



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

February 3, 2025

Volunteer Service Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Peter Tonge, Winnipeg [<https://rotarypeterdistrict5550.org/>]
President: Arthur Whetstone **Pres Elect:** Your Opportunity **Secretary:** Jahn Luross
Past President: Luis Pagliarini to serve **Treasurers:** Art Whetstone

Sergeant: none Desk: John Luross

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

Location:
Grasswood Smittys
Highway 11 South/Grasswoods Road @ Esso

ONLINE- – click on the Google Meet link:
meet.google.com/ebn-mts-jvcu

Call to Order: Chair opened the meeting at 0700.

Attendance: There were 10 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

Guests: Johanna Bergerman and Sarah Smokey Day



Sergeant raised funds for the following; For starting late; For ski vacation; For being on vacation; For watching the 4 Nations final or not watching it:

Happy and Sad: Ron for a compliment from guest speaker; From Kris in greeting; John B for a week of skiing; John L for a great cruise vacation; Donna for the Women’s Scotties and for not having a fight at the beginning of the game; Luis a sad dollar visit of family for 2 weeks; Garth for call from Wayne Walling and saying hi to everyone; Don for meeting John and Nancy at Fort Lauderdale airport and sad dollars.

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) SARCAN Bottles

- a) Donate bottle proceeds to Meewasin
- b) Use the Self-Deposit area and Enter Code SMR.
- c) Send a photo of the deposit receipt to Art W (wci@sasktel.net) so that a donation receipt may be issued to you.

3) St Michael School Reading Program

- a) Time 12:45 – 1:20
- b) Reading to Grade 2 and Grade 3-4 classes

Date	Readers
Feb 25	Don and Wendy Stefiuk
Mar 4	John and Nancy Luross
Mar 11	John and Nancy Luross
Mar 18	Art Whetsone and Anne Luross
Mar 25	Don and Wendy Stefiuk

4) Adventures in Technology

- a) Dates - Late April – tentatively April 20-26, 2025
- b) Need HOSTS. .
 - i) Main duties are to have students stay, give breakfast, drop off in morning and pick up at end of day.
 - ii) Contact Steve at sjwlawoffice@shaw.ca or 306-956-3345
- c) Need to know by early January so can make decision or proceeding.

5) District Leadership Session

- a) Friday, March 21-23, 2025
- b) In person at Russell MB or Zoom
- c) Club will pay for 2-3 Online Attendees @ \$50 per person.

6) Revenue Projects

- a) Wine and Dine – Net Revenue of \$3370

b) Coop Gift Cards – Net Revenue of \$500 (donated \$100 card to St. Michel School Xmas event

7) RI Donation Receipts

a) If you mad a donation to the Rotary Foundation and did not get a receipt, please let Art W know.

Club Business

No club business

Program

Johanna Bergerman and Sarah Smokey Day provided members with information on the Saskatoon mother's Center. Johanna is the program coordinator for the Saskatoon mother Center and Sarah works at the restorative justice department at the Saskatoon Tribal Council.

In 2019, they were tasked with rebuilding the Mother’s Centre. They now have a strong board and supportive community. They have grown over the last few years.

They offer multiple programs – Mother’s Talking Circle, Men’s Talking Circle, a menstrual and diaper depot (a partnership with the city), Hosting Training in cooperation with the Drop In Centre. Haven in partnership with STC. They do crafts - beading (which is popular and in demand) ad medicine bags.

Their youngest man is 14 (usually 16) and oldest is 69.

Johanna’s role with the health centre is to do community development and self-help and peer support. The initial goal was to provide support for new mothers, especially single mothers. It has expanded. The basic principle of service is based on peer support. It is one of the most valuable services. They do a 40 hour Peer Support Training Program. Peer support is based on mother’s sharing their experience to other mothers/ The Peer Support community provided support to new mother’s and each other.

Upcoming Meetings

Month	Theme, Coordinator and Meeting Status
Feb	Peace and Conflict Prevention
24	Johanna Bergerman and Sarah Smokey Day - Saskatoon mother's Center
March	Water and Sanitation Month
3	Club Assembly
10	Leanne L coordinating
17	Brent Klause coordinating
25	Joy Ann Allin – Donor Relations Manager – Sherbrooke Foundation
31	Club Assembly

Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact
Mar 21-23	District Leadership Seminar	District	Sign in on district website
May 9-10, 2025.	District 5550 Conference		Zoom
May 29-30, 2025	Lobsterfest 2025	Meewasin	Gordie Howe Bowl

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

Task Groups/Committees - 2024-2025

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

Whetstone (President/Treasurer), Luross (J) (Secretary), Pagliarini (Past President)

Membership—Membership recruitment, engagement, and retention

Anne Luross (Lead)

Meeting Program (Speakers)

Leanne Kessler (Co-ordinator)

Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition

Fisher (Lead)

Social Media — Social Media, Event promotions, website management

Geneen (Co-lead), Loopkey (Co-lead), Luross (J), Pagliarini

Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications

Luross (N) (Lead) ,

Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs

Voldeng (Lead)

Literacy—Postle (Lead)

Officers and Directors – 2023-2024

Board Executive/Officers:

President: Arthur Whetstone
Past President Luis Pagliarini
President Elect TBV
Treasurer Arthur Whetstone
Secretary John Luross

Directors:

Peter Voldeng
Nancy Luross
Anne Luross
Robert Fisher
Ron Loopkey

Monthly Themes for Program

"Rotary Connects the World"

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

July – New Rotary Year

August – Membership

September - Education and Literacy

October - Economic and Community Development

November –Rotary Foundation

December –Disease Prevention and Treatment

January – Vocational Service

February –Peace and Conflict Prevention

March –Water and Sanitation

April –Maternal and Child Care

May –Youth

June –Rotary Fellowship