



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

March 18, 2024

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Sonja Susut, Moose Jaw

President: Luis Pagliarini

Pres Elect: Art Whetstone

Secretary: Garth Courtney

Past President: A. Postle, G. Courtney

Treasurers: Art Postle

Sergeant: Ron Loopkey

Desk: Robert Fisher

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=MjRlRkY2FkZWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHlSWHlVQT09>

ZOOM & 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, Nancy Luross, opened the meeting at 0705. (Some technical difficulties)

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

Guests: Bell Henley (Bridge City Bicycle Co-op)



Sergeant Ron seemed to enjoy his work extracting fine dollars this morning... various fines levied – Nancy, starting late, Hari, those just returning from vacations....Les, Anne, Don.

Happy & Sad Dollars: John B was happy that Ron had been able to help his daughter get a replacement car – while she was in Banff, Les was happy to have attended the RC of Victoria – Harbourside for several meetings, then traveled to Phoenix to watch some spring baseball, also happy to have Bill Henley here with us today. Brent was happy to see Hari.

Anne was happy to be home again after her adventures in California.

Nancy was happy for her daughter Tina and her husband Jordan finally making it to watch the Colorado Avalanche play live – in Edmonton on Saturday. (This after 2 previous attempts cancelled for various reasons)

Hari – happy that his 94yr old mother-in-law is okay after having a fall.

John B – happy to announce that Rob Jaspar is getting married June 15.

Robert – happy to tell us that he and Trudy, and Murray and Lynn were recently at Al and Myrna’s home for dinner. Murray is looking great and feeling goodchemo and radiation to start soon followed then by surgery.

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) Meals on Wheels

- a) Contact Nancy Luross regarding signing up or the schedule for Meals on Wheels --nancy.l@sasktel.net or 306 381-4342

3) St Michaels Reading Program

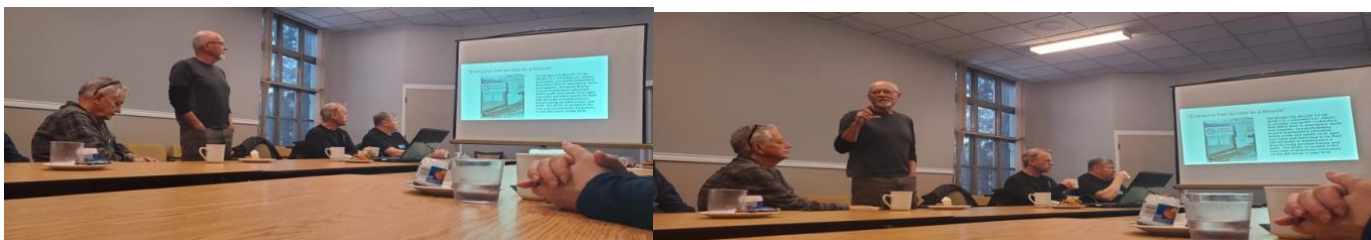
- a) Will be starting tomorrow
- b) Students being assessed for reading level.
- c) GET Police Check form from Art Postle
- d) Will be on Tuesdays – 2:30-3:10
- e) Two people each Tuesday
- f) Looking for 2 readers for April 9 and one more for April 16. (Contact John or Garth)

- 4) Lobsterfest
 - a) Tickets will be live soon.
 - b) LobsterFest is May 23 & 24!

Club Business

Program

Les introduced our speaker, Bill Henley, from the Bridge City Bicycle Co-op.



The Bridge City Bicycle Co-op (BCBC) is a volunteer-run, non-profit cooperative that offers a drop-in workspace, tools and supplies, and participatory bicycle maintenance education; where youth and adults of all ages can come and learn how to fix their own bicycles or build a bicycle using donated frames and parts.

Bill shared several slides with us, explaining the great work the co-op has done now for several years. (started in 2012)

Adult and children membership is now Free. Every child under 18 is entitled to 1 free bike per year. Adult bikes are pay-what-you can.

They have several programs – one called Bike Diversion.

This is how it works:

- Self-haulers drop off bikes at the Material Recovery Centre at the Saskatoon Regional Waste Management Centre.
- BCBC volunteers triage and organize the bikes at the Landfill on Sunday shifts as required.
- Usable bikes/parts are brought back to the BCBC by volunteers.
- Desirable bikes are fixed at the shop and distributed back into the community.

As an example, in 2022-23 261 bikes were diverted, 167 harvested (given away) and 78 bikes scrapped.

The co-op is volunteer driven and as such are always looking for volunteers...training sessions are on Sundays on wheels, brakes, shifting and bearings.

For additional information on this great program, visit their website. [Bridgecitybicyclecoop.com](https://www.bridgecitybicyclecoop.com)

Anne, with a vested interest in the co-op (her daughter and grandson are involved) thanked Bill for joining us this morning and had him sign a book to be donated to the St. Michael reading program in his name.

Upcoming Meetings

February	Peace and Conflict Prevention
March	Water and Sanitation John Benesh, Ken Howland, Nancy Luross, Kris Tenaski
25	
April	Maternal and Child Care Anne Luross, Jennifer Lawrence, Brett Klause
1	Easter Monday
8	
15	
22	
29	

Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Rotary Club</u>	<u>Information/Contact</u>
April 24	Rotary Badge Shield and Star Dinner	RAP	
May 10 & 11	District 5550 Conference	Moose Jaw & Assiniboia	
May 23 & 24	Lobsterfest 2024	Meewasin	

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 2023-2024

Administration/ Executive —Meeting administration (program, facilities, meals, supplies)
Pagliarini (President) Courtney (Secretary), Postle (Club Treasurer), Whetstone (President-elect)

Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition
Fisher (Chair) McArthur, Bailey, Wilson, Muir

Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative
Ferguson, Birkmeier

Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative
Postle (Chair), Stefiuk, Berscheid

Membership—Membership recruitment, engagement, and retention
Anne Luross (Chair) Lawrence, Klause

Public Relations—Club and event promotion, communications, website management
John Luross (Chair and Website Administrator), Whetstone (Eyeopener Editor),
Loopkey, Geenen

Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications
Benesh (Chair), Howland, Nancy Luross, Tenaski,

Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs
Voldeng (Chair), Kessler, Nair, Paproski

Officers and Directors – 2023-2024

Board Executive/Officers:

President: Luis Pagliarini
Past President Garth Courtney, Art Postle
President Elect Arthur Whetstone
Treasurer Art Postle
Secretary Garth Courtney

Ass't Secretary John Luross
Ass't Treasurer Vacant

Directors:

John Benesh
Peter Voldeng
John Luross

Anne Luross

Robert Fisher

Monthly Speaker / Program - Members in Charge

"Rotary Connects the World"

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

September - Art Postle - Education and Literacy

October - John Luross - Economic and Community Development

November – Robert Fisher – Rotary Foundation

December – John Benesh - Disease Prevention and Treatment

January – Luis Pagliarini/ Peter Voldeng - Vocational Service

February – Art Whetstone – Peace and Conflict Prevention

March – John Benesh – Water and Sanitation

April – Anne Luross – Maternal and Child Care

May – Peter Voldeng – Youth

June – John Luross/ Garth Courtney – Rotary Fellowship