



Official Bulletin of:

ROTARY CLUB OF SASKATOON MEEWASIN #22664

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Saskatoon, SK S7H 0W2  
Founded: April 23, 1985  
Meetings: Monday 0700

January 19, 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: 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

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, and the Rotary grace, Nancy encouraged us to sing the Meewasin welcome song to our guests.

**Attendance:** There were 9 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and 2 guests.

**Guests:** Joanne Bold – guest speaker  
Wayne Tillotson

### **Sergeant and Happy, Sads and Celebrations**

Sergeant Anne canvassed the room again looking for donations.  
Because of time, we went right to Happy/Sad dollars:

- John B was happy to have Michael out to help with the reading program at St Michael school last week.
- Robert was happy to announce he'll be away in Vancouver next Monday when it will be -40 here in Saskatoon.
- Nancy & John were happy to have met Joanne today and to have her speak to the club on cruises.
- Donna was happy to have enjoyed their grandson's birthday recently.
- Brent was happy to announce a possible engagement very soon. (His son???)
- Art P is happy to announce the arrival of a great grandchild.
- Nancy was happy about our next grandchild's arrival on or around Feb 8. Also, in regards to another family, when we encouraged our grandson to change into his pj's, he replied that if he did that he'd have to come back only in his undies. (That's what he uses now, just like his dad) Funny moment...

## **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](mailto: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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Readers</b>
Jan 20	Kris & Connie Tenaski
Jan 27	Readers needed – call Art P

### **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**

- Volunteers for Jan 20 serving at Christ Church– John & Nancy L, Garth, Anne, Dale, John B, and as always Brent...

**Program**

John L introduced our speaker – Joanne Bold with The Travel Agent Next Door. John and Nancy finally met (in person) Joanne today having only spoken previously by phone. They were introduced through mutual friends who also are going on the same cruise to the Panama Canal.

Joanne has worked in the travel industry for 14 years – the last 12 with “The Travel Agent Next Door”. This company has grown from about 700 agents when she started to over 1400 today. They offer their travel agents the opportunity to work from home. Joanne passed out a short questionnaire with 7 questions with True or False answers. This proved to be a great way to address common questions about booking cruises that also created more discussion.

Misc tidbits that may be of interest – when considering a river cruise in Europe, there is at least one river that remains about the same level – unlike others that may restrict water travel and then put you on a bus if the water is too low. One company, AMA Waterways, has river boats that don’t require as much depth in the water. Something to keep in mind.

Also – note that Virgin matches perks with other lines.

A very interesting discussion – all in all. Joanne is very knowledgeable and a wealth of information. Anne thanked Joanne and told her that a book with her name will be donated to the St Michael school reading program.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Month	Theme, Coordinator and Meeting Status
<b>January</b>	<b>Vocation Service</b>
26	Club Assembly
<b>February</b>	

Month	Theme, Coordinator and Meeting Status
March	

**Events**

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact
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