



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 21, 2020**  
**Disease Prevention and**  
**Treatment Month**

Rotary: Making a Difference

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

**Sergeant:** Ron Loopkey  
**Desk:** Virtual Desk

Service Above Self

#### DUES AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO THE CLUB

- E-mail Transfer from Bank Account
  - Send to Rowasin Foundation 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 Meeting:**

##### **By Zoom link (computer, tablet, phone)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624852636?pwd=MjRTY2FQWlRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHlvQT09>

##### **By Phone (call charges may apply):**

Dial One of the Following Numbers:

- British Columbia: +1 778 907 2071
- Alberta +1 587 328 1099
- Manitoba: +1 204 272 7920
- Toronto: +1 647 374 4685
- Toronto: +1 647 558 0588

Enter Meeting ID and Passcode:

- Meeting ID: 836 2485 2636
- Passcode: 218641

**Call to Order:** The Chair opened the meeting at 0700 on Zoom.

**Attendance:** There were 18 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

**Guests:** No guests

President Tom opened the meeting with a Minute of Silence for Yvette Jasper and family.



**Sergeant:** Thank you to the members who committed the following misdemeanours and thereby generating funds for the Rotary Foundation: Everyone for not providing an opportunity ; for not completing Xmas shopping; for not buying from a small local business; for being late.



Many members contributed \$5.00 for Rob and his family on the loss of Yvette, partner, mother and great friend; Ron for the Dolphins; Ian for the loss of several friends and co-workers.

## Announcements



*Christmas  
Social*

**Meewasin Rotary**

**Christmas Zoom Social**

***December 28, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.***

**All Rotarians and Partners are Invited to join your fellow Rotarians and their partners in the once in a lifetime Christmas social.**

**By Zoom link (computer, tablet, phone)**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624852636?pwd=MjRlRTY2FQWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHlSWHlvOT09>**

**BYOB and BYOF**



**1) Suggest a Meeting Form**

- a) Hari has developed an online form for you to use to suggest a speaker for a meeting,
- b) The link to this form is below under the “Upcoming Meetings” header.

**2) SARCAN Drop Off – Donate to Rotary**

**NOTE:** you need to register for Drop and Go at (<https://www.sarcana.ca/pages/register2.html>)

**Follow these easy steps:**

- a) At home, separate your recycling – put plastics, cartons and aluminum cans into bags, put glass beverage containers into boxes. Don’t forget to include milk containers!
- b) Visit a SARCAN Depot and look for Drop & Go – *See below for a list of locations*
- c) Follow instructions on the screen. Type SMR when prompted to enter the group phrase. It is simple!
- d) The amount of your order will be processed and paid directly to the Saskatoon Meewasin Rotary Club.

Saskatoon East (350B 103 St E)

Entrance to the right of the main doors

Saskatoon North (2327 Faithfull Ave)

Entrance to the north of the building

Saskatoon West (2305 22 St W #7)

Enter through Avenue X (west side) doors

If you want a Tax Receipt, make sure that you keep your receipt and send it to Art Postle. He will try to track the donations.

NOTE: Scan the receipt that you get and send it to Art P so that he can match the receipt to the funds.

3)

4)

5)

**6) Coop Gift Cards**

- a) Art Postle has Coop Gift cards for sale. We have \$50 and \$100 gift cards. We make 5-10% on the gift cards.
- b) You can email Art Postle at [meewasinrotary2020@gmail.com](mailto:meewasinrotary2020@gmail.com)



**Club Business**

**Election of Officers and Directors**

Motion: Election of Officers and Directors  
Moved: Ian Sutherland ; Seconded: Les Ferguson

That the following members be elected to the Board of Directors of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin for the 2021-2022 year. CARRIED

The following officers and directors were elected by acclamation.

Officers:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Past President      | Tom Geenen             |
| Pres Elect          | Jay Cowsill            |
| Vice President      | Vacant                 |
| Co-Treasurers       | Art Postle/Glen Bailey |
| Secretary           | Garth Courtney         |
| Assistant Secretary | Rob Jaspar             |

Directors: John Benesh  
Hari Nair  
Kris Tenaski  
James Paproski  
Leanne Kessler  
Ken Wilson

Board Executive (2021-2022):

Jay Cowsill (President), Tom Geenen (Past President), (Vice President-Vacant), Garth Courtney (Secretary), Art Postle/Glen Bailey (Treasurer)

## Program



Garth shared memories of Christmas on the farm with many activities. In latter years they have gone to Alberta. One gift remembers getting a Viewmaster, his pride and joy for many years.

Donna's most memorable Christmas was going to meet people at the train station. She saw a man and ran over to him and said "You are our Prime Minister". She told him that everyone forgot her birthday. The Prime Minister phoned her on her birthday.

Leanne told of the Christmas that she was on exchange. Her grandparents were upset that she would be alone, but she was with her counsellor's family. She had KFC for Christmas as turkey was not available.

John L told of going to the Fireside because his children were in the production. They went to Winnipeg for many years. On one year they were storm stayed in Regina when the highway closed. They stayed at a Motel on Victoria. They were relieved to find a place to stay. All they had was Christmas goodies to eat as everything was closed. They woke up to a blue sky the next day and arrived in Winnipeg in the early afternoon. His mom was a member of the Westminster United Church and held a candlelight service on Christmas Eve. The choir descended from the balcony signing and holding candles.

Art P would go to Regina to family. The station wagon was referred to as the Santa Clause express. One year there was too much to get in, and Art was in a foul mood. At Davidson, he was told he had 1.5 hours to change from the Grinch to Santa mood. The tradition was to open presents from the youngest to the oldest, which led to many antsy kids. .

Brent told of Christmas in different places in South Africa and Australia with the family of an exchange student.

John Benesh had wonderful Christmas with 6 children. The first year when all the children were not together was when daughter was in Columbia. She used WhatsApp to connect to the family. She asked what was the absolutely last she can come home. John does Christmas letters with messages that he will do over the year. They had to do a scavenger hunt to find their letter. This continued into adulthood.

Ron has many great Christmas'. His wife puts up a collage of Christmas' past. They have a traditional meal on Christmas Eve. He remembers staying up late putting toys together and putting up hockey nets. He remembers playing with the train after coming back from church.

Don remembers an early Christmas when he was 5 or 6. He was raised in a German Catholic community. The service was said in English and then German, so it took some time. Part of the ceremony was for a child to place the baby Jesus in the manger. He was selected. He was dressed up like a little cardinal in red. The baby Jesus was placed on a cushion he carried. The procession went around the church, prior to him placing it in the manger. They had a large family gathering at his parents.

Jay remembers Christmas 2003. He had a vision of white over him when he woke up. She asked how he felt. He said he felt wonderful. She was surprised. He was in a wonderful white bed. He was in the intensive care Unit at RUH where had had 4 coronary bypasses. He was totally blocked and the prognosis poor. He felt that he had been reborn that day. He now sees the surgeon, where he discusses the surgeons' stress. He has not sign of heart disease.

Luis spoke of his first Christmas in Canada last year. It was very different with snow and many new friends. This will be different because of the no mixing.

Ken spent many recent Christmas with sand and not snow. Growing up, they had about 20 people getting together food and fun.

Les told of Christmas Eve visiting friends who had 6 kids. His dad hit the ditch and there was a huge snow wave coming over the car. They had to go to their cousins who came with a station wagon, which served as ambulance to take them to the hospital. His dad lived for 3 more years until he passed away with a brain tumor. In recent years they

Ian spent Christmas just with the family, as there was no other family around. His father would make the Christmas gifts, garage, truck (with lights), fooze (?) ball. He kept them for many years. Meredith introduced

him to decorating windows in their first years. The food consists of tortiere and shortbread. In recent years it has been difficult to get together because their children are spread around the world. They would connect through Skype and other means.

Sunni grew up in India with few Christians in their area. He went to a Catholic school. Any celebration in India involves fireworks. Also, they light an oil lamp. He still lights a lamp for Christmas.

Hari's spoke of a sad memory when brother passed away suddenly a couple years ago. His first year in Canada, he got his first gift from Rotary and the gift of Family from the Empey's. He had never hugged so many people in his life. He is looking forward to a quieter Christmas, without the numerous parties. He is looking forward to spending some time in his bubble with Chrystal and her dad.

Tom has many Christmas memories. As a child attending the Muenster cathedral. The monk's would join with families. They would sign in German and English. There was a red light on top of the Radio tower, which according to his dad was Rudolph and that he had better get back to bed. One of his most memorable was the last one at the farm. They got their parents an entertainment centre. He and his brothers, after a few rum and vodka, found that they couldn't move it from the dining room to the living room because they had screwed it to the floor.



### Upcoming Meetings

#### Suggest a Speaker Form:

To suggest a speaker for a meeting, Click on this link: <https://forms.gle/mgU98xr6xWocg44v5>

| Date            | Speaker and Topic   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>December</b> | <b>Disease Prevention and Treatment Month</b>   |
| 21              | Elections and Christmas Program – Sharing of Christmas' Past by each member                         |
| 28              | No morning Meeting.<br>7:00 P.M. Meewasin Christmas Zoom Social (Rotarians and Partners and Guests) |

| Date           | Speaker and Topic  |
|----------------|--|
|                | <b>By Zoom link (computer, tablet, phone)</b><br><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624852636?pwd=MjRTY2FQWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHlvQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624852636?pwd=MjRTY2FQWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHlvQT09</a> |
| <b>January</b> | <b>Vocation Service Month</b>  |
| 4              | DG Gailmarie Anderson, District 5550   |
| 11             | Jenny Plotzki, United Way and Don Meikle, Egadz  |
| 18             | Vocational speaker (TBD)   |
| 25             | Club Assembly  |
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**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

**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:** Courtney (Secretary), Jaspar (Assistant Secretary), Postle & Bailey (Co-Treasurers), Cowsell, Whetstone

**Community Service - Club charitable giving, Foundation grant applications**

**Chair: John Benesh**

**Members:** Howland, Sutherland, Muir

**Youth Services - Youth exchanges, Adventures programs, school programs**

**Chairs: Leanne Kessler and James Paproski**

**Members:** Stefiuk, Mundi, Clements

**Foundation - Foundation donations, member recognition**

**Chair: Ken Wilson**

**Members:** Bailey, Birkmaier

**Membership - Member recruitment, education and retention**

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

**Chairs: Leanne Kessler and Tom Geenen**

**Members:** Walling, Ferguson, McArthur, Russell, Nickel

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

**Chair: Ron Loopkey**

**Members:** Luross, Fisher, Pagliarini, Klause

## Rotary Month Themes

| Month     | Monthly Rotary Theme                | Month    | Monthly Rotary Theme                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|----------|--|
| July      | Start of new Rotary year            | January  | Vocational Service                       |
| August    | Membership and New Club Development | February | Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution |
| September | Basic Education and Literacy        | March    | Water and Sanitation                     |
| October   | Economic and Community Development  | April    | Maternal and Child Health                |
| November  | Rotary Foundation                   | May      | Youth Service                            |
| December  | Disease Prevention and Treatment    | June     | Rotary Fellowships                       |