



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

December 20, 2021
Disease Prevention and
Treatment Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Dan Sutton
President: Jay Cowsill **Pres Elect:** Jay Cowsill **Secretary:** Garth Courtney
Past President: Tom Geenen **Treasurers:** Art Postle

Sergeant: John Luross **Desk:** Art Postle and 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

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

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 on Zoom.

Attendance: There were 19 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

Guests: Nancy Luross



The Sergeant requested members donate to the RI Foundation in celebration of the following activities and events: Anyone who has not served on the Meewasin Board; If you have sampled any Xmas goodies in the past week or so; everyone for another interesting year in Rotary.



Ron for son and grandchildren who arrived from Poland for 3 weeks; Art for great entertainment from Persephone and Fireside Singers; For cancellation of trip to visit son in Denmark; Luis for upcoming new child; Tom for great support from Rotary during past year; John a smokey dollar from boking and brining bacon; Les for passing of Howard Green who was a Group team leader. Murray for caching first fish of the year.

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) Your Announcement Here.

3) Your Announcement Here

4) Your Announcement Here

The Club thanked Leanne for here service to the Club through her work

Club Business

Club Elections – 2022-2023 Rotary Year

The Board of Directors presented a list of members nominated for the Officer and Director positions for the remainder of the 2021-2022 Rotary Year and the 2022-2023 Rotary Year.

There were no nominations from the floor.

MOTION: Election of Officers and Directors

Mover/Seconder: Cowsill, Courtney

That the following individuals be elected as officers and directors of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin:

1. 2021-2022 Rotary Year
 - 1.1. President Elect (6-month term): Jay Cowsill (Position still unfilled as of 20 December 2021)
2. 2022-2023 Rotary Year
 - 2.1. Positions already filled and not requiring election at this time
 - 2.1.1. President (1-year term): Jay Cowsill (by virtue of having been the President Elect in the 2021-2022 Rotary Year)
 - 2.1.2. Past President (1-year term): Tom Geenan (ex-officio)
 - 2.2. Persons serving second year of two-year term
 - 2.2.1. Administration Chair (1 year remaining): Garth Courtney
 - 2.2.2. Foundation Chair (1 year remaining): Glen Bailey
 - 2.2.3. Public Image Chair (1 year remaining): John Luross
 - 2.3. Positions requiring election at this time
 - 2.3.1. President Elect (1-year term): Luis Pagliarini
 - 2.3.2. Secretary (2-year term): Nicole Peterson
 - 2.3.3. Treasurer (2-year term): Art Postle
 - 2.3.4. Service Chair (2-year term): John Benesh
 - 2.3.5. Youth Chair (2-year term): Peter Voldeng

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

Club Assembly

Brenda, Dave and Twyla were presented with small mementoes in appreciation for their work to make our meetings a success.

Meewasin Valley Authority Project

John Benesh provided members with an overview of the project. The Service Committee has been looking at a number of projects and ways to engage members with hands-on projects.

The Meewasin Authority has given the club a list of services they would like – from clean up to tree planting. The Club has been looking at the clean up of a section of the trail or a community garden. We would need approval of the MVA and the City of Saskatoon. Ideally, it would be in Rotary Park.

The third project is a literacy project. The Club would promote reading promoted in the community by different stations around the city. It could be placed in the MVA. It would promote Rotary and promote literacy. The example is the Literacy Walk at the Delta Rotary Club that was highlighted in the Rotary Magazine. Art and the Literacy Committee are prepared to develop the concept.

There has been some discussion around Truth and Reconciliation and that Literacy Walk could include information on treaties and reconciliation. We would need to include First Nations in the development.

We did a Meewasin Cleanup a number of years ago. They did a cleanup in the spring. It was a one-time commitment.

If we do a garden, someone would need to be there at least once a week throughout the growing season. There are also security issues.

The Literacy Walk provides opportunity to involve youth. We could do an App through which they could interact with the station. The one in Delta is interactive. It calls for you to do something.

Hands on service projects would be opportunity to involve families. Family would not just hear us talk about Rotary but would see Rotary in Action.

The Catholic School system has a class which requires community service. We could tap into this as a resource.

The UofS recognizes service projects for credit. It is another possible resource.

We could recognize SK authors and each year add a new one.

The Saskatoon Club volunteers at the Friendship Inn – serving food, assisting in the dining room, etc.

For a garden, root crops are better because they are less work and harder to steal. People will walk by and pick above ground fruits/vegs. It would take a regular time commitment. There are some members interested in doing a garden.

These are long range projects that we are considering. They will continue to work on developing these project concepts.

Food Bank Service Project

Garth indicated that the Food Bank folks set up an assembly line. The members filled boxes with a number of food products, which are then handed out to recipients. We filled 348 boxes on the first day and 230 boxes on the second day. It was a good day of fellowship and the opportunity to do some good in our community.

Membership

A common theme for the District is aging out of members. One of the necessities is to get the club to be a little bit younger. Also, need to be more diverse, equitable and inclusive.

Potential younger members are not interested in fund raising and writing checks. Peter, PDG, indicate that US clubs get into a partnership with prospective members in doing projects.

People often volunteer in the fall because they are in the charitable spirit. But, food and poverty services need year round volunteers.

Jay would like to do regular volunteer work like filling boxes once a month. He would like to engage younger members in the project – family members, young professionals, etc.

We would need to do projects that are outside of work hours. We could have made arrangements with the food bank to work on Saturday.

Young folks may not have any idea how to do a fund raiser. They do know how to organize a protest.

We could also tap into people in their 50s and 60s. They have more free time and are looking at retirement and what to do then.

We need to recognize that they you people are on the internet. We need to utilize social media and have them share their volunteer efforts through social media.

The 5-Club committee is working on short video clips that are to be posted on the website and Facebook.

The President’s Council will be discussing hiring a professional fund raiser. There is some sense that the clubs are no longer able to raise funds.

Program

Club Assembly

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker and Topic
December	<i>Disease Prevention and Treatment</i>
20	Club Assembly – elections of 2021-2022 executive
27	Merry Christmas, Happy Boxing Day
January	<i>Vocational Service</i>
3	Happy New Year. No meeting.
10	No Morning Meeting. Christmas Social on Jan 11 th
11	Christmas/New Years Social – Partners/Guests Invited – Queens House - Cost \$20/head STILL IN PLANNING STAGE – TO BE CONFIRMED
17	
24	
31	

Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact

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 2021-2022

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

Courtney (Chair and Club Secretary), Peterson (Asst. Club Secretary), Postle (Club Treasurer), Ferguson, Tenaski, Voldeng

Social—Sub-committee of Administration Committee

Planning and organization of club social events

Klause, Loopkey

Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition

Bailey (Chair), Fisher, Wilson

Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative

Cowsill, Nair

Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative

Postle (Chair), Clements, Stefiuk

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), Birkmaier-Tillotson, Bwaya, Mundi, Pagliarini

Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications

Benesh (Chair), Geenan, Howland, Sutherland

Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs

Kessler (Chair), McArthur, Muir, Paproski, Peterson

Officers and Directors – 2021-2022

Board Executive/Officers:

President: Jay Cowsill

Past President Tom Geenan

President Elect Jay Cowsill

Co-Treasurers Art Postle
 Secretary Garth Courtney
 Ass't Secretary Nicole Peterson

Directors:
 John Benesh
 Leanne Kessler
 Glen Bailey
 John Luross

Monthly Speaker / Program - Members in Charge

"Rotary Connects the World"

Note 2: Please have list of speakers to Admin Committee at least 2-3 weeks prior to start of month

	Monthly Rotary Theme	2021-2022
July	<i>Start of new Rotary year</i>	
	Canada Day	
August	<i>Membership and New Club Development</i>	
September	<i>Basic Education and Literacy, (Corn Roast)</i>	
	Labour Day	
October	<i>Economic and Community Development</i>	
	Thanksgiving	
November	<i>Rotary Foundation</i>	McArthur, Bailey, Tenaski
	Remembrance Day	
December	<i>Disease Prevention and Treatment, (Club Elections)</i>	Fisher, Loopkey, Peterson, Nezi
	Christmas, Boxing Day	
January	<i>Vocational Service,</i>	Benesh, Geenen, Mundi, Paproski
	New Years Day	
February	<i>Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution</i>	Birkmaier-Tillotson, Nair, Pagliarini
	Family Day (Third Monday)	
March	<i>Water and Sanitation</i>	Clements, , Howland, Stefiuk
	Easter (??)	
April	<i>Maternal and Child Health</i>	Klause, Muir, Sutherland, Wilson
	Easter (??)	

	Monthly Rotary Theme	2021-2022
May	<i>Youth Service</i>	Kessler, Postle, Voldeng
	Victoria Day (Third Monday)	
June	<i>Rotary Fellowships</i>	Luross, Ferguson, Whetstone