



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

**Jan 13, 2025**

**Vocational Service Month**

**Rotary: Making a Difference**

**District Governor (5550):** Peter Tonge, Winnipeg

**President:** Arthur Whetstone

**Pres Elect:** Your Opportunity  
to serve

**Secretary:** John Luross

**Past President:** Luis Pagliarini

**Treasurers:** Art Whetstone

**Sergeant:** Ron Loopkey

**Desk:** Nancy 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](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 Whetstone ([wci@sasktel.net](mailto:wci@sasktel.net))

**Rotary Meeting**

**ZOOM – Meewasin Rotary Club**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624852636?pwd=MjRRTY2FQWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHlvQT09>

**Call to Order:** Nancy Luross opened the meeting at 0700.

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

**Guests:** None



Sergeant Ron raised funds for the following;  
Fines for anyone that hasn't attended a Rush game this season,  
Hari – as a welcome back,

**Happy and Sad Dollars:**

Ron – sad dollars for the recent deaths of Murray and David.  
Ron – happy their family wedding in Alberta went very well.  
Hari – Happy that Chrystel will be back this week with his favorite Father-in-law coming for a visit.

John B – had a great weekend.

Art P – sad dollars for the recent passing of Murray and David, and another friend from church.

- Art will also be having his cataract operation (both eyes, this week)

Nancy – sad dollars for Murray and David, and also a neighbour.

Happy our daughter and son-in-law arrived safely home after a 10 day vacation in Argentina and Chili.

**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) St Michaels Reading Program**

- a) Thanks for volunteering everyone.

**Club Business**

**Program**

Nancy introduced John Benesh as speaker this morning. A few months ago, John travelled to France to embark on a 800 km walk on the El Camino. John wore some of his clothing used on his trek – Merino wool shirt and socks, and also his Keen hiking shoes. As he spoke, several photo albums were passed around, showing us highlights of his journey. To give us all a sense of the distance, he suggested we all imagine walking from Saskatoon to Dundurn, staying there overnight, and then proceeding to the next town about the same distance the next day.....and repeating this day after day until you arrive at Lake Louise in Alberta. (all in a just a few weeks)

He told us that many people walk the Camino every year....approximately 490,000 walked at least part of the Camino in 2024 and 31,000 walked the full 800kms.

John met a variety of people on his trek, young, old, from different countries around the world. Many come for different reasons. Some, like John, carry a pack and stay at hostiles along the way. Others choose to have porters transport their luggage from hotel to hotel in the different towns.

John had the opportunity to see and visit vast churches along the way.

Many are on a pilgrimage – looking for meaningful answers to the questions of life.

Everyone ends the Camino with memories of a unique experience they'll never forget.

We all thanked John for sharing his experience of a lifetime.

**Upcoming Meetings**

<b>January</b>	
Jan 20	Hannah Abole and Dorothy Hudson presentation on Ghana Project
Jan 27	
<b>February</b>	
Feb 3	
Feb 10	Social – Brent Klause
Feb 17	Family Day – No meeting

**Events**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Rotary Club</u>	<u>Information/Contact</u>

**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

**Officers and Directors – 2024-2025**

**Board Executive/Officers:**

President:	Art Whetstone
Past President	Luis Pagliarini
President Elect	Art Whetstone
Treasurer	Art Whetstone
Secretary	John Luross

**Directors:**

Nancy Luross  
Peter Voldeng  
John Luross  
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Leanne Kessler  
Ron Loopkey

**Monthly Speaker / Program - Members in Charge**

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