



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



August 22, 2022

Membership 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: Brent Klaus

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](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=MjRlRkY2FkZWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHlvQT09>

**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 16 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

**Guests:** Kate Kessler, Janet Postle

### **Moment of Silent for Harold Empey**

The President called for a moment of silence to remember Harold Empey, and his service to the club, rotary, community.



The members joyfully reached into their pockets (some virtually) to donate to the Foundation for: Funds given In honour of Harold Empey; Les for blocking traffic at the show and shine because he has old cars; Ken for letting his house being torn down.



Ian for a 2 week visit from his son and family, for a book by his son; and for the successful replacement of his 9.5 year old pace-maker battery; For his daughter's success in school and for being engaged; In memory of Harold and his seminar on how to build your own home; Leanne in memory of Harold and for her son's travels for soccer and their success at the nationals; John for a great trip to his sons cabin and Nancy catching the largest fish; For a great trip to Mosaic Stadium, but sorry for the loss; Les for his upcoming trip to Kamloops to the 55+ games; Art P for a trip to visit family in Calgary, and a wedding – their granddaughter was on the BC soccer team at the Canada Summer Games. Robert has sold house and will be moving; Ken for trip to wedding in Winnipeg; John B for trip to Jumbo Hut.

## **Announcements**

### **1) RAP Expands Services**

- a) RAP will be adding one additional Facilitator in 2022-2023 who will provide services to two schools in the Saskatoon Public School Division, bringing the number of schools served by RAP to 9 schools.
- b) Nutana and Centennial Collegiates are the two schools that will be added in 2022-2023.



### **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) Your may bring the backpacks to the meeting to give to John B.

### **3) Meewasin Rotary-Saskatoon Food Bank Service Project**

- a) Address: 2510 Jasper Ave S, Bay 7 (Same building as Kelly's Kafe)
- b) NEXT Opportunity:
  - i) Saturday, June 18 – Volunteers needed
- c) Contact Garth to sign up – Rotarians, Family and Friends welcome



**4) 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.

**5) Meal Prepayment**

- a) Board discussed and approved.
- b) There are 14 meetings up to December 31,
- c) The Cost would be \$140 to prepay the meals.

**6) Your Announcement Here**

- a)

**7) Your Announcement Here**

- a)

**Club Business**

**Tribute to Harold Empey**

It is with much sadness that Meewasin Rotary acknowledges the passing of Harold Empey on Friday, July 29 at his home at Preston Park 11.

Harold lived the Rotary 4-Way Test of “Service Above Self” to a degree that many of us can only aspire to. His contribution to our Rotary Club, Rotary District and Rotary International(RI) is immeasurable.

“Mr. Dessert Man” gave our annual Lobsterfests a special feature that was looked forward to by our patrons. Albeit, Betty, his wife who predeceased Harold in 2012, and the crew who did the work made sure it was a success.

Harold was District Governor for District 5550 in 1992/93, he helped train incoming District Governors for Rotary International for several years, he represented the RI President at many spring District conferences, he was part of a team that introduced Rotary to Russia and he was the counsellor for Hari Nair, a club member, who came to Canada on a Rotary scholarship. Hari became an “adopted son” to Harold and Betty and Harold presided at the wedding of Hari and Chrystel Olivier.

Harold was an ardent supporter of the Rotary Foundation attaining the status of Major Donor. In addition to providing his own funds Harold was one who “coaxed” all of us to support Rotary or other community efforts such as Oliver Lodge. When it came to buying an item at an auction Harold was often heard to say “You have not made a donation until you have paid more than the value of the item.”

Harold has received The Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal and many other awards in recognition of his volunteer efforts throughout Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Canada.

These are but a few memories of Harold and it is hoped that as you read these comments it will bring back your own memories of Harold and his impact on your life.



Well done true and faithful servant.

## **ShelterBox and Rotary!**

The following is a brief description of ShelterBox and it's close liaison with Rotary as described on the ShelterBox website.

"ShelterBox and Rotary officially became project partners in disaster relief in 2012. This partnership is instrumental to Rotary's disaster response strategy. One of the most important elements of the relationship is the opportunity for Rotary members to serve countries worldwide affected by disasters. By working together, we're able to combine resources to support communities around the globe immediately after a disaster, and make a start on long-term recovery"

"Rotary is the cornerstone on which ShelterBox is built, and remains in the DNA of everything that ShelterBox does. It was a Rotarian's "people of action" spirit that founded ShelterBox, and because of Rotary's vast global network, the two organizations have helped over 1.6 million people in 100 countries. More recently the partnership has ensured that lifesaving shelter and aid has helped families who needed protection from the threat of the coronavirus and the ravages of the war."

## **Coop Gift Cards**

The Board recommended that we purchase \$10000 in Coop Gift cards, which cost us \$9000.

Motion: Ian/Ken

That the Club purchase another \$10,000 in Coop Gift cards. CARRIED

## **Program**

Kate Kessler provided members with her most memorable moments on her Egypt trip.



Kate thanks the members for sponsoring her trip to Egypt.

She presented the Club with a banner from the Rotary District that sponsored the trip.

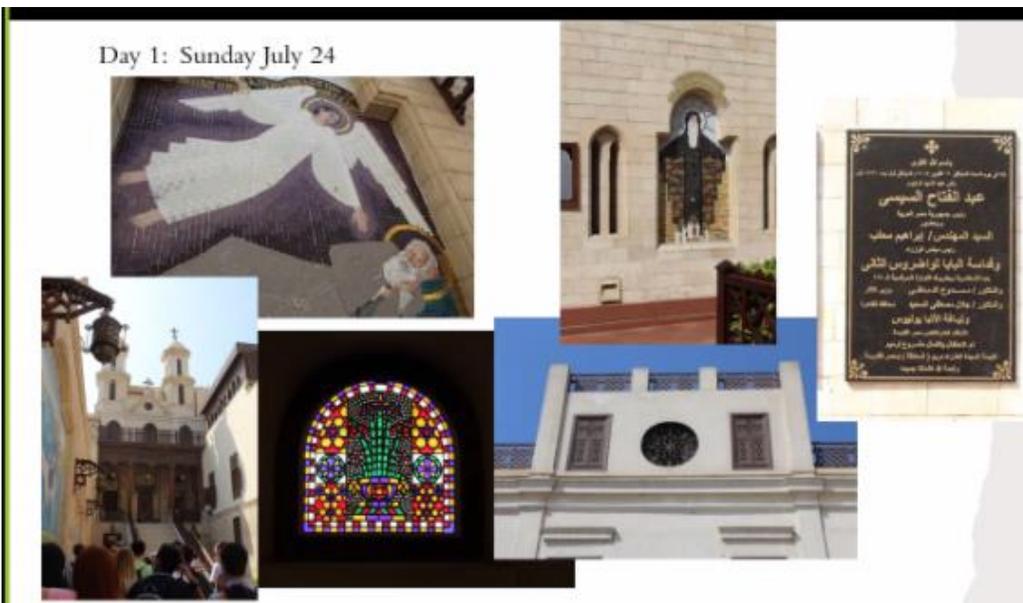
There were 56 participants from 23 countries.

She left Saskatoon on July 22 and returned on August 2.



The journey to Egypt

All flights were on time. Her bag arrived but was the last off. Most of the return flights were on time.



She visited two churches and a museum on the first day. They didn't visit the mosque because of the heat. The churches were from different time periods. There was a lot of mosaic tiles. The writing in Arabic. The second church as Greco-Roman. The myth is that the Virgin Mary hid out with the baby Jesus for 3 months in the small church.



They visited the National Museum of Egyptian Civilisation. There were mummies and several sarcophagi.



The went to the Pyramids the second day. It was very hot. They were able to go inside one of the pyramids. To get inside, you climb up the outside, then you enter a tunnel which leads to a ramp that goes up. It took 4-5 minutes to climb up. It was not tall and so you walked hunched over.

Day 2: Monday July 25



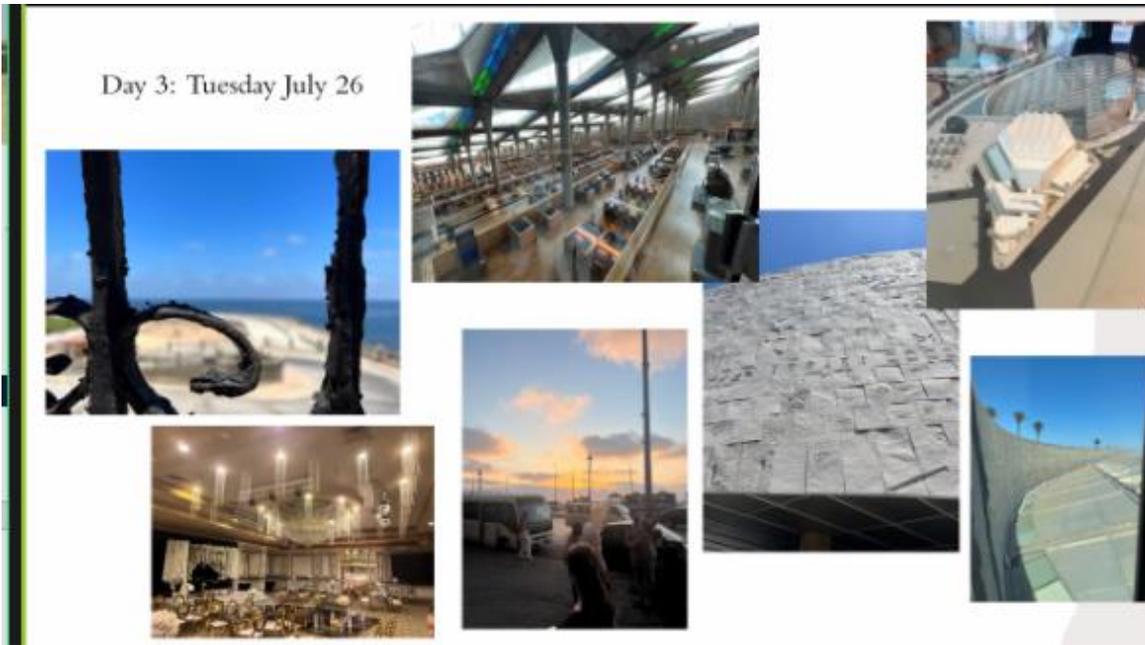
After the pyramid, they got a ride on camels. Camels stink and spit. They have a long stride.

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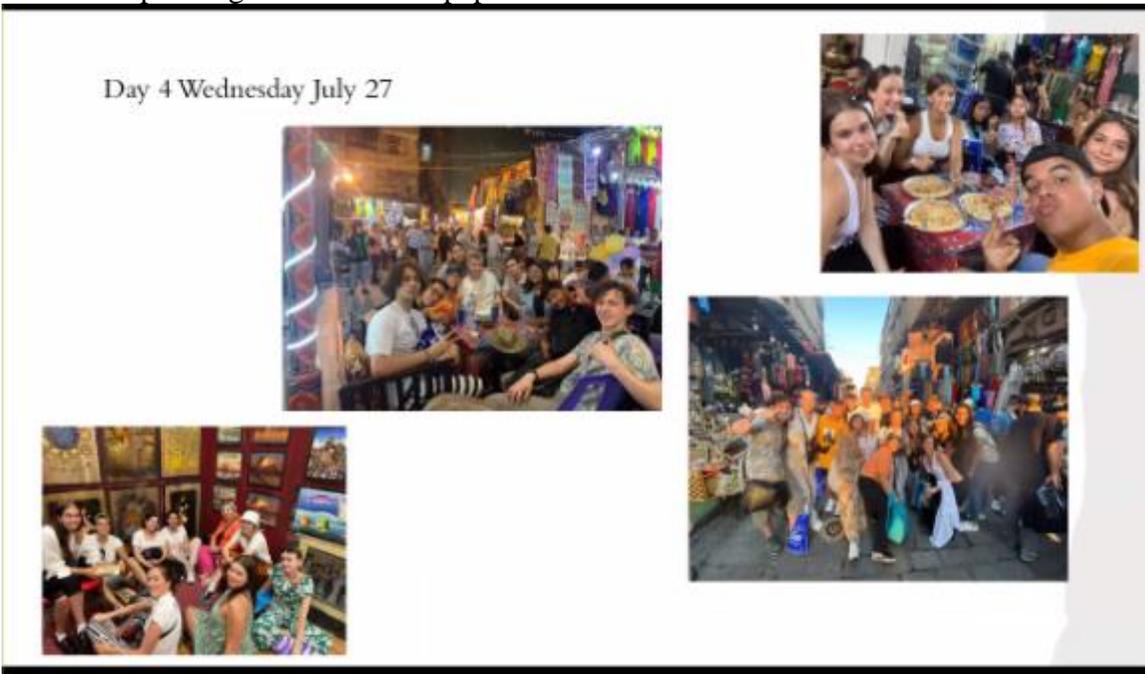


They stopped at the Sphinx on the way out. They didn't stop as they were short of time.

Day 3 was a road trip to Alexandria. They visited the Alexandria Library (the first 4 photos). They had supper at a wedding venue. They were asked to participate in traditional dances.



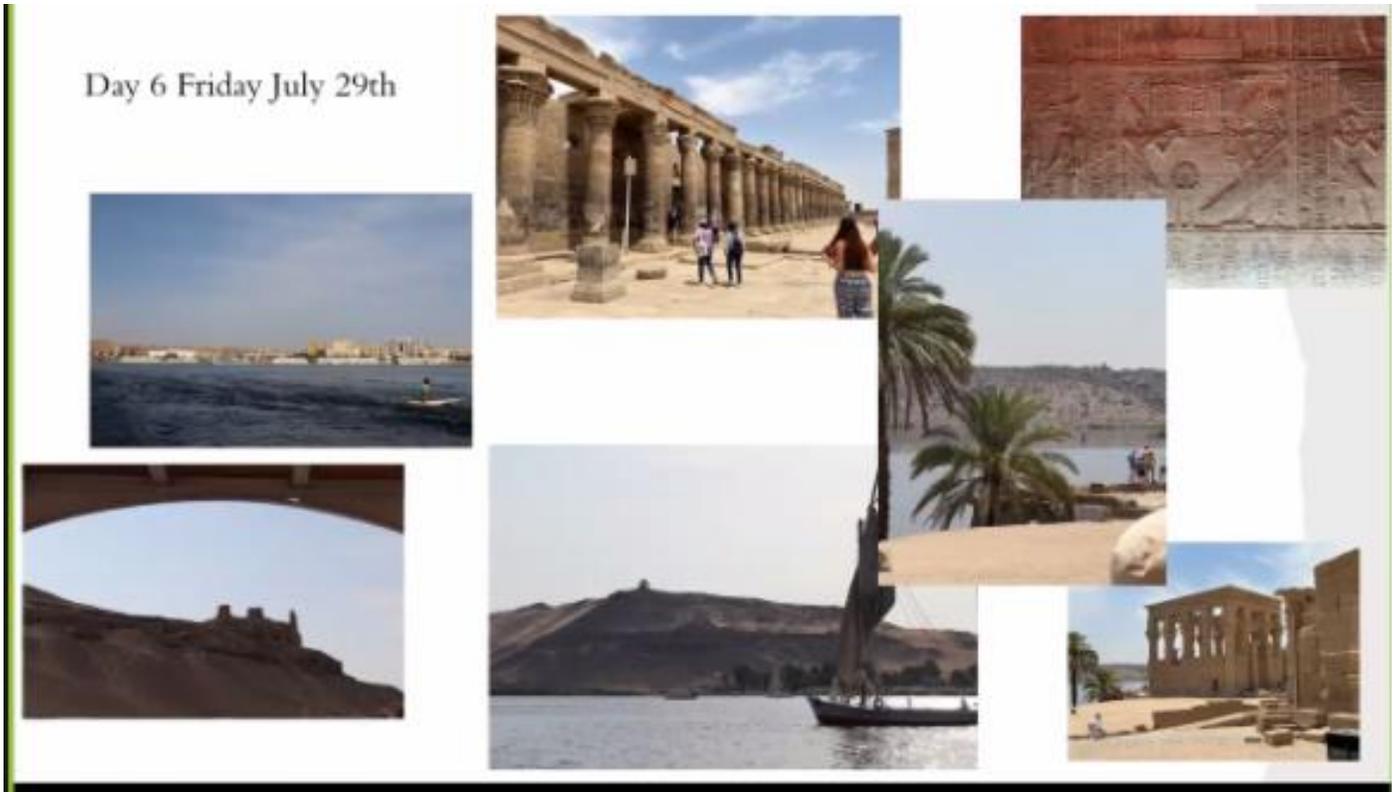
The Bazaar was chaotic. It is a colourful and loud place with many streets lined with shops TShe bought traditional paintings on traditional paper.



The next day they visited a mega mall. Then the drove to Aswan, a 14-hour drive. Egypt is flat like Saskatchewan. They visited several temples. There, they checked into the cruise ship, for their cruise to Luxor.

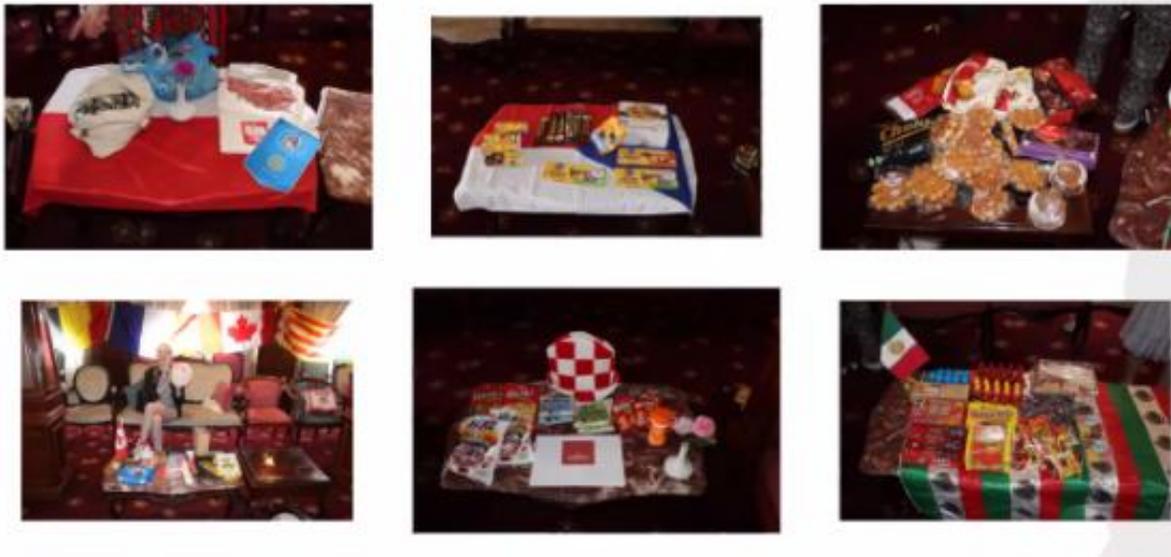
They visited a village on the way. Most buildings are sand coloured. There were no cars and the building were brightly coloured. The rode camels.





On Day 7, they shared treats from their countries. They took maple syrup, etc.

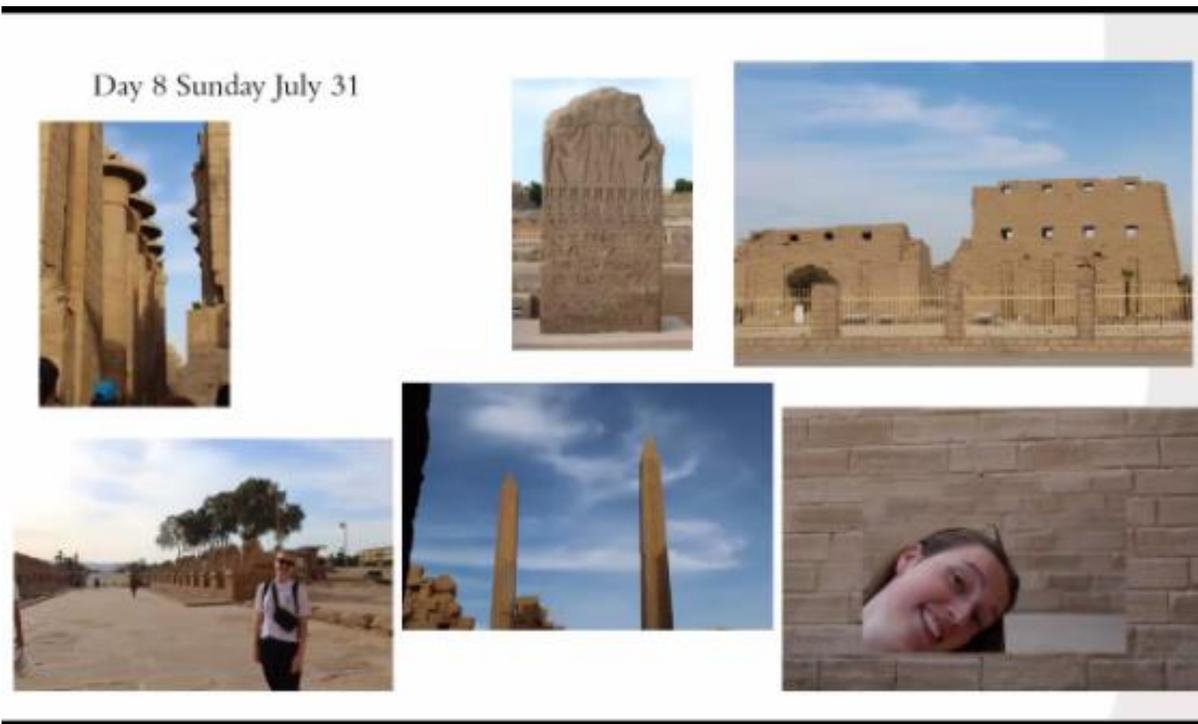
Day 7 Saturday July 30



The had a kitchen where they cooked some for each other. The Italians made delicious spaghetti.



In Luxor, they visited the Luxor temples. There are 3 temples, one for Ramses, his wife and his son. The last temple was not complete.



The next day they drove back to Cairo, for their trip home.

She thanks members again for memorable journey. The members complimented her on her presentation.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Date	Speaker and Topic
<b>August</b>	<b>Membership and New Club Development Month</b>
22	
29	No Meeting
<b>September</b>	<b>Basic Education and Literacy Month</b>
5	Labour Day – No meeting
12	
19	
26	
<b>October</b>	<b>Economic and Community Development</b>
3	
10	Thanksgiving – No Meeting
17	
24	
31	

**Events**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Rotary Club</u>	<u>Information/Contact</u>

**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),

**Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative**

**Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative**

Postle (Chair),

**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),

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

Benesh (Chair), Sutherland

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

Voldeng (Chair),

### 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"*

	Rotary Month Theme	2022-2023
July	<i>Start of new Rotary year</i>	
	Canada Day	
August	<i>Membership and New Club Development</i>	

	<b>Rotary Month Theme</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
September	<i>Basic Education and Literacy, (Corn Roast)</i>	
	Labour Day	
October	<i>Economic and Community Development</i>	
	Thanksgiving	
November	<i>Rotary Foundation</i>	
	Remembrance Day	
December	<i>Disease Prevention and Treatment, (Club Elections)</i>	
	Christmas, Boxing Day	
January	<i>Vocational Service,</i>	
	New Years Day	
February	<i>Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution</i>	
	Family Day (Third Monday)	
March	<i>Water and Sanitation</i>	
	Easter (??)	
April	<i>Maternal and Child Health</i>	
	Easter (??)	
May	<i>Youth Service</i>	
	Victoria Day (Third Monday)	
June	<i>Rotary Fellowships</i>	