



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 24, 2023

Maternal and Child Care Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Fred Wright

President: Art Postle, Garth Courtney

Pres Elect: Luis Pagliarini

Secretary: Garth Courtney

Past President: Tom Geenen

Treasurers: Art Postle

Sergeant: Ron Loopkey

Desk: Garth/Art

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

ZOOM – Meewasin Rotary Club

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624852636?pwd=MjRlRkY2FkZWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHIvQT09>

ZOOM & Queen's House

601 Taylor Street West

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87214323627>

Meeting ID: 872 1432 3627

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If you have problems getting on Zoom call Garth at 306 229-3965 or Art P at 306 227-3013

Call to Order: The Chair opened the meeting at 0700, or thereabouts.

Attendance: There were 13 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

Guests: Tanya Baran . Rob Maguire, Jennifer, Gladys



The Sergeant raised funds for the following real or imagined offences: For telling sergeant to behave today; For not having a guest at meeting today; For wearing Rider gear.



Happy and Sad Dollars: Ron for Blades success; Garth for Tanya joining us from Ukraine; Anne for tulips being ½ foot high; Robert for 6 days left in tax-season; For oilers loss; For folks and grandchildren from China arriving this week; For Badge Shield and Star; Robert for upcoming Camp Easter golf tournament.

Announcements

A promotional poster for the "IMAGIN ACTION DISTRICT CONFERENCE" held from May 11-14, 2023. The poster has a dark blue background with a starry pattern. At the top, "IMAGIN ACTION" is written in large, bold, yellow and blue letters. Below it, the Rotary logo and "District 5550" are on the left, and "DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAY 11-14, 2023" is on the right. In the center, a cartoon blue and yellow bird is flying. Below the bird, the words "Early Special" are written in a large, pink, cursive font. At the bottom, "\$275 BEFORE MARCH 31ST" is written in blue, and "Register at rotarynutana.org" is written in yellow.

- 1) **SASKATOON FOOD BANK**
 - a) Next Opportunities: To be announced
- 2) **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.

3) Cell Phones

- a) John Benesh is collecting smart phones for the Mother and Baby centre. They will be used by mothers for appointments, etc.
- b) Drop off at Benesh, Bitz and company – Quebec Avenue.

4) Lobsterfest 2023

- a) Dates – May 25 and 26, 2003
- b) Place: Gordie Howe Bowl
- c) 50/50 ready soon. Waiting for licence. There will be some I-pads at the event for selling.
- d) Tickets: Purchase at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-rotary-club-of-saskatoon-meewasin-presents-lobsterfest-2023-tickets-619872805247>
- e)

5) 50-50 Challenge

- a) Ron challenges members to buy tickets early – this will create more interest in the tickets. He is buying \$100.
- b) Tickets will be available on line.
- c) The draw will be made at the first meeting after Lobsterfest.

6) Youth Exchange

- a) There is a plan in the works for a One-Way Student Exchange for Students from Ukraine.
- b) They are looking at 100 students.
- c) There will also be 2 one-way students from Venezuela

Club Business

Donation to the YWCA, Childcare Kitchen



The YWCA has a multimillion dollar campaign to expand shelter services for women and children.

Following the presentation to the Club last month, the YWCA provided Meewasin with information on specific areas that the club could assist.

The Service Committee and the Board of Directors have reviewed and approved a donation to the Hope Lives Here campaign.

An application for \$1,500 District Grant has been made to District 5550.

They are going to ask Harold's son regarding the use of the funds donated for Harold on this project.

MOTION

Mover/Seconder: Ken/Donna

That the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin donation of \$10,000 to the HOPE LIVES HERE YWCA campaign to fund the Childcare Kitchen, with \$5000 to be paid from the 2022- 2023 Budget and \$5,000 from the 2023-2024 Budget. CARRIED

Program

Tanya Baran is nurse in the Oncology Department at the RUH. She is a Ukrainian Patriot and currently working in Ukraine.

She was raised in Saskatoon and married to

She has been a paramedic to practical nurse to registered nurse.

Her mother tongue is Ukrainian.

Canadian Patriot was founded in 2022 after the invasion of Ukraine by a women from Saskatoon. She was in Ukraine and watched the tanks role into Kiev.

She reached out to Tanya and asked about medical questions. Her first visit was to assess needs. This is her 4th trip and will be staying in Ukraine

Ukrainian Patriot is more than just a group of concerned Ukrainians and internationals – we’re a movement. Our team members are working tirelessly to provide support and aid to those defending Ukraine and the civilians caught in the crossfire. But we’re not simply sending money – we’re physically on the ground, making deliveries every week. This means we can respond immediately to the greatest needs, and that your donations will have a direct impact on the people who need help the most.

When possible, these supplies are procured within Ukraine to reduce cost and delivery time. When this is not possible, they are expedited from international manufacturers and routed through our temporary warehouse in Lublin, PL before being delivered directly to the civilian battalions and humanitarian aid workers inside Ukraine.

Join the movement of people who are making a real, tangible difference in the lives of those most affected by this ongoing invasion.

Ukrainian Patriot is registered in Ukraine, the United States, Canada, and Australia.

5 Pillars:

- Humanitarian aide – food for people and pets,
- Protective gear



- Medicine
- PTSD and
- Rebuilding

She is currently in the Donetsk They are trying to get food and assistance to those in the area and those newly liberated.

The people are immensely resilient. Many have lost their homes, often more than once. They keep getting back up.

Despite having lost everything, they welcome the Patriots and offer assistance.

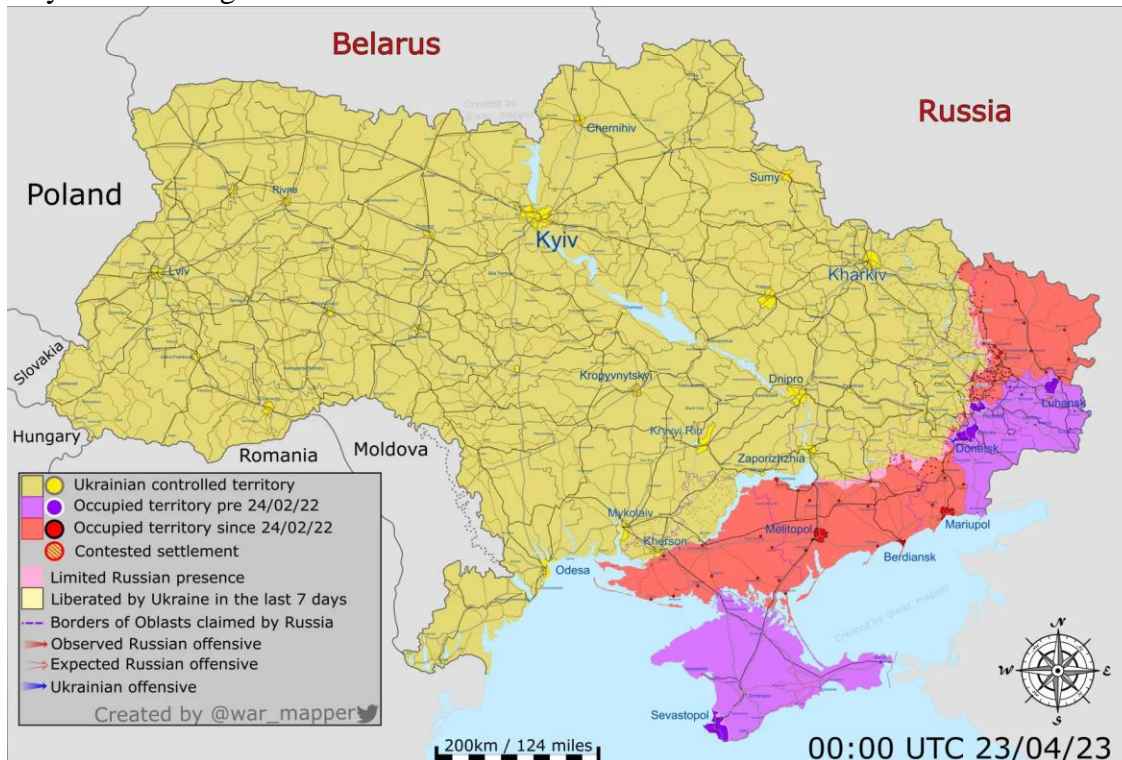
They are near the conflict area and hear gunfire and shelling. On her first visit she was in an area that was attacked by a missile, and was fortunate to have a near miss.

Recently their trip to the east where they packed up everything requested – food, medications, clothing, protective gear, etc to those in the Donetsk area that was under attack. Many have lost their jobs and have no shelter as the buildings have been bombed.

Their trips are in areas of danger. They have one driver and the others are on the lookout for danger. The roads are pitted with holes. There are mines so that they can't venture off main roads.

They currently have 2 warehouses of food, clothing, protective gear, medicine, basic necessities. When they are not on the road, they spend their time in the warehouse sorting materials.

They receive materials from around the world. There are currently volunteers from Canada, Australia. Shortly, they are receiving volunteers



They are a registered charity in Canada, Australia and US.

They have a big need for hygiene products – soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.

They try to spend time with the people in the area when they are on trips.

Upcoming Meetings

| Date | Speaker and Topic |
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| April | Water and Sanitation Month Coordinators: Benesh (Chair), Sutherland, Howland, Nancy Luross, Anne Luross, Tenaski, Muir |
| 24 | Tanya Baran will be joining via ZOOM from Ukraine. Tanya is Ukrainian Patriot. She is a volunteer working on the ground delivering medical, humanitarian and protective support to civilians in the form of protective gear, medicine and food and much more |
| May | Youth Month Coordinators: Voldeng (Chair), Klause, Kessler, McArthur |
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| 22 | Victoria Day. Have a Great Weekend |
| 29 | |
| June | Rotary Fellowship Month Coordinators: Luross, Whetstone, Loopkey, Geenen |
| 5 | Taylor Baier, Executive Director, Crocus Cooperative |
| 12 | Derek Kerr, Pastor and Executive Director of Community and Family Services, Salvation Army |
| 19 | In progress |
| 26 | Club Assembly |

Events

| Date | Event | Rotary Club | Information/Contact |
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| May 11-14, 2023 | Imagination – District 5550 District Conference | Nutana Rotary | Rotarynutana.org |
| May 25th and 26th | LobsterFest. Gordie Howe Bowl | Meewasin | |
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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

COMMITTEES FOR 2022-2023

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

Courtney (Chair and Club Secretary), Postle (Club Treasurer), Pagliarini (Incoming President)

Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition

Bailey (Chair), Fisher, Wilson, Birkmaier

Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative

Nair, Ferguson

Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative

Postle (Chair), Stefiuk, Berscheid, Clements

Membership—Membership recruitment, engagement, and retention

Club members as a whole

Public Relations—Club and event promotion, communications, website management

Luross (Chair and Website Administrator), Whetstone (Eyeopener Editor), Loopkey, Geenen

Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications

Benesh (Chair), Sutherland, Howland, Nancy Luross, Anne Luross, Tenaski, Muir

Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs

Voldeng (Chair), Klause, Kessler, McArthur

Officers and Directors – 2022-2023

Board Executive/Officers:

President: Garth Courtney, Art Postle
Past President Tom Geenen
President Elect Luis Pagliarini
Treasurer Art Postle
Secretary Garth Courtney
Ass't Secretary

Directors:

John Benesh
Peter Voldeng
Glen Bailey
John Luross

Monthly Speaker / Program - Members in Charge

"Rotary Connects the World"

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

July - Not assigned – New Rotary Leadership
August – Not assigned - Membership and New Club Development
September - Art Postle - Education and Literacy
October - John Luross - Economic and Community Development
November – Glen Bailey – Rotary Foundation
December – John Benesh - Disease Prevention and Treatment
January – Luis Pagliarini/ Peter Voldeng - Vocational Service
February – Glen Bailey – Peace and Conflict Prevention
March – John Benesh – Water and Sanitation
April – Garth Courtney – Maternal and Child Care
May – Peter Voldeng – Youth
June – John Luross – Rotary Fellowship