Location:
Grasswood Smittys
Highway 11 South/Grasswoods Road @ Esso

ONLINE- – click on the Google Meet link:
meet.google.com/ebn-mts-jvcu

Call to Order: Chair opened the meeting at 0700.

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

Guests: No guests



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Sergeant raised funds for the following:.

Happy and Sad. Nancy a great weekend with family; John B for his new granddaughter: Ron for memories for Ariel as a baby and for walk along the river; Art for being back after 2 weeks and for Sharon being back home after injury; Brent for Ron and family at dinner; John L for Lynn being here today; Anne for being in new home: Les for being going on a river cruise on Rhine next week and for grand gaughter’s basketball tournament and scoring

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) Your 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

Date	Readers
April 15	John and Nancy Luross
April 22	Easter Break
April 29	Anne Luross and Kris Tenaski
May	
May 6	
May 13	
May 20	
May 27	

4) RAP the GAP Fund Raising Campaign

- a) Email sent to all members.
- b) Matching grant to all donations, up to \$100,000
- c) All members are encouraged to support this Rotary Youth Project

5) Lobsterfest

- a) May 29 and 30
- b) Members are asked to think of who to invite.
- c) Goal is 350 participants.
- d) Nancy will be doing the Silent Auction. Contact Nancy.

6) Rock for RAP – Book Now

- a) **May 2/25 at Bethlehem High School @ 7:00 pm**
- b) Dance the night away at this 80s Prom Night – big hair, neon lights, and your favourite 80s music.
- c) Mark your calendars and be part of the difference!
- d) Click on this link [Buy Tickets](#)

7) District Conference 2025 Watch Party

- a) President’s Council is looking into holding a Watch Party for the Conference for Saskatoon and Area
- b) Dates:
 - i) May 9th, 2025 12:00pm - 3:45pm
 - ii) May 10th, 2025 9:00am - 4:30pm
- c) Conference Registration
 - i) Individual = \$50
 - ii) Watch Party = \$200
- d) Participants would register with the local watch party - NOT the conference
- e) Location: being investigated
- f) Cost: To Be Determined
- g) **Interest in attending?**

8) Joint Meetings – January and February

- a) North Proposal (So only 4 meetings for them)
- b) Members expressed interest in participating, even if it were only the two clubs.

Club Business

No club business

Program

Lynn Chotowetz worked for Hands at Work in Africa. They have established an organization (Sons and Daughters) to assist kids in care, which is part of Hands at Work international. Lynn grew up in Saskatchewan and worked for a oil company until they realized there were kids who were left behind because of the AIDS crisis. They left grandparent led families and over 100,000 child led families. One grandmother had over 13 kids in a one room home. People were stepping up to assist. How could they mobilize communities to assist families who were stepping up? They trained people in the communities to assist the families – but it changed from crisis living to hope.

When they came back in 2015 for a family emergency, they saw things differently. At this time, a Tina Fontaine was put into care and they put her into a hotel because there were no foster homes. She ended in Winnipeg where she was murdered. The number of people going into care is increasing while the number of homes was decreasing. The government started to open group homes, which don’t work to assist kids to integrate into society. Also, they are costly.

Their goal was: Can we have kids stay in families? Can they use the Africa model, where the community supports the families. Isolation is a reason that families break down. 80% of boys in jail are from the system and 75% of girls on the street were brought up in the system.

They work with churches to assist. They provide the training and connect them to families. Sons and Daughters work with birth moms who want to turn around, grandparents who want to raise their grand kids and foster families. They do a lot of training and match people to create a support system.

For more information:

<https://sonsdaughters.org/>

Upcoming Meetings

Month	Theme, Coordinator and Meeting Status
April	Maternal and Child Car
14	Lynn Chotowetz - Hands at work (Nancy)
21	Easter Monday – No Meeting
28	Chris Smith Striker Medical sharing about a supplement he’s developed to deal with MS. (Brent)
May	Youth Mont
5	Brenda Cameron - motherhood yxe program (Don Stefiuk)
12	
19	Victoria Day – No Meeting
26	
June	Rotary Fellowship
2	
9	Club Assembly – Budget and Plans for Year
16	
23	Change Over Meeting – No Morning Meeting
30	No Meeting

Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact
May 2, 2025	May 2/25 at Bethlehem High School @ 7:00 pm		RAP
May 9-10, 2025.	District 5550 Conference		Zoom
May 29-30, 2025	Lobsterfest 2025	Meewasin	Gordie Howe Bowl

Welcome Song

We welcome you today
 fGood 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

Fisher (Lead)

Social Media — Social Media, Event promotions, website management

Geneen (Co-lead), Loopkey (Co-lead), Luross (J), Pagliarini

Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications

Luross (N) (Lead) ,

Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs

Voldeng (Lead)

Literacy—Postle (Lead)

Officers and Directors – 2023-2024

Board Executive/Officers:

President: Arthur Whetstone
Past President Luis Pagliarini
President Elect TBV
Treasurer Arthur Whetstone

Secretary John Luross

Directors:

Peter Voldeng
Nancy Luross

Anne Luross
Robert Fisher

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