



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

@ Heritage Inn

January 21, 2019

Vocational Service Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Elaine Thompson

President: Ron Loopkey/Tom Geenan

1st VP: Robert Fisher

Secretary: Garth Courtney

Past President: Sunny Mundi

2nd VP: TBV

Treasurer: Robert Fisher

Chair: Ron Loopkey / Tom Geenan

Desk: Ian Sutherland, Garth Courtney

Sergeant: Harold Empey

Service Above Self

Meewasin Rotary Readers Schedule		Meals on Wheels	
Wednesday (St. Michael's, 1:00 p.m.)		Monday (1100 am pickup – City Hospital)	
January		January	
23	Donna Birkmaier and Ken Wilson	21	John Benesh
30	Wayne Walling and Kris Tenaski	28	Kris Tenaski
February		February	
6	Garth Courtney and Ron Loopkey	4	Arthur Whetstone
13	Readers Needed	11	Ian Sutherland
20	School Break	18	Family Day
27	Ken Wilson Reader Needed	25	Ken Wilson

* Meals Wheels Contact: Volunteer Service Department - Dawna Shand - (306) 655-4323

Rotary Meeting

Call to Order: The Chair opened the meeting at 0700 at the Heritage Inn with the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace.

Attendance: There were 15 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

Guests: Ludovica (Bee) Mazzotto (Exchange Student)



50/50 Draw (\$2.00/Ticket): Draw Master Kris oversaw the 50-50 draw. Art W was the lucky winner of the jackpot.



Sergeant Harold harvested coinage from members for the Foundation for guilty consciences, which were matched by the sergeant.

Happy and Sads: Everyone was happy.

Announcements

FEBRUARY DUTIES

Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month
Meeting arrangers: John L – Sunni – Ralph

Front Desk Wayne & Don S.
Sargent John B
50/50 James
TEO Scribe – Art W / John L / Kris Tenaski

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Rotary Readers Needed

Need 3 more readers in February.

Train, Dinner and Theatre

September 21st. 5.5 hours
Meal and wine tasting. Plus theatre presentation.
Combining with PA, Melfort and Tisdale.
Robert has booked a car for Meewasin
Cost: \$120/person

Club Business

Bee provided her first report for the year. 2019 has started really well. Last week she was in Melfort. She snowboarded for the first time. She had a great time even though she fell at least 200 times. She spoke to the 2 outbound students. A couple of days ago, she attended the Blades game. This is the first time that she saw a hockey game. This week she has final exams. On the 29th, she is buying the winter formal dress. She will be a princess for one night.

No other Club Business

Program

Ken Wilson provided an entertaining Life and Times. Ken was raised on a farm in Manitoba, but they lived in a town in Saskatchewan. They had cattle, pigs, chickens and grain. They had a team of large draft horses, which were great for work, but a challenge to ride. The Shetland pony was a mean one.

Their closest neighbour was about 2 miles away. During non-school days, they were alone and had to amuse themselves when they were not doing chores. They started driving machines and vehicles in their



pre-teen years and regularly driving vehicles and machinery in their mid-teens.

He swam in a dugout where the cows drank and often left a deposit.

He attended a multi-grade school. The teaching of any grades sometimes depended on whether the teacher wanted to teach the grade. For grade 12, he had to go 8 miles and then catch a bus to the School in Roblin. This was a great cultural shock to go from a school of 8 – 10 students, to one with over 100. He was the only student from his area to go to high school and then to university.

He started university in engineering, but didn't really like all the different science courses. After his first year of university, he worked in Flin Flon at various jobs – including underground mining, garage, milk delivery. After some time working here, he went back to university. He took mechanical drafting. After graduating, he got a job in Prince Albert with an architectural firm doing mechanical drafting. He had met Margaret while in Prince Albert and she was attending nursing program in Saskatoon.

In the fall, he moved to Saskatoon to work with UMA Engineering, where he worked until 1969. There was a major change at UMA and a reduction in the number of positions in Saskatoon. During this time, he was doing a lot of consulting on schools and other building. He realized that he was interested in the buildings themselves and not the internal workings. He returned to the school of architecture at the University of Winnipeg. In 1975, he graduated from the Master's program.

He and Margaret were married in 1966. They had 2 daughters.

In the mid-seventies, he started experiencing periods of confusion. They diagnosed him with several things. After a knee injury, they found that he had a blood infection which was causing mini-strokes and deterioration of his aortic valve. He had a replacement. He is not supposed to do any contact sports because of potential injury.

The firms that he worked with were dependent on the party in power. They were doing a lot of schools. It was either flood or famine, and he had to change firms for work.

He started looking at a different job. He decided to move to Saskatoon. He worked for the firm for 4 years, until he was recruited by another firm. He stayed 2 years and decided to start his own firm in 1986. He had no technicians for the first couple of years. To reduce his hours, he hired a technician and has had 2-4 technicians since then. In 2011, he joined another firm. They firm was looking for technicians, so he was able to ensure employment for his 2 long term technicians.

He enjoyed camping. They started with the basic camper and over time have progressively moved up to a Class A. They have toured most of North America.

He started doing work Rotary when in Flin Flon, but wasn't a member. He joined Rotary in Saskatoon in 1986. The downtown club met at noon, which took a couple of hours for a meeting. He often needed to work during noon. He has held every office except Secretary-Treasurer.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Meetings

Date	Program/Activity

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January	Phil – Ron – Brent Vocational Service Month
21	The Life & Times of Kenny Wilson
28	“Provide” Presentation by Jaysen Wesolowski
February	John Luross, Ralph Morgan, Sunni Mundi Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month
4	TBD
11	TBD
18	No Meeting
25	P.T.S.D - Heather Chernoff & Kuma

Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact
April 17, 2019	Badge and Shield Dinner	All Club	Art Postle
June 1, 2019	Lobster Fest All Hands on Deck	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

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



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**Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin
Monthly Speaker / Program Assignments for 2018-19**

Month	Monthly Rotary Theme	Members in Charge	
2018			
July	Start of new Rotary year	Bailey	Glen
	Note: No meeting Jul 2,;Change-over dinner on Jul 9; Grainfields Jul 23	Benesh	John
August	Membership and New Club Development, (DG Visit?)	Birkmaier -Tillotson	Donna
	Note: No meeting Aug 6; Holiday Inn & Belsher PI tour on Aug. 20	Clements	Don
		Ferguson	Les
September	Basic Education and Literacy, (Corn Roast?)	Courtney	Garth
	Note: No meeting Labour Day Sep 3	Empey	Harold
		Muir	Al
October	Economic and Community Development	Fisher	Robert
	Note: No meeting Thanksgiving Oct 8	McArthur	Murray
November	Rotary Foundation	Geenen	Tom
	Note: No meeting Nov 12	Howland	Ken
		Wilson	Ken
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment, (Club Elections)	Jaspar	Rob
	Note: No meetings Dec 24 and 31	Kessler	Leanne
2019			
January	Vocational Service, (Evening social?)	Klause	Brent
		Laforge	Phil
		Loopkey	Ron
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution	Luross	John
	Note: No meeting Family Day Feb 18	Morgan	Ralph
		Mundi	Sunni
March	Water and Sanitation	Nair	Hari
		Nickel	Jacob
		Paproski	James
April	Maternal and Child Health, (AIT Monday?)	Postle	Arthur
	Note: No meeting Easter Monday April 21	Russell	David
		Stefiuk	Don
May	Youth Service	Sutherland	Ian
	Note: No meeting Victoria Day May 20	Tenaski	Kris

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June	Rotary Fellowships, (Lobsterfest, 'Change Over')	Walling	Wayne
		Whetstone	Arthur

COMMITTEES FOR 2018-2019

Meewasin Rotary Club: 2018 / 2019 Committee

Administration - Meeting program & admin, Sergeant, raffle, facilities, meals, supplies

Ferguson – Chair
 Courtney – Secretary
 Fisher – Treasurer
 Morgan
 Walling

Service - Club charitable giving, Foundation grant applications

Howland – Chair
 Laforge
 Klause
 Sutherland
 Paproski

Youth - Youth exchanges, Adventures programs, school programs

Postle – Chair
 Muir
 Kessler
 Nair

Foundation- Foundation donations, member recognition

Wilson - Chair
 Bailey
 Clements
 Nickel

Membership - Member recruitment, education and retention

Stefiuk – Chair
 Tenaski
 Jaspar
 Benesh
 Loopkey

Public Relations- Club & event promotion, communications, manage website

Luross - Chair
 Empey
 Mundi
 Whetstone

Social - Plan & organize monthly social event or service project, social Media

Birkmaier – Chair
 McArthur Geenen
 Loopkey