



Official Bulletin of:

ROTARY CLUB OF SASKATOON MEEWASIN #22664

8B -3110 8th St East, Box 425
Saskatoon, SK S7H 0W2
Founded: April 23, 1985
Meetings: Monday 0700

January 12, 2026
Vocational Service Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Wayne Jacobson

President: Arthur Whetstone
Past President: Luis Pagliarini

Pres Elect: Volunteer Needed

Secretary: John Luross
Treasurers: Dale Worrall

Sergeant Anne Luross
Chair: Nancy Luross

Desk: Dale Worrall

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

Rotary Meeting

Location:

Grasswood Smittys
Highway 11 South/Grasswoods Road @ Esso

ZOOM: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88619629540?pwd=UL0YWkGMOPM90MapdbfgspruS5vDP1.1>

Password: Meewasin

Call to Order: Chair opened the meeting at 0700. Nancy

After singing O'Canada, we all remained standing for a moment of silence to remember Dorcas Hayes, wife of long-time member (deceased) Cliff Hayes.

Then Nancy encouraged us to sing the Meewasin welcome song to our two guests.

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

Guests: Ayodeji (pronounced I O) Oyelana, Austyn Dunlop (Out-Bound Exchange Student)

Sergeant and Happy, Sads and Celebrations

Sergeant Anne canvassed the room looking for donations:

We were all happy to see Brent back and feeling much better. Garth donated a dollar in remembrance of Dorcas. Art P donated just because. Donna had the best Christmas ever and touched based with Jonathon (former exchange student) on Christmas day (also her birthday). John B was happy to have good memories with the Hayes family years ago.

Dale and family had a tough Christmas – having lost his father-in-law between Christmas and New Years. Dale will be donating to the foundation in his memory.

John L – happy to have his cataract surgeries finished – figuring out reading glasses now.

Anne – had a great Christmas.

Nancy and our 4 daughters enjoyed a weekend getaway in Regina to help prepare Tina, our youngest, for the upcoming arrival of her baby #1, on or around Feb 8. Went to spa, bought baby clothes, supplies and helped prep food for freezer.

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) You 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
- c) New teacher responsible, so more information expected shortly.

Date	Readers
Jan 13	John Benesh and Michael Benesh?
Jan 20	Kris & Connie Tenaski

4) Christchurch dinner

- a) Every Third Tuesday of Month – next one is Jan 20
- b) Prepare and Serve Meal – volunteers needed
- c) Preparation: start at 3:00 pm; Serve meal: Start at 4:45
- d) Contact Nancy

Club Business

- We received the following letter and thank you card from Judy Anderson and Pastor Mark from Christ Church Anglican.

Christ Church Anglican
515 28t Street West
Saskatoon, SK S7L 4R5

Re: Our Free Community Monthly Meal - Every Third Tuesday of the Month

Dear John

Thank you. Because of your generous support, we were able to welcome seniors, individuals experiencing homelessness, families needing a warm, home-cooked meal, newcomers to Canada, and those simply seeking connection during a time of loneliness.

From January to December 2025, 1,830 meals were served with care and dignity. This was made possible by an estimated 1,275 volunteer hours contributed by dozens of dedicated community members who prepared food, served guests, and handled setup and cleanup.

Thank you. Your contribution helped us offer nutritious, kid-friendly, and comforting meals in a space filled with warmth, welcome, and community spirit. For many, this gathering was more than a meal - it was a moment of belonging.

From babies to seniors, lives were touched because of your sponsorship.

With deep gratitude,

Judy Anderson,

Rectors Warden and Free Community Meal Coordinator

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- Volunteers for Jan 20 serving at Christ Church– John & Nancy L, Garth, Anne, Dale, John B... and possibly Austyn (exchange student)
 - On Jan 5, 8:00AM, several members (8) met for a sample of breakfast at David's on Venture Cres. More discussions to follow re possibly changing meeting locations.
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Program

Leanne introduced Austyn Dunlop to the club. Austyn has been chosen to be an out bound exchange student. She will leaving in August. Her preference is Sweden but will need to wait and see. Austyn is a grade 11 student at Walter Murray. Along with her mandatory classes, she is also in a welding class in shops. She loves hands on work and plans to pursue an occupation in heavy duty mechanics. She also will be part of a house building project at Mount Royal where a complete RTM (Ready to move) house will be assembled before June. Her mother was also a Rotary exchange student and travelled to Japan for her exchange. The family since had occasion to reconnect with that host family in Japan.

Garth thanked Austyn for her visit this morning and encouraged her to return (after her exchange) to tell us all about her experience.

Upcoming Meetings

Month	Theme, Coordinator and Meeting Status
January	Vocation Service
19	Joanne Bold – The Travel Agent Next Door – All about cruise vacations.
26	Club Assembly
February	
March	

Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Rotary Club</u>	<u>Information/Contact</u>
Feb 5	Meet the DG		David's Restaurant, 11:45 AM
May 28-29/26	Lobsterfest	Meewasin	Kris Tenaski

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

Worrall (Lead)

Social Media — Social Media, Event promotions, website management

Geneen, Loopkey, Luross (J), Pagliarini

Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications

Luross (N) (Lead) , John Benesh

Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs

Stefiuk, Postle, Kessler

Literacy—Postle (Lead)

Officers and Directors – 2023-2024

Board Executive/Officers:

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

Directors:

Don Stefiuk
Nancy Luross
Anne Luross
Tom Geenen
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