



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

**January 11, 2021**  
**Vocation Service 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:** Ken Howland  
**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:** Jenny Plotzki, United Way and Don Meikle, Egadz

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



**Sergeant:** Thank you to the members who committed the following misdemeanours and donating funds for the Rotary Foundation in recompense: For being late to the meeting; for backtalk to the Sergeant; for not wearing a Rotary pin; Less for letter to the editor about boxes not being flattened in recycling; Donna for the most confused look on signing in; Art for the wrong name a member.

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Ken for Happy Being a Canadian after events in US; Ian for sad dollar for events in US; John for great Lakeland NFL game; Art for daughter starting new job in Calgary; Garth sad dollar for Seahawks loss; John B for being late because of change in alarm system meant that alarms wouldn't shut off.

## Announcements

### 1) Suggest a Meeting Form

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

### 2) Speaker Responsibility List

- See list of Assignments for obtaining speakers – List Below

### 3) 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:

- 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!
- Visit a SARCAN Depot and look for Drop & Go – *See below for a list of locations*
- Follow instructions on the screen. Type SMR when prompted to enter the group phrase. It is simple!
- 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.

#### 4) Seasons Greeting from Yujin

NOTE: My Apologies that Message is late because it went to my Spam

Hello. This is Yujin.  
How is your family doing and everyone in Rotary club?  
Merry Christmas to you all and all the rotary members!



This is our club celebrating new year.  
Take care!  
Best wishes. Send from Yuchin

#### 5) 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

No Club business

### Program

Jenny Plotzki, United Way and Don Meikle, Egadz

Jenny is the Major Donor Director and oversaw the Summer Success Program, which was supported by Meewasin. Last year, it was postponed due to CV19. The funds supported an intensive reading camp for children in grades 1-3, to increase their reading skills and thereby increasing their success in completing high school



The United Way proposed that the funds be used to support 8 other programs that assist children to be All That they Can Be – including EGADZ, Mentor program by Big Brothers, Saskatoon Arts Youth Program, Boys and Girls club programs. The United Way drew on reserve funds, plus the donations, to support these programs for kids at risk.

EGADZ provided a very strong proposal regarding their Action to Employment Program.

Don thanked the Club for their support for their program. Their primary concern was for food security and basic needs. They were not able to have their fund raiser. The kids wanted to get back to assisting the community that they used to do. The kids came up with the idea of assisting seniors – cutting grass, cleaning yards, removing snow, etc. They discussed it with the Health Authority re: their Assisting Seniors program. They wanted to assist seniors that couldn't afford to pay for it. They now have seniors pay with with iced tea, cookies, etc.

They now have 53 students in the program assisting seniors clearing walkways, ramps, etc. EGADZ has a worker who organizes the program. In the summer, they have 3 crews working. EGADZ ensures that the kids are paid stipend for their services. There is no government funding for this program. IT costs about \$100,000 per year to run this year.

The benefits to the community are that these youth now have a reason to get up. Hospital visits are way down. Many of these youth would be at the hospital 4 times per week.

The food security program involves providing food for youth – they have bagged lunches and a van goes out and provides food to youth on the street.

The kids came up with a proposal for For Kids by Kids, a transition house call Ground Zero for assist youth 15-18 years old to transition off the street. The major issues are addictions and mental health. There are a number of homeless youth. Recently they found a number living under the bridge.

The infographic features a blue header with the text "Every child grows up to become a contributing citizen". Below the header are three columns, each with a photograph and a text box. The first column, "Drop-In Centre", shows an interior view of a youth center with a couch and a TV. The second column, "Residential", shows the exterior of a two-story house. The third column, "Outreach Services", shows a red van parked on a lawn. Each text box includes a brief description and a "More" button.

Drop-In Centre	Residential	Outreach Services
The Drop-In area at EGADZ is the hub of activity where the youth come and hang out outside of school ...	The Residential services that EGADZ has to offer include Staffed Homes, Mentored Homes, Structured I ...	There are 2 project areas to the EGADZ Outreach Services, Street Outreach and Operation Help. Each ...
<a href="#">More</a>	<a href="#">More</a>	<a href="#">More</a>

The Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc. - EGADZ has been operating a Youth Centre in downtown Saskatoon since April 2nd, 1990 that has become better known as EGADZ.

The development of the Youth Centre began in 1988 with discussions regarding “hard to serve” youth among various agencies under the catalyst of the City of Saskatoon, Leisure Services Department.

Initial discussions determined that there was a need to collaborate among several agencies to address the needs of “hard to serve” youth. The agencies agreed that there was a need to address programs in the following areas:

- Education and Life Skills
- Health and Counseling
- Food and Shelter
- Recreation/Leisure/Culture
- Employment and Work Readiness

“Hard to serve” youth are youth, less than 20 years of age, who hang out more than three days a week downtown and are addicted to the streets although they may not live on the streets. They are “at risk” of being non-productive members of society and live in an “at risk” environment. Their lifestyle indicates they do nothing of quality in their leisure time.

The downtown youth centre has two components:

a) Drop-In Component: It was deemed that the Youth Centre provide a place where youth could spend time with their friends, away from an “at risk” street environment. Alternative leisure lifestyles would be introduced to the target population so that a change in the quality of their leisure time could occur.

b) Recovery Therapy: The Youth Centre would become the catalyst for recovery programs that would assist “hard to serve” youth in finding more productive solutions to the issues and needs in their lives that caused a gravitation to an “at risk” lifestyle.

The uniqueness of this approach is to have each agency that works with “hard to serve” youth become involved with the Centre to allow the Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc. – EGADZ to be better equipped in identifying and initiating therapeutic treatment for this target population, through other agency and staff participation.

The Current EGADZ Programs are:

- Drop-In Centre
- Residential
- Outreach Services
- EGADZ Educational & Employment Support Program
- Teen Parenting

The Drop-In area at EGADZ is the hub of activity where the youth come and hang out outside of school hours. It is a safe, inclusive, and supervised environment where young people can access a broad range of services that increase their developmental opportunities and enhance their quality of life, including cultural programs, education and training programs, health programs, support, and information. The objective of the program is to provide a safe, supportive environment where children and youth experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, develop positive relationships, and build confidence and the skills of life. This past year 1136 youth, children and families accessed the Drop-In Centre 6202 times. This included some youth who accessed services just a few times to others who accessed services close to 300 times.

The Residential services that EGADZ has to offer include Staffed Homes, Mentored Homes, Structured Independent Homes, Supported Independent Homes and Baby Steps which is a home for children in care of the Ministry of Social Services whose parents are working on reunification.

All of the Residential services are for volunteer clients and only for those who are wanting to create lifestyle changes or are in need of a supportive environment to achieve their personal goals.

Each home is supported by youth workers who are able to assist the youth and adults with education, employment, medical, spiritual, addictions, mental health and any issues and goals that may arise.

Along with this support the homes also offer specialty sub-programs such as Parent Support and Action to Employment.

There are 2 project areas to the EGADZ Outreach Services, Street Outreach and Operation Help. Each area operates out in the community connecting and providing services to individuals who are leading or at risk of leading “High Risk Lifestyle”. Street Outreach takes their services to the streets seven nights a week providing emergency services such as immediate assistance with nutrition; clothing; condoms; personal hygiene supplies; referrals for emergency housing and detox; emergency baby supplies such as formula and diapers; one on one counselling. Operation Help is an outreach service that specializes in assisting people that are involved, or at risk of being involved, in sexual exploitation. The Operation Help team provides support and services to any individual, not limited to age or gender, who voluntarily would like to exit the sex trade lifestyle.

**The School Support Program-** is a community-based intervention program designed to assist youth who are in conflict with the law and are experiencing an array of difficulties that are barriers to acquiring or maintaining an educational placement. Many live-in unstructured family environments with high levels of social-economic disadvantages. As a result many of these young people demonstrate negative responses stemming often from dysfunctional homes and parenting environments.

The Teen Parent Program continues to be supported through Health Canada-The Community Action Plan for Children (CAPC). The Teen Parent program is focused on assisting teen parents and/or expecting parents on becoming better equipped to raise healthy happy children so that they can enjoy the benefits of being a positive and loving family. The program’s goals are achieved by offering individual support services as well as formal and informal information workshops to three parenting groups within EGADZ.

**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>January</b>	<b>Vocation Service Month</b>
11	Jenny Plotzki, United Way and Don Meikle, Egadz
18	Brent Klaus (Vocational Talk)
25	Club Assembly
<b>February</b>	<b>Peace and Conflict Prevention/ Resolution</b>
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15	Family Day – No Meeting
22	

Date	Speaker and Topic

### Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact
April 15/21	Badge, Shield and Star Dinner		

### 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 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

## Officers and Directors – 2021-2022

### **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 (Co-Treasurers)

**Monthly Speaker / Program - Members in Charge**  
*"Rotary Connects the World"*

Note 1: The \* indicates the lead person, others are support

Note 2: Please have list of speakers to Admin Committee at least 2-3 weeks prior to start of month

	<b>Monthly Rotary Theme</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
July	<i>Start of new Rotary year</i>	
August	<i>Membership and New Club Development</i>	
September	<i>Basic Education and Literacy, (Corn Roast)</i>	
October	<i>Economic and Community Development</i>	
November	<i>Rotary Foundation</i>	
December	<i>Disease Prevention and Treatment, (Club Elections)</i>	
January	<i>Vocational Service,</i>	*Courtney Postle
February	<i>Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution</i>	*Luross
	Family Day Feb 15	Muir Birkmaier
March	<i>Water and Sanitation</i>	*Nair Paproski Cowsill
April	<i>Maternal and Child Health</i>	*Ferguson
	Easter Monday April 5th	Stefiuk Howland
May	<i>Youth Service</i>	*Tenaski
	Victoria Day May 24	Kessler Peterson
June	<i>Rotary Fellowships</i>	*Loopkey Pagliarini Sutherland