



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 8, 2024**

**Maternal and Child Care Month**

**Rotary: Making a Difference**

**District Governor (5550):** Sonja Susut, Moose Jaw

**President:** Luis Pagliarini

**Pres Elect:** Art Whetstone

**Secretary:** Garth Courtney

**Past President:** A. Postle, G. Courtney

**Treasurers:** Art Postle

**Sergeant:** Ron Loopkeys

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:postle@sasktel.net)).

**Rotary Meeting**

**ZOOM – Meewasin Rotary Club**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624852636?pwd=MjRRTY2FQWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHlvQT09>

**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:** Chair opened the meeting at 0700.

**Attendance:** There were 15 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

**Guests:** John Phiri (Zambia)



The Sergeant raised funds for the following: For buying or not buying fine tickets , For President for buying his second house since coming here ;For going on winter vacation; For being late.



Happy and Sad Dollars. Ron for friend who friend who passed away; Ron for the Rush, who still have playoff hopes and for the Blades; Jenny whose husband was here for the weekend; Robert for the great curling; Donna for the great curling and for the women's basketball player; Donna for finding \$4 theatre tickets on Fridays for everyone; Hari for visit with David Russell who is doing well and for the snow being gone; John L for taking grandkids who learned to paint Easter eggs and surviving 2 night sleep over of grandkids; Garth for friend who is now 101 years old; Les for the Aboriginal track meet; Luis for new house with grass to cut and snow to clean; Art for holiday and for upcoming knee replacement.

## 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) Meals on Wheels

- a) Contact Nancy Luross regarding signing up or the schedule for Meals on Wheels [--nancy.l@sasktel.net](mailto:nancy.l@sasktel.net) or 306 381-4342
- b) Volunteer Schedule full to end of March.
- c) The route has been expanded with more deliveries.

### 3) St Michaels Reading Program

- a) Volunteers needed. .
- b) Contact Art P or Garth if you can volunteer.
- c) You need to have a police check completed to be able to volunteer.
- d) Volunteers are needed on April 9

### 4) Wine Tasting

- a) Plan for late November
- b) Meeting by Zoom with the PA Club, who have hosted a very successful event for several years.
- c) They have 15 sponsors, which covers all costs before they sell a ticket.
- d) Tentative booking – December 12/24

e) Focus will be on the chef. Will be at the Delta Marriot (old radission).

5) Lobsterfest

- a) Have 2 non-profits who have agreed to sell tickets.
- b) Have contacted others and waiting for response. Want 2 more organizations.
- c) Providing \$20 per ticket that they sell.
- d) Maximum number is 325 people.
- e)

## Club Business

### BCBC (Bridge City Bicycle Cooperative)

The BCBC has applied for funding. They have provided financial information and did an in person presentation to the members at a meeting. The Service Committee recommends funding this Project. (Ken, Kris, Nancy and John unanimous).

Bill Henley provided information on the recycling component, the direction to providing services for relief of poverty component and community benefit component. Bill Henley provided statistics 2017 to 2023.

They want to hire someone to take bicycles from the Recovery Centre (the Dum) and refurbish them. They have several partners including schools, youth organization and the recycling centre. The benefit will be to the community, youth, etc.

Their total budge is for \$8000. They are asking for \$6000. Funding the Project will make a difference. The service provided by BCBC is sustainable.

If we get the grant, the total costs to the club would be \$4500.

### **Motion: CARRIED**

Mover/Secunder: John Benesh, Nancy Luross

That the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin support the Project for the Rotary year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$6,000;

Further, that the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin make application for a District 5550 grant for this Project for the Rotary year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$1,500.

## Program

John Phizi from Zambia provided members with information about Zambia and his area. John is a trained technician, social worker and photographer. He has worked in several industries and with international partners for social and community development, who supported his work.



## Community Empowerment

### Through Skills Development A Focus On The Luanshya Community



The area is in transition from mining (which is closing) to agriculture. They needed to find a way to deal with the unemployment from the closure of the mines. He is working with several advisors and trainers in his projects. They have worked on several projects, utilizing his various skills.



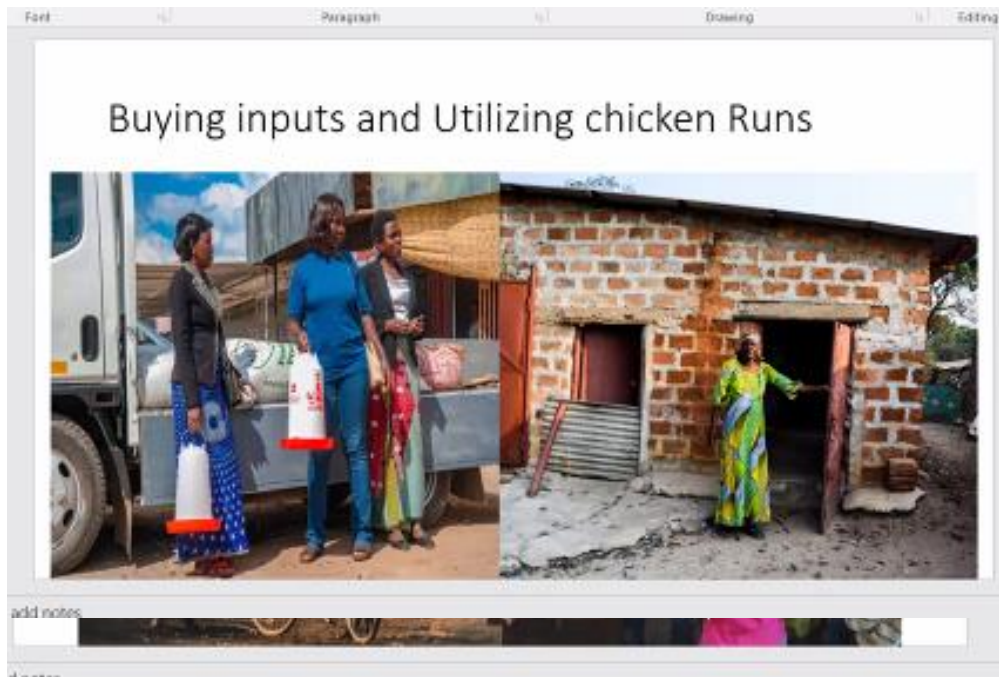
### What we have done so far

- ✓ With Luanshya my town Page we have used the platform through photography and interaction to bring about awareness of what the town holds, where it has come from and the challenges and opportunities.
- ✓ We have done the “Touch A Child Campaign” where we contributed and donated to the vulnerable community. The idea of touch a child was conceptualized after going round the community and seeing the needs.
- ✓ Through our page, someone from outside the country saw our works and reached out to us so that they can be part of the solution to our community problems.

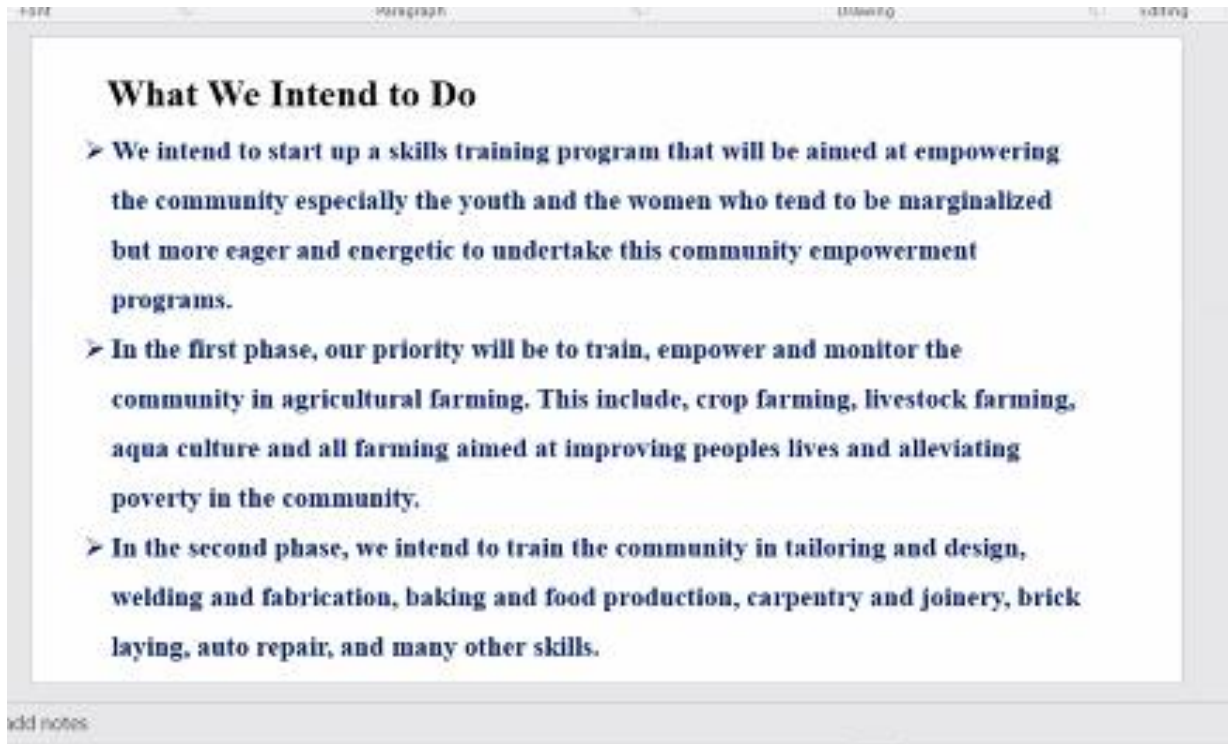
The Touch of Child provided shoes, school supplies food, etc. for the children.



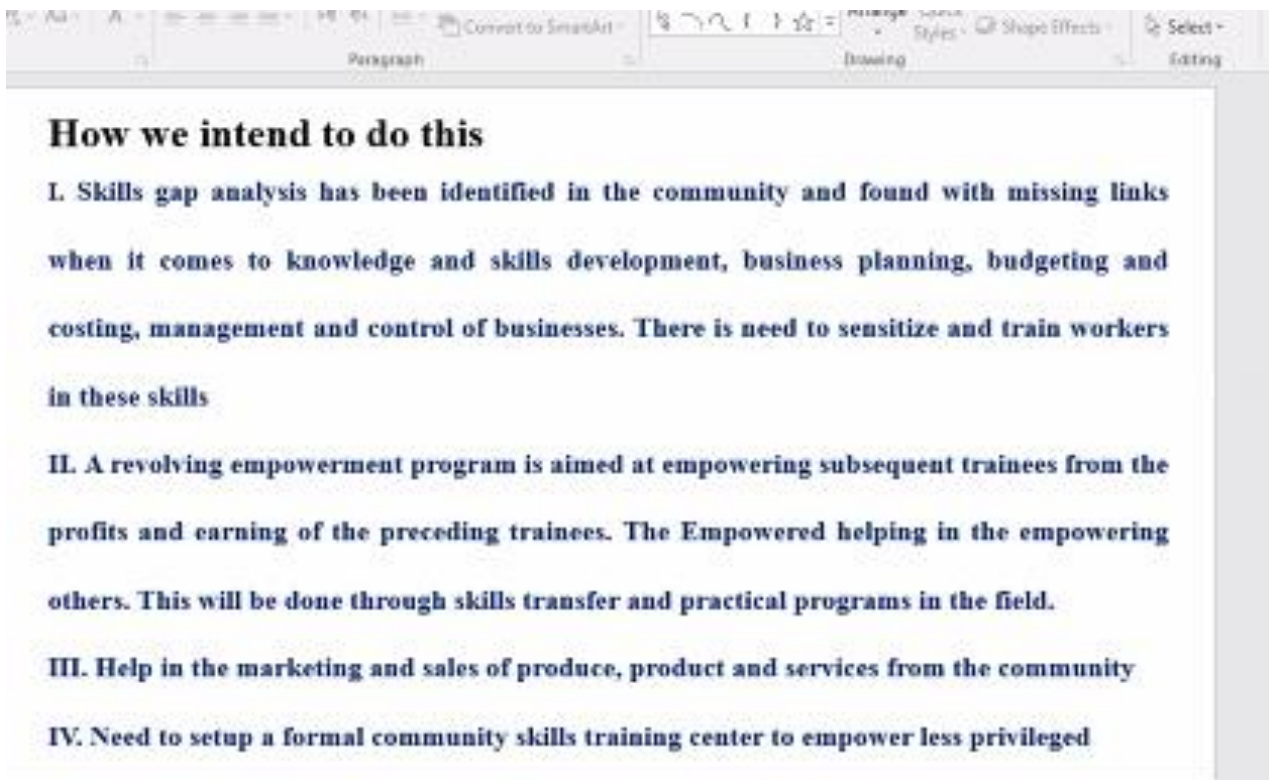
Women are the backbone of the country. They supported them to assist their families and community. Their idea was to empower and enable the women. They worked with an International organization who funded the project – they assisted them to raise and sell chickens.



They want to do more. The second phase will be to train women in carpentry and food production.

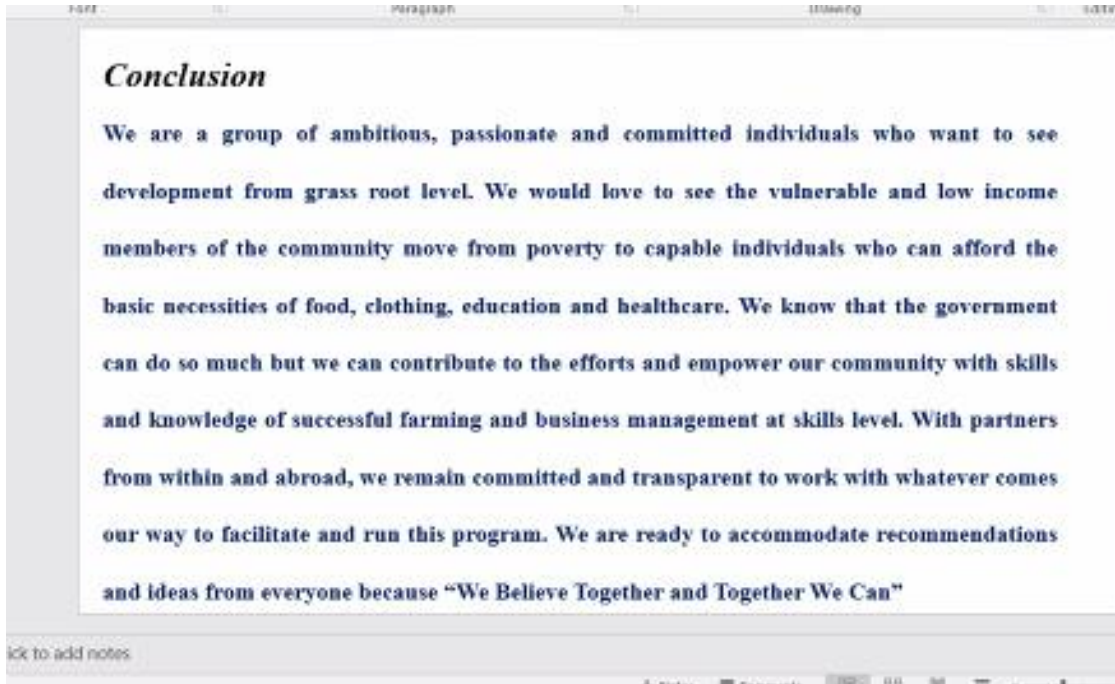


They will provide training in selling. They may also may need to establish markets for them to sell their products. They also are considering markets near the border to sell to others.



Their training has been practical and in the field. They also need to have a training place.

The government can do some work, but the community can also assist through supporting and enabling the



community and the vulnerable to work. The government has facilitated by providing access to markets and supermarkets to sell their chickens.

**Upcoming Meetings**

<b>April</b>	<b>Maternal and Child</b> Anne Luross (Chair) Lawrence, Klause
1	Easter Monday. Happy Easter everyone
8	April 8...Jenny is arranging
s15	April 15 club assembly
22	April 22 Peter asked Big Brothers and Sisters
29	April 29 Kerry Williams on Maternal health
<b>May</b>	<b>Youth Month</b> Voldeng (Chair), Kessler, Nair, Paproski
5	TBA
13	TBA
20	No meeting. Happy Birthday Victoria
27	TBA

**Events**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Rotary Club</u>	<u>Information/Contact</u>
May 23 & 24	Lobsterfest 2024	Meewasin	

## 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

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## 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?

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## 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

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## COMMITTEES FOR 2023-2024

**Administration/ Executive —Meeting administration (program, facilities, meals, supplies)**  
Pagliarini (President) Courtney ( Secretary), Postle (Club Treasurer), Whetstone (President-elect)

**Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition**  
Fisher (Chair) McArthur, Bailey, Wilson, Muir

**Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative**  
Ferguson, Birkmeier

**Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative**  
Postle (Chair), Stefiuk, Berscheid

**Membership—Membership recruitment, engagement, and retention**  
Anne Luross (Chair) Lawrence, Klause

**Public Relations—Club and event promotion, communications, website management**  
John Luross (Chair and Website Administrator), Whetstone (Eyeopener Editor),  
Loopkey, Geenen



**Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications**

Benesh (Chair), Howland, Nancy Luross, Tenaski,

**Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs**

Voldeng (Chair), Kessler, Nair, Paproski

**Officers and Directors – 2023-2024**

**Board Executive/Officers:**

President: Luis Pagliarini  
Past President Garth Courtney, Art Postle  
President Elect Arthur Whetstone  
Treasurer Art Postle  
Secretary Garth Courtney  
Ass't Secretary John Luross  
Ass't Treasurer Vacant

**Directors:**

John Benesh  
Peter Voldeng  
John Luross  
Anne Luross  
Robert Fisher

**Monthly Speaker / Program - Members in Charge**

*"Rotary Connects the World"*

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

September - Art Postle - Education and Literacy  
October - John Luross - Economic and Community Development  
November – Robert Fisher – Rotary Foundation  
December – John Benesh - Disease Prevention and Treatment  
January – Luis Pagliarini/ Peter Voldeng - Vocational Service  
February – Art Whetstone – Peace and Conflict Prevention  
March – John Benesh – Water and Sanitation  
April – Anne Luross – Maternal and Child Care  
May – Peter Voldeng – Youth  
June – John Luross/ Garth Courtney – Rotary Fellowship