



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 30, 2023

**Vocational Service Month**

**Rotary: Making a Difference**

District Governor (5550): Fred Wright

President: Art Postle, Garth Courtney

Pres Elect: Luis Pagliarini

Secretary: Garth Courtney

Past President: Tom Geenen

Treasurers: Art Postle

Sergeant: Ron Loopkey

Desk: Garth/Art

**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 Postle ([postle@sasktel.net](mailto:postle@sasktel.net)).

**Rotary Meeting**

**ZOOM – Meewasin Rotary Club**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624852636?pwd=MjRlR0Y2F0WlRmRW9Cd2NKRHlSWHlvQT09>

**Queen's House**

601 Taylor Street West

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87214323627>

Meeting ID: 872 1432 3627

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If you have problems getting on Zoom call Garth at 306 229-3965 or Art P at 306 227-3013

**Call to Order:** The Chair opened the meeting at 0700, or thereabouts.

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

**Guests:** Shirley Isbister



The Sergeant raised funds for the following real or imagined offences: For volunteering for the Food Bank; Double for those that didn't volunteer; and Triple for those that have never served at the Food Bank; Peter for being late; John for expecting to pay; John for speeding on the way to the meeting; Chair for recognizing it is the Sergeant's last time.



**Happy and Sad Dollars:** Donna for getting 5 goals in a hockey tournament; Hari glad to be back at meeting; Hari for Air Canada losing his bags and missing two flights on trip to France; Garth for garage door springing and not able to get car out; For death of long-time friend; John for buying snorkel gear and for NFL game; Nancy for getting together and having skate with grandkids and family, with several learning to skate; For grand sons sleep over after hockey games; Luis for son's 7 months.

## Announcements

### 1) SASKATOON FOOD BANK

- a) Next Opportunities:
  - i) Saturday, February 11, 0900-1200 – Volunteers needed.
- b) Contact Rob Jasper to Volunteer --[rob.jaspar@shaw.ca](mailto:rob.jaspar@shaw.ca)
- c) We need 10 volunteers - Friends and family welcome

### 2) 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.

### 3) Cell Phones

- a) John Benesh is collecting smart phones for the Mother and Baby centre. They will be used by mothers for appointments, etc.
- b) Drop off at Benesh, Bitz and company – Quebec Avenue.

### 4) 2023 Badge Shield and Star Dinner

- a) Mark our Calendars
- b) Date: April 20, 2023 @ 5:30 pm
- c) Location: Prairieland Park
- d) Tickets: Go to:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/rap-saskatoon/events/2023-rotary-badge-shield-star-dinner/>

**5) Lobsterfest 2023**

- a) Dates – May 25 and 26, 2003
- b) Place: Gordie Howe Bowl
- c) Same format as last year
- d) More information and tickets to come in near future

**6) Club Social Feb 13, 2023**

- a) Partners welcome.
- b) Time: 18:45
- c) Queens House
- d) Contact Garth if you are attending.

**7) 5-Club Gathering**

- a) Proposed for Saturday, March 25, 2023, 3:00 to 8:00
- b) Partners welcome.
- c) Decision to participate pending

**8) Your Announcement Here**

**Club Business**

No club business

**Program**

Shirley Isbister, President of CUMFI, provided members with information on the Central Urban Métis Federation Inc. (CUMFI). Shirley is a true and caring leader. She is a mother of three and grandmother of six.

Central Urban Métis Federation (1993) Inc., (CUMFI), is a community-based Métis owned and operated non-profit, charitable organization located in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. CUMFI is a local and national leader in the area of urban Aboriginal issues and challenges. CUMFI has 200 employees and is located in central Saskatoon. They have several apartment blocks. Their biggest program is the Coming Home program that works with families whose children are returning to the family from Foster Care.



Their constituents and clientele cut across a broad range of personal, social and economic backgrounds. Due to the hard work and commitment of a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors and staff; they have the fundamental structure in place upon which to address the social-economic discrepancies faced by urban Aboriginal People in Saskatoon.

Central Urban Métis Federation (1993) Incorporated (CUMFI) was founded in 1993 and incorporated by a group of Métis people living in the City of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

The mandate of CUMFI is “to ensure that the voice of Métis people is heard at the municipal level within Saskatoon and district”. CUMFI reincorporated its non-profit status within the Saskatchewan Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995, to register as a non-profit charitable organization, charitable number: 888571 7835

RR0001. CUMFI strives to promote the heritage, cultural, economic, educational and social well-being of the Métis community in Saskatoon.

During the past 14 years, CUMFI has grown to nearly 6000 registered members. CUMFI has demonstrated to its members and stakeholders the ability to be accountable and transparent based on past and current program and service delivery evaluations and audits. CUMFI established corporate and community professionalism and capabilities in delivering preventive, intervention, and advocacy support programs and services to the urban Aboriginal people of Saskatoon, primarily the urban Métis people.

To effectively deliver quality programs and services, CUMFI realizes that collaborative partnerships are an integral component to success.

Past and current partnerships and stakeholders include; federal, provincial, municipal and Aboriginal government agencies, community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations and corporate/private sectors. In all aspects, CUMFI's partnerships ensure that program and service delivery duplication is addressed.

### **Coming Home Program**

The Coming Home Program is designed for parents who require intensive support in order to have their children returned to their care or to maintain their children in their care. It is not housing-based; those entering the program need to have challenges that they need to address outside of housing challenges. The homes are staffed twenty-four hours per day and offer self-contained suites. Staff are there to provide support and help parents meet case plan goals whether that is attending addictions, parenting, domestic violence or other programming. Childcare and transportation are provided to ensure there are no barriers to parents attending programming. Clients are referred by Child and Family Services.

#### **The Coming Home Program consists of 4 Supported Living Homes:**

- Infinity House
- Pritchard House
- NiWapatahanaanik Home (NIWA)
- Trotchie House

One of the homes is a high-risk home. They can't take the children out because. They also have a home for dads. They have had dads with up to 6 children. They have not had a dad who had not taken care of their children even after they have moved out.

They have a house for people recovering from addictions.

They do emergency receiving for children who are apprehended. They have a number of homes that are staffed 24/7. Many of children are aboriginal. There is a lot of trauma being apprehended. The first face they will see is a brown face, and be less comfort.

The agreement was to house the children for 30 days, and then they would move on to child care. They have children for up to 3 years. So, they bought a home that has a yard and able to provide better home-like situation with yard.

They have a home for children who age out. It is a safe place for them after they leave care.

The created a home for Metis elders. It houses 30 elder. The lodge is a \$7.5 million unit. They have several apartment blocks on 20<sup>th</sup> or in that area. .

All their homes are in the core area of Saskatoon. They believe that to make change, they have to be in the area.

They have 14 houses for larger families. Some are full and the others are just opened. They have 60 children in these the first 9 homes. These homes are fully furnished. The children moved into a home with new furniture. Shirley comes from poverty and knows the impact of coming into a home with new furniture.

They hold several celebrations in the buildings. Including Xmas tree and gift making area.

They have a Culture coordinator. He is a fiddle play and is teaching the kids.

COVID hit CUMFI hard. They served 400 hampers and several thousands of meals. There are a number of homeless people who live near their office. They make sure they are fed and okay for the evening. They make sure they have water in the summer. In the winter they have a warm up trailer. It is open from 8:00 am to 0830 pm. They serve snacks and make sure they have a place for the evening.

They have a motor home that is the community service centre. It has an office. It is parked space on 20th and 22<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup>. It is to assist people for housing, health, justice, social services, etc. They have navigators at the office to follow up on housing needs.

They operate 24 hours a day.

They have a laundry service and food serve. People can come in a do their laundry and have a snack or meal. The Wellness Centre for people with fatal-alcohol syndrome disorder and mental health issues. They have a day program for people to come in and do activities. They opened this in 2008. Initially they spent a lot of time on justice issues. Now they have housing and less need for that. One individual, his home was set up for him to have quality of life. They have volunteers who assist them.

Much of their time is spent on funding and writing proposals. They are in constant need of funds.

Their next project is an emergency shelter and a second stage home for them. They have great relationships with the mayor, city policy and social services. It is a fragile relationship as many of them experienced home visits with social services. They don't allow social services to visit their homes. It is too traumatic for the people in these homes.

They are part of Reconciliation Saskatoon. There were 7 of them in the beginning talking about how they would move this forward. Now there are over a 100 organisations. The Walk for Reconciliation used to be held in the summer but they moved it to September 30. They have golf carts and horses/wagons for the survivors.

### Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker and Topic
January	<b>Vocational Service</b> <b>Presentations: Luis Pagliarini/ Peter Voldeng, Murray McArthur</b>
30	Shirley Isbister, Central Urban Métis Federation
February	<b>Peace and Conflict Prevention</b>

Date	Speaker and Topic
	<b>Coordinators: Bailey (Chair), Fisher, Wilson, Birkmaier</b>
6	TBD
13	No Morning Meeting. Club Social. Details to come.
20	No Meeting. Enjoy Family Day.
27	TBD

**Events**

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact
April 20, 2022, 5:30 PM	Badge, Shield and Star Dinner, Prairieland Park, Saskatoon	RAP	\$125 per ticket \$1000 for table of 8
May 25th and 26th	LobsterFest. Gordie Howe	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

**COMMITTEES FOR 2022-2023**

**Administration—Meeting administration (program, facilities, meals, supplies)**  
 Courtney (Chair and Club Secretary), Postle (Club Treasurer), Pagliarini (Incoming President)

**Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition**

Bailey (Chair), Fisher, Wilson, Birkmaier

**Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative**

Nair, Ferguson

**Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative**

Postle (Chair), Stefiuk, Berscheid, Clements

**Membership—Membership recruitment, engagement, and retention**

Club members as a whole

**Public Relations—Club and event promotion, communications, website management**

Luross (Chair and Website Administrator), Whetstone (Eyeopener Editor), Loopkey, Geenen

**Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications**

Benesh (Chair), Sutherland, Howland, Nancy Luross, Anne Luross, Tenaski, Muir

**Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs**

Voldeng (Chair), Klause, Kessler, McArthur

**Officers and Directors – 2022-2023**

**Board Executive/Officers:**

President: Garth Courtney, Art Postle  
Past President Tom Geenen  
President Elect Luis Pagliarini  
Treasurer Art Postle  
Secretary Garth Courtney  
Ass't Secretary

**Directors:**

John Benesh  
Peter Voldeng  
Glen Bailey  
John Luross

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

*"Rotary Connects the World"*

Listed below are the Theme months and the Committee Chair for each month.

July - Not assigned – New Rotary Leadership  
August – Not assigned - Membership and New Club Development  
September - Art Postle - Education and Literacy  
October - John Luross - Economic and Community Development  
November – Glen Bailey – Rotary Foundation  
December – John Benesh - Disease Prevention and Treatment  
January – Luis Pagliarini/ Peter Voldeng - Vocational Service  
February – Glen Bailey – Peace and Conflict Prevention  
March – John Benesh – Water and Sanitation  
April – Garth Courtney – Maternal and Child Care  
May – Peter Voldeng – Youth  
June – John Luross – Rotary Fellowship

