



Official Bulletin of:  
ROTARY CLUB OF SASKATOON MEEWASIN #22664



CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD

8B -3110 8th St East, Box 425 S7H 0W2  
Founded: April 23, 1985  
Meetings: Monday 0700

March 17, 2025

**Water and Sanitation Month**

**Rotary: Making a Difference**

**District Governor (5550):** Peter Tonge, Winnipeg [<https://rotarypeterdistrict5550.org/>]  
**President:** Arthur Whetstone      **Pres Elect:** Your Opportunity      **Secretary:** Jahn Luross  
**Past President:** Luis Pagliarini      to serve      **Treasurers:** Art Whetstone

Sergeant      Les Ferguson      Desk:      Nancy Luross  
Chair:      Leanne Kessler

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:postle@sasktel.net)).

**Rotary Meeting**

Location:  
Grasswood Smittys  
Highway 11 South/Grasswoods Road @ Esso

ONLINE- – click on the Google Meet link:  
[meet.google.com/ebn-mts-jvcu](https://meet.google.com/ebn-mts-jvcu)

**Call to Order:** Chair opened the meeting at 0700.

**Attendance:** There were 12 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with bretheir fellow Rotarians and guests.

**Guests:** Don Morgan, Blake Moffat



**Sergeant raised funds for the following;** Brent for having Don here as speaker today; Leanne for doing a wonderful job as chair; Art for being ¾ done of year .

**Happy and Sad:** Les for being back after 10 weeks in Victoria where is assisted the club to pack food for school kids; Brent to thank Don his support of the church supper and for being here today; Robert for experiencing their wine dinner and for being back; Ron for Don being here and for Canadians showing pride in being Canadians; Jim for being back and Donna for having guest and for show in Canada. Nancy for loving Moose Jaw and great relations with Us and for Made in Italy, a great show.

**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) SARCAN Bottles**

- a) Donate bottle proceeds to Meewasin
- b) Use the Self-Deposit area and Enter Code SMR.
- c) Send a photo of the deposit receipt to Art W ([wci@sasktel.net](mailto:wci@sasktel.net)) so that a donation receipt may be issued to you.

**3) St Michael School Reading Program**

- a) Time 12:45 – 1:20
- b) Reading to Grade 2 and Grade 3-4 classes

Date	Readers
Mar 18	Art Whetstone and Anne Luross
Mar 25	Don and Wendy Stefiuk
April	
April 7	READERS NEEDED
April 14	READERS NEEDED
April 21	READERS NEEDED
April 28	READERS NEEDED

**4) RAP Fund Raising Campaign**

- a) Email sent to all members.
- b) Matching grant to all donations, up to \$100,000
- c) All members are encouraged to support this Rotary Youth Project

**5) Lobsterfest**

- a) May 29 and 30
- b) Members are asked to think of who to invite.
- c) Goal is 350 participants.
- d) Nancy will be doing the Silent Auction. Contact Nancy.

6) **Rock for RAP – Book Now**

a) **May 2/25 at Bethlehem High School @ 7:00 pm**

b) Dance the night away at this 80s Prom Night – big hair, neon lights, and your favourite 80s music.

c) Mark your calendars and be part of the difference!

d) Click on this link [Buy Tickets](#)

7) **Saskatoon Club BBQ**

a) Proposing an All-Club BBQ in Fall

b) Seeking Club interest

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9)

## Club Business

No Club Business

## Program

Don Morgan thanked Rotary for the RAP program. It has had a great impact

He spoke to members about tariffs. The President doesn't understand that a trade deficit is not a subsidy. He's lost site of the benefit to US of the trade with Canada and the amount

The auto pact came into force in the 1960s. The basis was to balance the auto trade with a dollar for dollar going each way. Originally, NAFTA created a trading block of 450 million people. It led to the integration of the auto manufacturing sector.

After the 2016 election, Trudeau and Trum did not get along. Trump threatened to pull out of NAFTA, but the renegotiated with the new agreement, but he seems to forget that.

The provincial premiers have managed to develop a somewhat coordinated approach. Doug Ford's threat threatened of cutting off the electricity. There was concern among the premiers and eventually Doug Ford backed off.

There has also been some discussion for interprovincial trade and pipelines.

The BCs premier threat to tax trucks going to Alaska led to Trump threatening to tax Mexican produce coming to Canada through the US.

A major concern is that this has made a fundamental change in Canada-US relations. There has been a shift from in attitude to some believing that we are ripping the US off and some feeling that Canada should just become the 51<sup>st</sup> state.

Canada must look to develop new relationships. However there are many challenges to this.

There has been a rise in protectionism around the globe.

### Upcoming Meetings

Month	Theme, Coordinator and Meeting Status
<b>March</b>	<b>Water and Sanitation Month</b>
10	
17	Don Morgan – tariffs and other subjects
25	Joy Ann Allin – Donor Relations Manager – Sherbrooke Foundation
31	Club Assembly

### Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact
Mar 21-23	District Leadership Seminar	District	Sign in on district website
May 9-10, 2025.	District 5550 Conference		Zoom
May 29-30, 2025	Lobsterfest 2025	Meewasin	Gordie Howe Bowl
	the		

### 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

## Task Groups/Committees - 2024-2025

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

Whetstone (President/Treasurer), Luross (J) (Secretary), Pagliarini (Past President)

#### **Membership—Membership recruitment, engagement, and retention**

Anne Luross (Lead)

#### **Meeting Program (Speakers)**

Leanne Kessler (Co-ordinator)

### **Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition**

Fisher (Lead)

### **Social Media — Social Media, Event promotions, website management**

Geneen (Co-lead), Loopkey (Co-lead), Luross (J), Pagliarini

### **Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications**

Luross (N) (Lead) ,

### **Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs**

Voldeng (Lead)

#### **Literacy—Postle (Lead)**

## Officers and Directors – 2023-2024

### **Board Executive/Officers:**

President:	Arthur Whetstone
Past President	Luis Pagliarini
President Elect	TBV
Treasurer	Arthur Whetstone
Secretary	John Luross

### **Directors:**

Peter Voldeng
Nancy Luross
Anne Luross
Robert Fisher
Ron Loopkey

## Monthly Themes for Program

*"Rotary Connects the World"*

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

July – New Rotary Year

August – Membership

September - Education and Literacy

October - Economic and Community Development

November –Rotary Foundation

December –Disease Prevention and Treatment

January – Vocational Service

February –Peace and Conflict Prevention

March –Water and Sanitation

April –Maternal and Child Care

May –Youth

June –Rotary Fellowship