



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 26, 2024**

**Peace and Conflict Prevention Month**

**Rotary: Making a Difference**

**District Governor (5550):** Sonja Susut, Moose Jaw

**President:** Luis Pagliarini

**Pres Elect:** Art Whetstone

**Secretary:** Garth Courtney

**Past President:** A. Postle, G. Courtney

**Treasurers:** Art Postle

**Sergeant:** Ron Loopkey

**Desk:** 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](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=MjRTY2FQWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHlvQT09>

**Zoom & 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.

**Attendance:** There were 11 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

**Guests:** Earl Johnson (via Zoom)



Sergeant Ron raised funds for the following:

Happy dollar for each of us who made it to the meeting through the snow.

\$2 for Anne who didn't make it – stuck in her driveway.



Happy & Sad Dollars.

- Garth relayed to the club Murray's message that he was recently told he has esophageal cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with Murray and Lynn as they face into this serious health challenge. Several members put in sad dollars for this news.

- A good friend of Ron's was in the hospital recently. Ron went for a visit and happened to be there the same time a priest was giving his friend his last rites. His friend passed the next day.

Robert was happy to be back in Saskatoon after several weeks in Osoyoos, BC.

John B was very happy about his recent excursion to Banff for family week. His entire family was there to enjoy the beautiful weather and skiing. He was also happy that Ron came to his family's rescue (again) when they had car trouble. (his daughter's car was towed home to Saskatoon)

Nancy and John were happy about their recent trip to Winnipeg to visit Nancy's 93 yr. old mother. Two daughters and one 9-month-old grand-daughter went with us. Great family visits.

Art showed a photograph received from Brendan – taken on their way to sailing - displaying a Rotary sign. We're everywhere!

## Announcements

### 1) EDADZ BACKPACK Drop Off



- You can Drop off items at John Benesh's Office.
- There is a Box in the reception area
- Any bag is OK, not just back packs.
- Your may bring the backpacks to the meeting to give to John B.

### 2) Meals on Wheels

- Contact Nancy Luross regarding signing up or the schedule for Meals on Wheels --[nancy.l@sasktel.net](mailto:nancy.l@sasktel.net) or 306 381-4342

### 3) St Michaels Reading Program

- Will be starting tomorrow
- Students being assessed for reading level.
- GET Police Check form from Art Postle
- Will be on Tuesdays – 2:30-3:10
- Two people each Tuesday

- 4) Pizza Night – WORKING ON IT
  - a) People will buy the Coupons
  - b) Use facility at condo – not cost
- 5) Our Announcement Here
  - a)
  - b) .
- 6) Lobsterfest
  - a) Peter is working on tickets.
  - b) Will be ready to go soon.
  - c) Tickets should be ready in next few days.

### Club Business

LobsterFest tickets – Robert said that a couple of contracts are in place...tickets will be ready shortly – all we must do is invite people to attend. Tickets will be \$85 with a \$25 tax receipt.

St Michael reading program is up and running again. If needed, get your police background check form from Art Postle. For the next 5 weeks we have one member committed for each Tuesday but **we need two each day. Please check the schedule** and let Garth know if you can fill one or two of these days.

John B is lining up speakers for March – see schedule at end of EyeOpener.

Nancy – Meals on Wheels update. Deliveries going smoothly.

The Homeless presentation on Tuesday (Nutana Rotary) went very well. It is a never ending issue that also involved a discussion session.

### Program

Jenny introduced our speaker – her son – Earl Johnson. Earl was joining us via zoom, from South Africa. Earl believes in giving back to community – he spoke a little about his time working with Youth for Christ coming up with programs for youth ideally using the outdoors as their classroom. The ongoing challenge – how to engage our young people with youth programs outside of school.

Earl then shared a presentation with us (via zoom) of his work in Eldorado Park, Gauteng Province, South Africa. Earl founded CandleLight Sports Development, where they endeavor to be the leading soccer academy with high quality opportunities for the local community.

Quote from the internet:

We aspire to be a highly recognized brand throughout the region with our soccer philosophy, culture, and brand embedded in the everyday life of our community. We believe that if the whole community works together, we can achieve more for everyone. Together we can spark a soccer revolution.

One slide Earl shared illustrated what he called “Our competitors”: Drug use, Gang use, crime, unemployment, etc.

Earl also mentioned that their current programming serves approximately 80 kids on Saturday mornings.

They would like to provide programs for several days in the week to increase their impact even more.

Earl sent a copy of his presentation (via email) to everyone in our club.

For more information, here is their Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/p/CandleLight-Sports-Development-100042394790202/?locale=gn\\_PY](https://www.facebook.com/p/CandleLight-Sports-Development-100042394790202/?locale=gn_PY)

Brent thanked Earl for his presentation and wished him all the best. Earl's mother, Jenny, signed a book on his behalf to present to the St Michael reading program.

### Upcoming Meetings

<b>February</b>	<b>Peace and Conflict Prevention Arthur Whetstone</b>
19	Family Day. No meeting
<b>March</b>	<b>Water and Sanitation John Benesh, Ken Howland, Nancy Luross, Kris Tenaski</b>
4	Melodie Greyeyes – Volunteer in Israel;
11	
18	Bill Henley – BCBC potential project for club
25	
<b>April</b>	<b>Maternal and Child Care Anne Luross, Jennifer Lawrence, Brett Klause</b>
1	Easter Monday
8	
15	
22	
29	

### Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Rotary Club</b>	<b>Information/Contact</b>
April 24	Rotary Badge Shield and Star Dinner	RAP	
May 10 & 11	District 5550 Conference	Moose Jaw & Assiniboia	
May 23 & 24	Lobsterfest 2024	Meewasin	

### 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

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#### **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?

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#### **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

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### **COMMITTEES FOR 2023-2024**

**Administration/ Executive —Meeting administration (program, facilities, meals, supplies)**  
Pagliarini (President) Courtney ( Secretary), Postle (Club Treasurer), Whetstone (President-elect)

**Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition**  
Fisher (Chair) McArthur, Bailey, Wilson, Muir

**Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative**  
Ferguson, Birkmeier

**Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative**  
Postle (Chair), Stefiuk, Berscheid

**Membership—Membership recruitment, engagement, and retention**  
Anne Luross (Chair) Lawrence, Klause

**Public Relations—Club and event promotion, communications, website management**  
John Luross (Chair and Website Administrator), Whetstone (Eyeopener Editor),  
Loopkey, Geenen

**Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications**  
Benesh (Chair), Howland, Nancy Luross, Tenaski,

**Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs**  
Voldeng (Chair), Kessler, Nair, Paproski

### Officers and Directors – 2023-2024

**Board Executive/Officers:**

President:	Luis Pagliarini
Past President	Garth Courtney, Art Postle
President Elect	Arthur Whetstone
Treasurer	Art Postle
Secretary	Garth Courtney
Ass't Secretary	John Luross
Ass't Treasurere	Vacant

**Directors:**

John Benesh  
Peter Voldeng  
John Luross  
Anne Luross  
Robert Fisher

### Monthly Speaker / Progam - Members in Charge

*"Rotary Connects the World"*

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

September - Art Postle - Education and Literacy  
October - John Luross - Economic and Community Development  
November – Robert Fisher – Rotary Foundation  
December – John Benesh - Disease Prevention and Treatment  
January – Luis Pagliarini/ Peter Voldeng - Vocational Service  
February – Art Whetstone – Peace and Conflict Prevention  
March – John Benesh – Water and Sanitation  
April – Anne Luross – Maternal and Child Care  
May – Peter Voldeng – Youth  
June – John Luross/ Garth Courtney – Rotary Fellowship