



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

June 13, 2022

Rotary Fellowship Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Dan Sutton

President: Jay Cowsill

Pres Elect: Jay Cowsill

Secretary: Garth Courtney

Past President: Tom Geenen

Treasurers: Art Postle

Sergeant:

Garth Courtney

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=MjRRTY2FQWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHIvQT09>

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

Guests: Dave Bennett



The members joyfully reached into their pockets (some virtually) to donate to the Foundation for: In appreciation of the Lobsterfest Committee; For making the former charrs for many years waiting to eat last; For not attending Lobsterfest; For going fishing; For going golfing already this year and enjoying a tournament; For getting cheque back from SGI:



For the first Rider win of the Season; For not being on the plane with the Edmonton coach; For McIlroy winning the Canadian Open; For a great summer weekend; Donna for being honoured with the Stewardship Award by their church on Sunday; Robert for Trudy's 70th birthday on Sunday; For daughter's shower being a great sunny day; Leas to the organizing committee for the great organisation of the Lobsterfest;

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) 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



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) Lobsterfest Report

- a) The Club commended the organising committee for an excellent Lobsterfest experience.



5) Your Announcement Here

- a)

6) Your Announcement Here

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Club Business

No club business

Program

Dave Bennet, the District Chair for Rotary Friendship Exchanges (RFE), updated members on District 5550 RFEs. He was a Teacher and Administrator at Neepawa Collegiate for 34 years. He taught Math and Computer Science, was VP for 10 years and was Counsellor for his last 6 years. He retired in 1999. He has participated in Teacher Exchange twice - 1968-69 to Lincolnshire, England and again in 1975 to Victoria, Australia. They were Family Hosts for 2 different Rotary Youth Exchange students, both Australian boys.

He Joined Rotary in 1984, held various leadership roles including Vocational Chair, Youth Exchange Chair and Counsellor and was President twice. Presently he is the Club Service Chair.

He was on the selection committees for District 5550 GSE and VTT Teams and took his own GSE Team to England in 2011. He has been District RFE Chair the past 5 years since 2017.

What is Friendship Exchange?

Friendship Exchange is an international reciprocal exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs.

Participants may travel as individuals, couples, families, or groups, and may be Rotary members or not.

Benefits of an exchange

- Broaden international understanding
- Explore a profession or job in a different context
- Build enduring friendships
- Establish a foundation for peace and service
- Gain opportunities for active project involvement and support
- Learn about a region's people, food, languages, customs, and history
- Find partners for grants

All exchanges are paid for by the participants or their districts. Hosts are not expected to assume a significant financial burden. Club or district funds may be available to offset the costs of exchanges that have a vocational emphasis.

Types of exchanges

1 Culture

When Rotarians from Malaysia visited the United Kingdom, they broadened their international understanding through cultural immersion and meetings with leaders

2 Fellowship

Rotarians from Latvia visited historic sites and enjoyed traditional food and dancing in Mexico.

3 Vocations

In Lhuwhawha, Uganda, Rotarians from England helped at a medical clinic and delivered clothes, medicine, mosquito nets, boots, and latex gloves.

Choose a destination

Explore our Exchange Finder Map (<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/friendship-exchange>) to view current exchange locations and the districts that serve them. Connect with the district's Rotary Friendship Exchange chair for help finding potential international hosts and planning your itinerary.

Define your purpose

Friendship exchanges are organized around at least one of three themes: culture, service, and vocation.

Fund your exchange

Financial Costs

Guests are home hosted. The program arrangements are between districts, although RI gives guidelines.

The host club pays for the travel within the District.

Bed and breakfast is what is usually asked.

Costs at the Club or events are paid by the Host district/clubs.

The individuals pay for their own travel, visas, etc.

Meals in restaurants are the responsibility of the guests.

History

Kevin Wilson, member of the Saskatoon Club, ran the program for 15 years.

We had 3 teams and 2 exchanges in 2019. One was to India. We had 2 teams to Australia teams that year. Outbound we had 4 couples and 2 individuals.

In 2020, there were 2 exchanges arranged. One was to Brazil to 2 districts. It was on hold since COVID. We still have the funds from some couples.

The other was to Southwest England. There were 5 couples chosen. There were some changes in the couples, but we still have 5 couples. There were only 2 couples coming back. Not sure if they are still interested as some were going to the RI convention in Hawaii.

Current Planning

Are we interested in doing an exchange in 2023?

How do we handle COVID? Vaccinations? Etc.

Are members interested in hosting people in their homes?

Process of Arranging an Exchange

Dave has set up club contacts in each Club. About 65% of the clubs have a club contact.

It is posted on the District 5550 website and they advertise.

The application fee is \$100. It is refunded if they are not selected. The funds are used for administration, badges, unexpected hosting costs,

The requirement is that attendees must participate in hosting returning members. It is a challenge because our district is so large, that the return Rotarians are not always in the same area. Have to get extra host homes in a community.

Friends of Rotary are only eligible if don't have enough Rotarians, and if they are nominated by a Rotarian attending.

They draw names from a hat from those that have applied.

Rotarians who were not members for two years and who have attended an RFE in the past 2 years are set aside to see if they are any openings after others are.

They have set the numbers at a maximum of 10 people and 6 beds, to reduce the challenges of travel and beds.

The Individuals book their own flights. They are told which hotel to be at a specific time.

Members are asked to wear Rotary apparel.

Gifts for hosts is optional.

Pictures for the website.

Arrangements are made by zoom meetings.

Responsibilities of Members

Participate in meetings.

Include one page bio with a picture.

Prepare PPT presentation, take care of arrangements, etc.

Prepare host exchange report to be sent to the Chair.

The local committee finds the host families, work with the inbound leader to arrange transportation between clubs, written itinerary for the visitors,
 The exchanges are usually 10-14 days, but they can be any length of time depending on the arrangement between the districts.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker and Topic
June	Rotary Fellowship Organisers: Luross, Ferguson, Whetstone
13	Dave Bennett, Friendship Exchanges
20	Dave Newman, How Rotary Peace Fellowships are an effective way for your club & D5550 to contribute to Positive Peace in our troubled world, local to global
27	Russell Wangersky, Star Phoenix and Leader Post, Media and Social Media literacy
July	New Rotary Year
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18	
25	

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 – 2021-2022

Board Executive/Officers:

President:	Jay Cowsill
Past President	Tom Geenen
President Elect	Jay Cowsill
Treasurer	Art Postle
Secretary	Garth Courtney

Ass't Secretary Nicole Peterson

Directors:

John Benesh
 Leanne Kessler
 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>	McArthur, Bailey, Tenaski
	Remembrance Day	
December	<i>Disease Prevention and Treatment, (Club Elections)</i>	Fisher, Loopkey, Peterson, Nezi
	Christmas, Boxing Day	
January	<i>Vocational Service,</i>	Benesh, Geenen, Mundi, Paproski
	New Years Day	
February	<i>Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution</i>	Birkmaier-Tillotson, Nair, Pagliarini
	Family Day (Third Monday)	
March	<i>Water and Sanitation</i>	Clements, , Howland, Stefiuk
	Easter (??)	
April	<i>Maternal and Child Health</i>	Klause, Muir, Sutherland, Wilson
	Easter (??)	
May	<i>Youth Service</i>	Kessler, Postle, Voldeng
	Victoria Day (Third Monday)	

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June	<i>Rotary Fellowships</i>	Luross, Ferguson, Whetstone