



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



July 25, 2022

New Rotary Year 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: Zoom

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=MjRTY2FQWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHIvQT09>

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 14 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

Guests: Giuseppe Paglarini - Youngest guest–Luis’ son, Giuseppe, attended his 1st Meewasin meeting



The members joyfully reached into their pockets (some virtually) to donate to the Foundation for:

\$2 from each of our new co-presidents for only doing ½ the job.

Happy birthday to Luis–yesterday, Fines for all who attend on Zoom–they’re saving money on gas by staying at home.

Happy Dollars: Ron–happy to have spend last 2 weeks with kids and grandkids. Peter–back from first family reunion in 2 years–held this year (70 people) at Naicam. Nancy–Grandsons at recent funeral slept and took his shirt off in the back pew, Ken - Brooke Henderson’s win yesterday, Les – Sue and Anne for joining our club, Ian–happy WestJet has settled to his son and daughter-in-law can now come for a visit, Garth – shot a 78, Art for his 77th birthday, Hari–happy to see the drop in average age at this meeting.(thanks to Giuseppe)

Sad Dollars: Ken–Riders loss and covid issues, Nancy–recent passing of our daughter’s soon to be mother-in-law 3 weeks before their wedding, Hari–sad dollar for UPS losing his seed shipment



Announcements

- 1) RAP Expands Services
 - a) RAP will be adding one additional Facilitator in 2022-2023 who will provide services to two schools in the Saskatoon Public School Division, bringing the number of schools served by RAP to 9 schools.
 - b) Nutana and Centennial Collegiates are the two schools that will be added in 2022-2023.



- 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) Your may bring the backpacks to the meeting to give to John B.

- 3) **Meewasin Rotary-Saskatoon Food Bank Service Project**
 - a) Address: 2510 Jasper Ave S, Bay 7 (Same building as Kelly's Kafe)
 - b) NEXT Opportunity:
 - i) Saturday, June 18 – Volunteers needed
 - c) Contact Garth to sign up – Rotarians, Family and Friends welcome



4) 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.

5) Co-Pres Art:

This is our 1st official meeting of the 2022/23 Rotary year.

Note: It has been decided and agreed that we will only have one Rotary meeting in August, Aug 22 when we hope to hear from Kate Kessler on her recent trip.

Food Bank volunteers – Saturday July 30 – Rob Jaspar to coordinate

Art suggested we all look at Pg 20 of the August Rotarian for an article on the Foundation – Bank for your Buck.

Club Business

People and connections – the logo of the 2022-23 presidential theme

Posted on [January 28, 2022](#)



By Gundula Miethke, Specialist, Regional Content and Communication • Europe/Africa at RI Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA

“Imagine Rotary” is the 2022-23 presidential theme that RI President-elect Jennifer Jones [revealed on 20 January](#). She is asking Rotary members to dream big and take action: “We all have dreams, but acting on them is a choice. Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.”

The logo for the theme was designed by Riki Salam, an Australian artist and graphic designer specializing in contemporary Indigenous art, design, and communications. He also created the 2023 Rotary International Convention logo which will be held in Melbourne, Australia, thus connecting the two by a shared visual language.

Meaning of the design elements

There is, of course, a deeper meaning behind each element of the design. The circle in aboriginal culture for instance, signifies our connections to one another. The dots around it represent people and there are seven because of Rotary’s areas of focus.

The circle and the dots together become a navigation star – our guiding light. The solid line underneath is what is referred to as a digging stick and it is used when doing hard work. And since Rotary members are people of action – it represents a tool for getting things done.

The colors

The colors green, purple, and white are not necessarily connected to aboriginal culture. President-elect Jennifer Jones asked the new crew of Governors to use one, two, or all three when dressing for official events instead of using a theme jacket. “As we celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion, I wanted all of us to be able to express ourselves differently in what we wear, but still have connection,” she explained.

There are several ways to interpret the colors: Purple for example stands for polio eradication, green for the environment, the newest addition to our areas of focus, and white for peace, our core mission. Together, they are the colors of the women’s movement, the Suffragette – a subtle nod to this history as Jones pointed out, since she will be the first female RI president.

It was decided by the board that a surplus of \$206 (from cash fines collected throughout the year – misc expenses) will be given to Queen’s House to help cover the use of their facility and the technology they provide.

Hari gave the club an update on David Russell – still in hospital, but doing okay.

Also, an update on Harold – Doing well and in good spirits.

Program

Art P introduced our very own **Peter Voldeng** for his “Life & Times”.

Peter thanked us for this opportunity to speak on one of his favorite topics.

He was born in Naicam, SK and started life on the farm. He was a shy kid with memories of taking the bus to school and looking forward to exploring the world.

In High School, he was in 4H and also the cadets and with these groups enjoyed several distance trips. He later attended the U of S in Saskatoon, where he earned engineering and physics degrees. Back in 1990, he founded the Sci-Fi camp that is still running today with 3 full-time employees.

He also, most notably, met his wonderful wife Shirley there. After school, they returned to build a hog farm in Naicam. They’ll have been married 30 years this fall.

In Naicam they raised their 3 kids, oldest son (29) is running their wine store in Saskatoon, 26 yr old son works as an electrician and their 22 yr old daughter is attending school in Minneapolis to become a chiropractor.

Peter has always been an entrepreneur – his latest venture is [VDQ-NRG](#). Creating Energy from Waste. From their website: VDQ-NRG provides a better solution to landfills by diverting and utilizing 90% of landfill waste, with an integrated system that can be taken to a city, or any place with a waste problem. A strategic marketing and partnership plan allows communities to partner on environmentally sustainable waste solution, creating revenue and jobs, and reducing greenhouse gas.

It works, it is cost effective and it is needed.

Peter explained he is in discussions with Lagos, Nigeria, where they are looking for ways to use their waste to convert to energy. He said his company is also in discussions with Sask Polytech.

One reason Peter loves rotary is his goal to help people and communities.

#4 of the Four-way test: Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Art thanked Peter for his presentation and suggested he plan to give us an update on his progress in the years to come.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker and Topic
July	New Rotary Year Organisers: ????????????
25	
August	Membership and New Club Development Month Organisers: ????????????????
1	No Meeting
8	No Meeting
15	No Meeting
22	Meeting at Queen’s House and on Zoom
29	No Meeting

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 2021-2022

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

Courtney (Chair and Club Secretary), Peterson (Asst. Club Secretary), Postle (Club Treasurer), Ferguson, Tenaski, Voldeng

Social—Sub-committee of Administration Committee

Planning and organization of club social events

Klause, Loopkey

Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition

Bailey (Chair), Fisher, Wilson

Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative

Cowsill, Nair

Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative

Postle (Chair), Clements, Stefiuk

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), Birkmaier-Tillotson, Bwaya, Mundi, Pagliarini

Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications

Benesh (Chair), Geenan, Howland, Sutherland

Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs

Kessler (Chair), McArthur, Muir, Paproski, Peterson

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"

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

	Rotary Month Theme	2021-2022
July	<i>Start of new Rotary year</i> Canada Day	
August	<i>Membership and New Club Development</i>	
September	<i>Basic Education and Literacy, (Corn Roast)</i> Labour Day	
October	<i>Economic and Community Development</i> Thanksgiving	
November	<i>Rotary Foundation</i> Remembrance Day	McArthur, Bailey, Tenaski
December	<i>Disease Prevention and Treatment, (Club Elections)</i> Christmas, Boxing Day	Fisher, Loopkey, Peterson, Nezi
January	<i>Vocational Service,</i> New Years Day	Benesh, Geenen, Mundi, Paproski
February	<i>Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution</i> Family Day (Third Monday)	Birkmaier-Tillotson, Nair, Pagliarini
March	<i>Water and Sanitation</i> Easter (??)	Clements, , Howland, Stefiuk
April	<i>Maternal and Child Health</i> Easter (??)	Klause, Muir, Sutherland, Wilson
May	<i>Youth Service</i> Victoria Day (Third Monday)	Kessler, Postle, Voldeng
June	<i>Rotary Fellowships</i>	Luross, Ferguson, Whetstone