



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 8, 2024

Vocational Service Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Sonja Susut, Moose Jaw

President: Luis Pagliarini

Pres Elect: Art Whetstone

Secretary: Garth Courtney

Past President: A. Postle, G. Courtney

Treasurers: Art Postle

Sergeant: Anne 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

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

Payment by Credit Card (For either Meeting Expenses or Fines/Donations)

- For a credit card payment contact Art Postle (postle@sasktel.net).

Rotary Meeting

ZOOM – Meewasin Rotary Club

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624852636?pwd=MjRlRkY2FkZWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHlSWHlVQT09>

ZOOM & 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.

Attendance: There were 13 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

Guests: Telesphore Ntashmimikiro. (guest speaker)

The Sergeant raised funds for the following:



- Anyone who did not talk to someone about Rotary over the holidays.



Happy and Sad Dollars

- Robert is happy to be going away for 6 weeks to the Okanagan.
- Luis – his wife’s family was visiting for 3 weeks – his father-in-law wanted to shovel snow!
- Jenny – happy to have her husband here over the holiday.
- Garth – Happy his kids were here from Calgary – their dog ate the Christmas pudding!
- John B. was happy to say he a unique time sailing on a wind cycle on the lake.
- Peter – had a great time with family over Christmas.
- Nancy – had a great family Christmas (all 20 of us) at our oldest daughter’s house (played games outside)
- Brent – off to Mexico for a month – staying right next to a PGA golf course.
- Donna – nice to be together – tough time though as her daughter was in and out of Emerg.
- Anne had a wonderful Christmas with family and grandkids.

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) Coop Gift Cards

- ~~a) Art has \$10,000 in gift cards,~~
- ~~b) Order them from Art.~~ **Sold out**

3) Meals on Wheels

- a) Contact Nancy Luross regarding signing up or the schedule for Meals on Wheels [--nancy.l@sasktel.net](mailto:nancy.l@sasktel.net) or 306 381-4342

4) Your Announcement Here

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- 5) Your Announcement Here
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Club Business

Robert Fisher handed out sheets with an explanation / comparison option to consider for Lobsterfest this year.

Option 1 – Rent a facility (soccer centre) and run our own event. He calculated the approximate costs and found the costs would be too high to generate any significant funds for the club. (Biggest cost was \$2300 for rental of the site)

Option 2 – To work with Phil (Smiley's) and spread the event over 2 nights, with the restaurant looking after the food preparation.

Option 2 seemed to make the most sense to everyone - from an accounting perspective.

Robert suggested we use the Smiley's facility to help lower the costs and to provide a hotter meal.

A discussion followed with various people offering their opinions as to possible alternate locations – including back at the Gordie Howe bowl conference room.

Once a location is decided on, and a ticket price, it would be great to have tickets available for sale as soon as possible. (This would help enable various organizations then buy tickets for their staff or volunteers)

Program

Peter introduced our speaker – Telesphore Ntashimikiro, who told us all about his home country of [Burundi](#), which is a very poor county in Africa. The GDP of Burundi is about \$220 US per capita which is the lowest in the world.

Their primary exports are coffee and tea. (Coffee is 93% of their exports)

Unfortunately, they have been subjected to civil the war (Hutus and Tutsis) for several years with the estimated death toll at 300,000.

The country is struggling with a poor education system, energy issues, short supplies of food and medicine.

Many children are not attending school....years ago the Hutus were not allowed to attend.

They have found that micro-funding for women has been an effective strategy to help them get started making an income.

Telesphore is optimistic that the future of his country will improve and is actively working towards that goal.

Donna thanked Telesphore for sharing with us today.

Upcoming Meetings

January	Vocational Service
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	Luis Pagliarini/ Peter Voldeng
15	Open
22	Renew or Retreat – Discussion of results
29	Club Assembly – future projects, etc.
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention Arthur Whetstone
5	Verona Thibault, Chief Engagement Officer, Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance
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19	Family Day. No meeting
26	

Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact

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 2023-2024

Administration/ Executive —Meeting administration (program, facilities, meals, supplies)

Pagliarini (President) Courtney (Secretary), Postle (Club Treasurer), Whetstone (President-elect)

Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition

Fisher (Chair) McArthur, Bailey, Wilson, Muir

Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative

Ferguson, Birkmeier

Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative

Postle (Chair), Stefiuk, Berscheid

Membership—Membership recruitment, engagement, and retention

Anne Luross (Chair) Lawrence, Klause

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

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

Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications

Benesh (Chair), Howland, Nancy Luross, Tenaski,

Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs

Voldeng (Chair), Kessler, Nair, Paproski

Officers and Directors – 2023-2024

Board Executive/Officers:

President: Luis Pagliarini
Past President Garth Courtney, Art Postle
President Elect Arthur Whetstone
Treasurer Art Postle
Secretary Garth Courtney
Ass't Secretary John Luross
Ass't Treasurere Vacant

Directors:

John Benesh
Peter Voldeng
John Luross
Anne Luross
Robert Fisher

Monthly Speaker / Progam - Members in Charge

"Rotary Connects the World"

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

September - Art Postle - Education and Literacy
October - John Luross - Economic and Community Development
November – Robert Fisher – Rotary Foundation
December – John Benesh - Disease Prevention and Treatment
January – Luis Pagliarini/ Peter Voldeng - Vocational Service
February – Art Whetstone – Peace and Conflict Prevention
March – John Benesh – Water and Sanitation
April – Anne Luross – Maternal and Child Care

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May – Peter Voldeng – Youth

June – John Luross/ Garth Courtney – Rotary Fellowship