



**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



**June 15, 2020**  
**Rotary Fellowships Month**

**Rotary: Making a Difference**

**District Governor (5550):** Fred Wright  
**President:** Hari Nair      **1<sup>st</sup> VP:** TBD      **Secretary:** Garth Courtney  
**Past President:** Ron Loopkey/  
 Tom Geenen      **2<sup>nd</sup> VP:** TBD      **Treasurer:** Robert Fisher

**Sergeant:** Ron Loopkey      **Desk:** Virtual Desk  
**Rotary Minute:** Glen Bailey

**Service Above Self**

**DONATION IN LIEU OF MEETING EXPENSES**

- a) E-mail Transfer from Bank Account
  - a. Send to Rowasin Foundation using the email: [rowasin2020@gmail.com](mailto:rowasin2020@gmail.com)
  - b. If there is an option to send an email to a second party send it to [rfisher@leafandstone.ca](mailto:rfisher@leafandstone.ca).
  - c. If not an option, email ([rfisher@leafandstone.ca](mailto:rfisher@leafandstone.ca)) or text or call Robert at 306 222-8399
- b) Credit Card
  - a. For a credit card call Robert and he will handle it

**One way or the other YOU need to advise Robert of your contribution**

Meewasin Rotary Readers Schedule		Meals on Wheels	
Wednesday (St. Michael's, 1:00 p.m.)		Monday (1100 am pickup – City Hospital)	
		June	Volunteers under 65 years may
		July	deliver meals. Inform Meals
		August	Coordinator at 306-655-4323

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

**Rotary Meeting**

**Call to Order:** The Chair opened the meeting at 0800 on Zoom.

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

**Guests:** No guests.



**Sergeant:** The members contributed to the Foundation for: Anyone who attended the last two meetings,

**Happy and Sads:** for seeding of test plots for plants developed by the company; for trip to Vernon, BC to attend wedding of son; for the opening of the French borders to anyone in the European Union so parent can get back to travelling.

**Payment of Fines:** At end of month, each person will send Robert their fines. See above on how to do this.

## Announcements

### 1) Rotary Reader for Monday, June 22, 2020

John Luross

### 2) Membership

- If anyone is planning on not continuing as a member, let Garth know.
- We have to pay fees to RI for the number of members as of June 30.

### 3) Membership Dues

- Membership dues are due on July 1, 2020.
- The dues will be set by next week.

### 4) RI Virtual Convention

- It will be remote. Fees have not been announced yet.
- Dates: June 20-26, 2020
- Breakout sessions are listed. There are 3 a day.
- For more information:  
<https://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu>



### 5) Coop Gift Cards

- Robert has Coop Gifts Cards – the Perfect gift your yourself, your loved ones and special friends.
- You can buy \$50 or \$100 cards.
- GET YOUR GIFT CARDS TODAY



**Remember – without “u” there’s no us**

## Club Business

### Rotary Minute

Fellowship has been a meaningful part of the Rotary experience. The zoom meeting is good in that it keeps us in touch.

The Rotary Foundation is another key factor in Rotary, Especially, the model where all funds donated are used for projects, with administration coming from interest.

Tom Geenen led a discussion on the changes in workplaces due to the CV19 virus and the actions taken to manage its impact. Kris, Ron and Tom shared their experiences.

Kris's company provides cleaning services to businesses. Some of the construction companies were the first to see the need for extra cleaning. They instituted sanitation services. For the non-essential services that shut down meant the lost of several customers. All the staff had to be retrained in the disinfecting area. Previously, they only had a couple of smaller customers that had disinfecting. Now, most of the customers have disinfecting services. They had a major challenge getting the supplies that they needed – e.g., gloves, masks, cleaning supplies. Some of the staff expressed concerns for their safety. He put together a memo to explain the

He bought hand sanitizer for all staff. He paid over \$300 for a 5-gallon pail of hand sanitizer. Anything they requested for their comfort and safety, he provided. Most of his staff were brave and adapted. Most of the places they cleaned were at low staff levels.

Tom has been selling cars. In the beginning there were people who came in and asked for big discounts. Now they are scrambling for inventory as manufactures have not produced for the last few months. Their used car inventory is less than half of normal, and prices have increased.

Some customers did not change behaviour and did not keep personal space. Tom worked mostly at home and went into the office once a week.

The dealership went from 200 to 40 staff. Staff in all areas were reduced. They closed the doors and visitors had to be admitted one at a time by a staff person. There were some people who were put out by the limitations. The drop in services were the result of the lower level of driving. They haven't reinstated the shuttle service, so it has changed things in how they provide services. They have to sanitize every car before anyone gets into it and after each driver. They wipe down all touch points.

Ron does a lot of exporting to the US. He had 30 trucks in the US that he couldn't sell. In personal care, he ramped up his exercise routine.

Ford has started to build trucks, as they are the highest selling vehicle. There is a challenge getting parts as many of the parts plants have been closed.

Tom has been exercising regularly. He is now cooking at home all the time. He used to eat out a lot. Also, he has to make his own lunch as the cafeteria at work is closed.

Glen has been working from home working off the dining room table. All office across the country are shut down. In July, two offices will have a trial run at bringing people back into the offices. He doesn't think that they will ever go back to what it was. Prior to CV!(), they had 12000 people working from home. Now they have 250000 people working from home. Their technology was able to handle it. He expects to work form home and go into the office only to meet clients. Currently, they don't see clients. If they bring in paper, they drop them off at the door. He and the clients miss the personal chat. They have cut back on paper. Everything is delivered electronically to both individual and business clients. He expects that PWC and many other national corporations will be reducing their footprint. In the fall, they will have 15% in the office at a time. They are all giving up their offices and will be using any desk that is available.

The social contact at work is missing – e.g., chatting at the copier and the coffee pot. Each morning, they do a morning chat. Anyone can log in.

Kris had one of his staff members who indicated that they might have tested positive. He had cleaned a building the previous night. He affirmed that the employee would continue to be paid. He notified that firm and she notified their staff. Fortunately, they were on. They had to have the building sanitized. The sanitizers charged \$1-1.80 per square foot to clean. His staff member was fine. The client covered the cost of cleaning. He contacted his insurance, but they weren't sure if it was covered.

Kris's current customer base is pretty solid, as most are back working. He is not sure about future customers. He is not sure how they will deal with the places like the children's museum. They are looking into a fogging machine.

## Meeting

Date	Program/Activity
<b>June</b>	<b>Rotary Fellowships Coordinators: Walling, Clements</b>
15	June 15: Changes in Meewasin Rotarians' Workplaces, led by Tom Geenen
22	June 22: Saskatoon Rotary Public Image website, Katelyn Bruce
29	June 29: Open (call Les or Hari with any ideas/speaker preferences)
<b>July</b>	<b>Welcome to a New Rotary Year</b>
	July 6: Tom Geenen, President 20/21 - Ideas for the year
	July 8: Presidential Changeover event, 6:30 pm

## Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact
Rotary International	RI Virtual Convention June 20-26, 2020		<a href="https://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu">https://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu</a>

## 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
<b>2019</b>		
July	Start of new Rotary year	Bailey, Benesh
August	Membership and New Club Development, (DG Visit?)	Ferguson
September	Basic Education and Literacy, (Corn Roast?) Note: No meeting Labour Day Sep 3	Muir, Courtney, Empey
October	Economic and Community Development Note: No meeting Thanksgiving Oct 8	Fisher, McArthur Russell
November	Rotary Foundation Note: No meeting Nov 11	Geenen, Howland Sutherland
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment, (Club Elections) Note: No meetings Dec 30	Whetstone, Kessler Birkmaier-Tillotson
<b>2020</b>		
January	Vocational Service, (Evening social?)	Loopkey, Klause
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Note: No meeting Family Day Feb 18	Luross, Mundi Morgan
March	Water and Sanitation	Nair, Nickel, Paproski
April	Maternal and Child Health, (AIT Monday?) Note: No meeting Easter Monday April 21	Fehr, Stefiuk Postle
May	Youth Service Note: No meeting Victoria Day May 20	Action, Tenaski, Wilson
June	Rotary Fellowships, (Lobsterfest, 'Change Over')	Walling, Clements

## COMMITTEES FOR 2019-2020

### **Meewasin Rotary Club: 2019 / 2020 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**

Benesh, Muir, Sutherland, Paproski, Courtney

**Youth - Youth exchanges, Adventures programs, school programs**

**Postle – Chair**

Kessler, Acton

**Foundation-Foundation donations, member recognition**

**Wilson - Chair**

Bailey, Clements

**Membership - Member recruitment, education and retention**

**Geenen – Chair**

Tenaski, Stefiuk, Fehr, Birkmaier-Tillotson

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

**Mundi - Chair**

Empey, Luross, Whetstone

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

**Loopkey – Chair**

McArthur, Klause, Loopkey