



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
 @ Heritage Inn

August 10, 2020
Membership and New Club
Development Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Fred Wright
President: Tom Geenen **1st VP:** TBD **Secretary:** Garth Courtney
Past President: Hari Nair **2nd VP:** TBD **Treasurer:** Art Postle, Glen Bailey

Sergeant: Hari Nair **Desk:** Virtual Desk

Service Above Self

DONATION IN LIEU OF MEETING EXPENSES

- a) E-mail Transfer from Bank Account
 - a. Send to Rowasin Foundation using the email: rowasin2020@gmail.com
 - b. If there is an option to send an email to a second party send it to rfisher@leafandstone.ca.
 - c. If not an option, email (rfisher@leafandstone.ca) or text or call Robert at 306 222-8399
- b) Credit Card
 - a. For a credit card call Robert and he will handle it

One way or the other YOU need to advise Robert of your contribution

Meewasin Rotary Readers Schedule		Meals on Wheels	
Wednesday (St. Michael's, 1:00 p.m.)		Monday (1100 am pickup – City Hospital)	
		June	Volunteers under 65 years may
		July	deliver meals. Inform Meals
		August	Coordinator at 306-655-4323

* Meals Wheels Contact: Volunteer Service Department - Dawna Shand - (306) 655-4323

Rotary Meeting

Call to Order: The Chair opened the meeting at 0800 on Zoom.

Attendance: There were 14 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

Guests: No guests

Sergeant: Tom started the meeting 2 minutes late. Al for being late joining the meeting. Donna for making people wait to see them. Renate for cutting his top Arthur W for not turning on camera. Ron for being late. All other to send in double the normal fine.



Happy and Sads: Garth for 80th Birthday and having 3 parties; Leanne for being one of 9 chosen people to attend a hockey game live in a rink; Renata for being back at work after being laid off for 4 months; Hari for the field test progressing OK, but growing slowly; John for building a 48 foot fence with son in law and now feeling the pain today.

Payment of Fines: At end of month, each person will send Robert their fines. See above on how to do this.

Announcements

ZOOM MEETING CONNECTION

Topic: Meewasin Rotary Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83779028882?pwd=MWtTeGxKZSsvY2cwdVVRQ0FuVXMzQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 7902 8882

Passcode: 284547

1) Rotary Reader for Monday August 17, 2020

Garth Courtney. Alternate Hari Nair

Club Business

Rotary Minute (Jay Cowsill)

Service Above Self has the motto since 1911, and the official motto since 1989.

Universities have been core recruiting grounds for service clubs. They are seen as way to build business networks. As most university folks don't see themselves as business people, they don't see them as relevant to them.

Rotary has business people but also many professionals. Meewasin has had some outstanding members from the University. The best way to promote

Program

Pauline Perreault an active Rotarian in Edmonton today providing Youth Exchange Leadership across North America.

Pauline spent her Rotary year in the former East Germany in 1988. This was a mere 4 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall. She shared stories from her experience and host families of what life was like for those who woke up one morning to a wall separating them from the rest of the country; she spoke about the German Democratic Republic and shared rare insights into this historic time.



*Living in the former DDR
Deutsche Demokratische Republik
(1949-1990)*

Pauline Perreault, RC of Edmonton South

Mini History of DDR

- ◆ Included Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Brandenburg, Berlin (except west-Berlin), Sachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt & Thuringen
- ◆ 1949 - after the end of WWII, Soviet occupation
- ◆ Command economy - 41 years
- ◆ Wall came down November 9, 1989
- ◆ October 3, 1990 Tag der Deutschen Einheit (national reunification day)

Berlin - divided



The Berlin Wall was in Berlin. It was the wall plus barbed wire. There is a section of the wall that has been kept as a memorial. Most of the wall was just watch towers, and some fencing.



Her host city was in Schwerin, half way between Hamburg and Berlin. The school was centuries old and served as a hospital in WWII.

The wall appeared almost overnight. Families were separated. They had to apply to cross the border to visit family. A major concern was that people would not come back.

All media was controlled by the state.

For vacation, the dream vacation was Cuba. East Germans could not travel to Cuba. They could only visit countries behind the Iron Curtain.

When the Iron Curtain fell, East Germany had the highest proportion of entrepreneurs. Their hosts retained their butcher shop. However, they did not determine the amount and type of meat that they got. They did manage the types of meat so that their customers got the type of meat they wanted for special occasions or weekends.

The shelves of grocery stores were often nearly empty. People would have to line up for food.

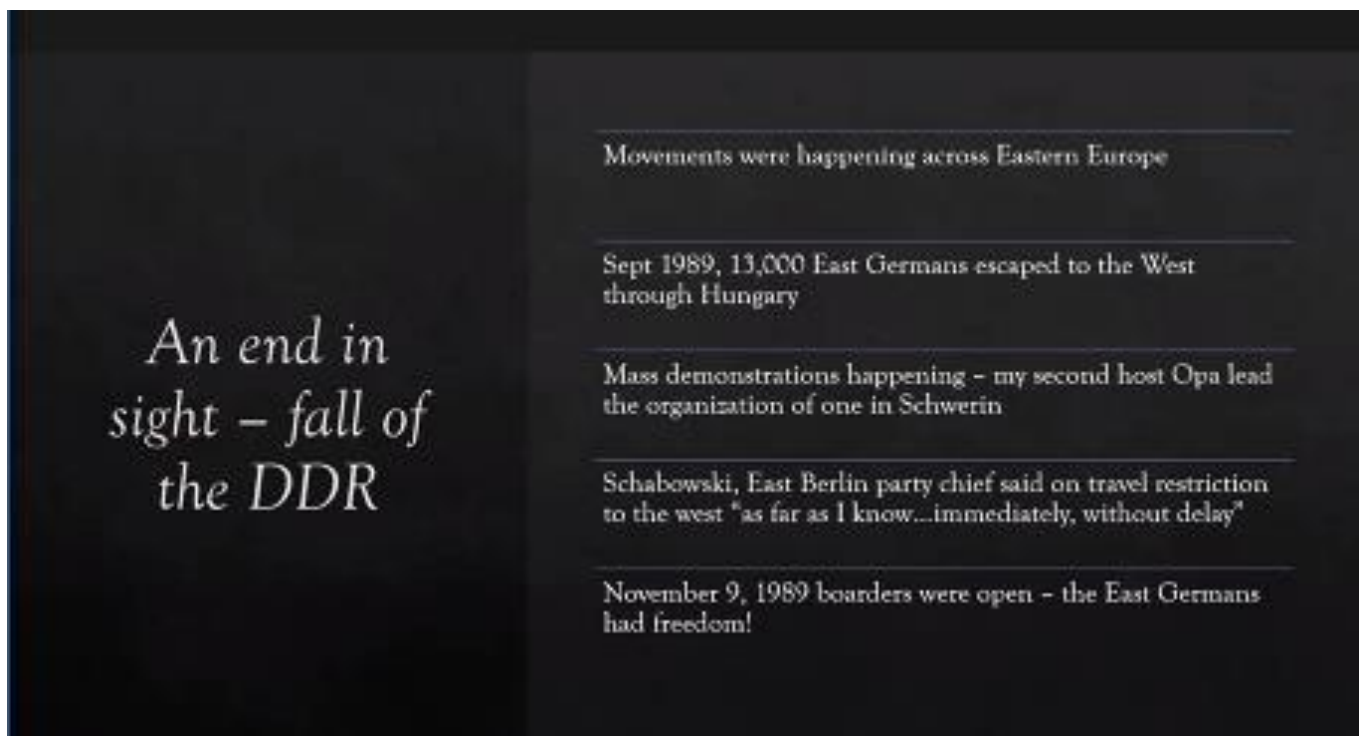
Their host family had to create their own underground economy to survive. They made arrangements with other family and people friends. For example, for corduroy pants, they made an arrangement with the owner to exchange meat for the pants.

A person couldn't just build a house. Many people would have a garden house just outside the city. He was only allowed to build a 40 square meter house. He arranged for his mother to purchase the lot next to his. He built a larger house and was fined for building a larger house. He got his building materials in the underground economy.

Her host mother and her sister went to Budapest. They met some women from Vienna. They were given some western magazines. These were discovered and charged with having none socialist reading material.

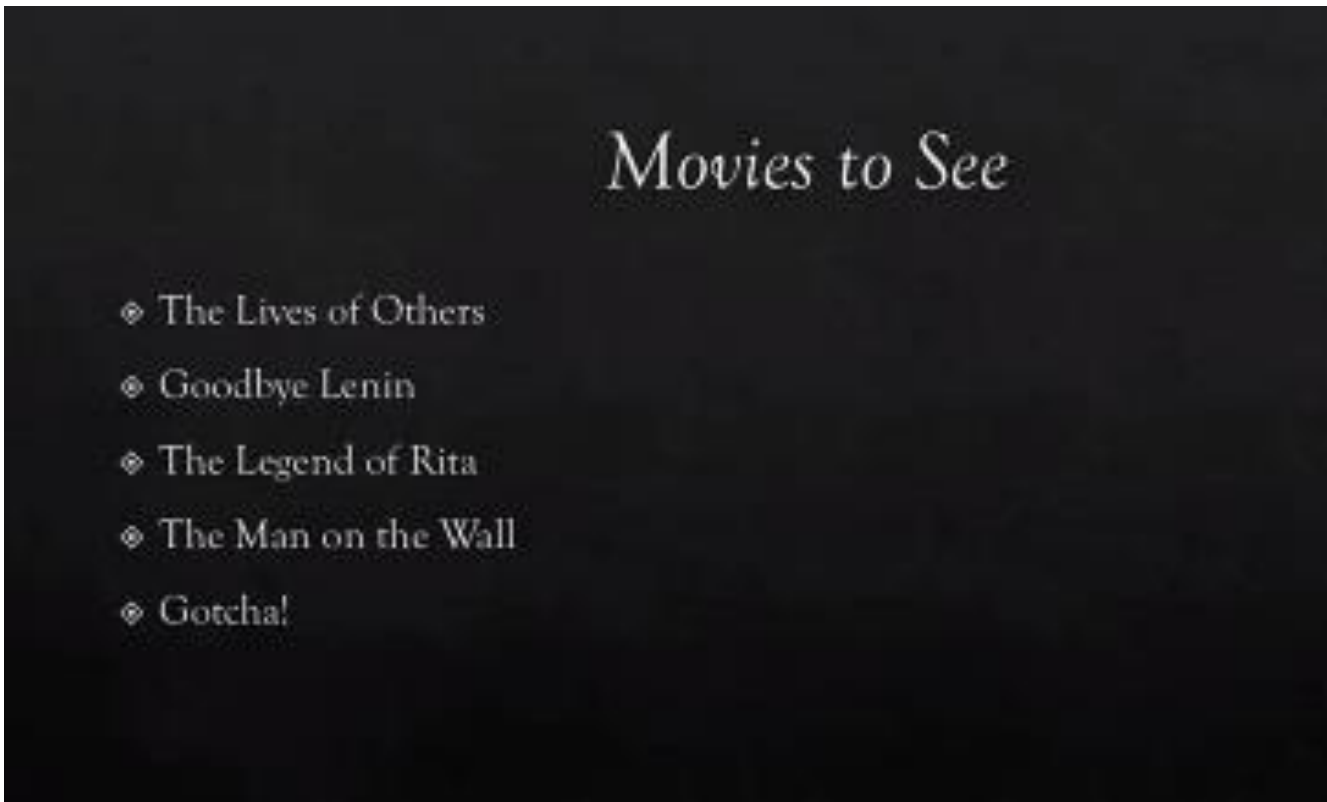
Her host family could get western TV by jiggling the antennae.

The homes were often bugged. Her host father was subjected to special observation because of he was a business person and because of the way he got his extra materials for his garden house. After the collapse, he requested his files. His file was a cart load of files. Most of it was trivial.



After the fall, many of the Stazi left and some committed suicide.

If you want to learn more about this period in Germany. The following are some great movies about this period.



Meeting

Date	Program/Activity
August	Membership and New Club Development Coordinators: TBD
3	No meeting
10	Pauline Perreault
17	Zoom Meeting
24	
31	
September	Basic Education and Literacy Coordinators: TBD
7	
14	
21	
28	

Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact

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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

Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin
Monthly Speaker / Program Assignments for 2020-2021

Month	Monthly Rotary Theme	Members in Charge	
2020			
July	Start of new Rotary year	TBD	
August	Membership and New Club Development (DG Visit?)		
September	Basic Education and Literacy (Corn Roast?)		
	Note: No meeting Labour Day Sep 3		
October	Economic and Community Development		
	Note: No meeting Thanksgiving Oct		
November	Rotary Foundation		
	Note: No meeting Nov 11		
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment, (Club Elections)		
	Note: No meetings Dec 30		
2021			
January	Vocational Service, (Evening social?)		
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution		
	Note: No meeting Family Day Feb 18		
March	Water and Sanitation		
April	Maternal and Child Health, (AIT Monday?)		
	Note: No meeting Easter Monday April 21		
May	Youth Service		
	Note: No meeting Victoria Day May 20		
June	Rotary Fellowships, (Lobsterfest, 'Change Over')		

COMMITTEES FOR 2020-2021

Officers

President: Tom Geenen; Past President: Hari Nair;
Secretary: Garth Courtney; Treasurer: Art Postle & Glen Bailey

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Administration - Meeting program & admin, Sergeant, raffle, facilities, meals, supplies

Chairs: Kris Tenaski and Hari Nair

Members: TBD

Community Service - Club charitable giving, Foundation grant applications

Chair: John Benesh

Members: TBD

Youth Services - Youth exchanges, Adventures programs, school programs

Chairs: Leanne Kessler and James Paproski

Members: TBD

Foundation - Foundation donations, member recognition

Chair: Ken Wilson

Members: TBD

Membership - Member recruitment, education and retention

Social - Plan & organize monthly social event or service project, social Media

Chairs: Leanne Kessler and Tom Geenen

Members: TBD

Public Relations - Club & event promotion, communications, manage website

Chair: Ron Loopkey

Members: TBD