



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 27, 2022

Rotary Fellowship Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Dan Sutton

President: Vacant

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=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 17 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

Guests: Russell Wangersky, Meredith Sutherland



The members joyfully reached into their pockets (some virtually) to donate to the Foundation for: For not attending an in-person meeting; For saving gas by not attending the meeting; For buying new fine tickets; For having trouble putting the golf cart into drive; For being a new dad today (Luis); Hari for being late.



Ron for the Avalanche winning the Stanley Cup and our Saskatoon Connections; Ian for Nathan Rourke doing great in the CFL and for a clear test on the caner on head forehead; Robert for asking his wife which anniversary it is (49th); Donna for 2 days in a row of sunshine and a sad dollar for the \$2.29 gas; Garth for the great vision for River Landing; Luis for his becoming a new dad and his new house; John for son-on-law's bachelor party and the shower for daughter, and for getting to hit a bucket of balls at Silverwood; Art P for getting one of John's driving range balls in his year; Tom for being at the meeting in person; Murray for the poor memory of the sergeant; Just for being happy and sad during the week.

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, July ???
- 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) Estimated earnings is about \$15000., after giving CHEP and Prairie Hospice \$1400.



5) Social on July 11th

- a) The meeting on July 11 will be a social

6) Your Announcement Here

- a)

Club Business

President's Resignation.

Jay has resigned immediately. The Board will meet to discuss

Friends of VIDO donation

By supporting Friends of VIDO you join a group of dedicated donors who are protecting Canadians' health, economies, and food security by combating infectious disease threats. Your charitable donation will support VIDO's mission and help stop emerging infectious diseases and future pandemics.

VIDO is a research organization of the University of Saskatchewan. Their mission is: ***Together we are building a healthier world!***

VIDO is expanding capacity to become a pandemic research center. Their main funding is from government grants.

There was considerable discussion regarding the motion:

- (1) Some felt that this consistent with the focus of the Club and the aims of Rotary – some felt it was and others that it was not;
- (2) It was noted that VIDO needs to demonstrate community support to enhance chances for Federal grants. What donation amount is needed to demonstrate this? The recognition the Club would receive is \$5000 and under; It was felt that we should not make the least amount of donation possible.
- (3) It was noted that the \$2000 would be a significant proportion of the funds raised by Lobsterfest.

MOTION: Friends of VIDO

Mover/Secondar: Art Postle/Garth Courtney

That the Club approve the donation of \$2000 to the Friends of VIDO. NOT VOTED

AMENDMENT:

Mover: Murray McArthur/Robert Fisher

That the amount of the donation be changed to \$500. CARRIED

MOTION (Amended): Friends of VIDO

Mover/Secondar: Art Postle/Garth Courtney

That the Club approve the donation of \$500 to the Friends of VIDO. CARRIED

Program

Russell Wangersky, Editor-in-Chief, Saskatoon Star Phoenix and Regina Leader-Post, spoke to members about social media literacy. He is a 6 time finalist in the Media Awards for editorials.

Russell Wangersky was named the new editor in chief for the Regina Leader-Post and Saskatoon StarPhoenix in 2021.

Russell Wangersky was raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, where his father was a professor of oceanography at Dalhousie University and his mother, a marine biologist, ran a tight ship.

His youth was spent exploring Halifax, with travel to Barcelona and Trondheim, Norway, when his family travelled on university sabbaticals.

He attended Acadia University and chose philosophy over the family business of science, and edited the university's literary magazine, Alpha. He also signed up, during those university years, to be a volunteer firefighter in Wolfville, NS. He left the department after he completed his BA Honours in 1984, when he and his then-wife, Barbara Pratt, moved to Toronto. There, Russell worked as a researcher in the Queen's Park bureau of Southam News.

In 1986, the couple moved to St. John's, Newfoundland. Russell spent five years there as a reporter at the Sunday Express and five years at CBC Television. He also became a father to two children before joining The Telegram in 1997.

He returned to firefighting as deputy chief when a volunteer department was established in the St. Philips - Portugal Cove area where he lived.

But shortly after Russell became The Telegram's editor in 2002, he began to struggle with the stress and horrors he'd encountered in firefighting and was forced to leave that part of his life behind.

At about the same time, his writing began to draw attention and acclaim in the literary world. After more than a decade of writing columns for Atlantic Canadian newspapers, Russell pulled up stakes and moved west. Today, Russell lives in Saskatoon, where he's married to author [Leslie Vryenhoek](#). If managing two newspapers wasn't enough, he also has an active writing career and finds true joy in cooking. His seven books include short stories, novels and non-fiction.

Media and Social Media

The media and authors are under threat by the internet. His books are being sold by pirates for pennies. He is currently writing a book on his grandfathers journey to the gold fields in California. It has taken him four years to write, and he expects it to be stolen in four days.

Newspaper articles are stolen by Facebook and Google the day. They pay taxes, food, writers, money for stories, gas and supports local businesses. However, they don't get any of the advertising revenue paid to Facebook and Google.

Recently, they wrote a story about the Lighthouse, on which there was a publication ban. They spent thousands of dollars to get access to the information in legal fees and court costs. They had to go to the SK court of appeal.

Facebook and Google (F&G) would not pay to get access to this information. They don't care. They are taking 2/3 of the advertising dollar.

F&G are not discerning. They do not check the accuracy of the information. They only look at the appearance of the site.

They have no accountability. They are that they are not publishers, that they are the pipe that brings the water, not the producer. Newspapers are accountable. They have bylines and the newspapers are contacted and called on any errors or appearance of errors.

During the US election, F&G spread information from an account that was error. After investigation, it was found that the source account had been stolen and the author had created a new one. After it was revealed that the information was erroneous, F&G just deleted the information.

When in Newfoundland, they did a survey of readers. The result was that they wanted local information.

Social media has eroded the media. They used to make money, with a profit margin in the range of 20%. They used to drive the advertising as they were the only source. Today, most newspapers carry a lot of debt. Social media had eroded the cash value of the media.

Social media has also eroded the credibility. They don't check their sources, just push it through the pipeline.

Social media will kill local news unless something changes. They need to pay an appropriate share of the advertising revenue for the news copy that they use. If one has an orchard

Media Literacy is important. We need to teach youth and adults on how to check the reliability and accuracy of the information, and the sources of the information.

All media have spin. This is not intentional. Most of the reporters are young and tend to the left. It is not in the news but in the news they select and the approach that they take. The same as for the editors. Any spin is not intentional in the media.

F&G must demonstrate a commitment to accuracy and to rein in the sources that are spreading inaccurate information.

The upcoming legislation on social media, based on the Australian legislation. However, it is being rushed through and being done behind closed doors – which is a concern as they don't know what will be in legislation.

The Star Phoenix has lost 100% of their clerical staff. The phones are answered by the reporters and editors. They do not have the staff to write community news. Also, there is limited space and paper is expensive. They also have a ratio of advertising to news that they must meet. The size of the paper has shrunk and it is a challenge to find space in the paper for community news.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker and Topic
June	Rotary Fellowship

Date	Speaker and Topic
	Organisers: Luross, Ferguson, Whetstone
27	Russell Wangersky, Star Phoenix and Leader Post, Media and Social Media literacy
July	New Rotary Year
	Organisers: ????????????
4	No Meeting
11	Social meeting
18	No Meeting
25	
August	Membership and New Club Development Month
	Organisers: ??????????????
1	No Meeting
8	
15	No Meeting
22	
29	No Meeting

Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Rotary Club</u>	<u>Information/Contact</u>

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 (resigned)
Past President	Tom Geenan
President Elect	Jay Cowsill (resigned)
Treasurer	Art Postle
Secretary	Garth Courtney
Ass't Secretary	Nicole Peterson (resigned)

Directors:

John Benesh
Leanne Kessler
Glen Bailey
John Luross

Officers and Directors – 2022-2023

Board Executive/Officers:

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

John Benesh
 Peter Voldeng
 Glen Bailey
 John Luross

Directors:

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

	Rotary Month Theme	2021-2022
June	<i>Rotary Fellowships</i>	Luross, Ferguson, Whetstone