



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 25, 2024**

**Water and Sanitation 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:** John Luross

**Desk:** Garth Courtney

**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**

**ZOOM – Meewasin Rotary Club**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624852636?pwd=MjRTY2FQWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHlvQT09>

**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:** Chair **Nancy** opened the meeting at 0700.

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

**Guests:** Laura Gawletz, Alma Dirpaul



The Sergeant raised funds for the following: For not letting sergeant know they were to be sergeant. For returning from vacation.



Happy and Sad Dollars. Donna for windup of children's hockey and for Canada's gold medal in women's curling; Anne for babysitting great kids who are taking care of themselves; Les for 4 medical people at the meeting; Robert for Murray's setback who needs revised plan; Brent for friend who has colon cancer and for church monthly dinner who serve the locals; Nancy for marriage retreat where they had a pallet fire of 18 pallets; John L for putting honey mustard sauce and not butterscotch sauce on his dessert.

## 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](mailto:nancy.l@sasktel.net) or 306 381-4342
- b) Volunteer Schedule full to end of March.
- c) The route has been expanded with more deliveries.

### 3) St Michaels Reading Program

- a) Volunteers needed. .
- b) Contact Art P or Garth if you can volunteer.
- c) You need to have a police check completed to be able to volunteer.
- d) Volunteers are needed on April 9

### 4) Wine Tasting

- a) Plan for late November
- b) Meeting by Zoom with the PA Club, who have hosted a very successful event for several years.
- c) They have 15 sponsors, which covers all costs before they sell a ticket.

### 5) Lobsterfest

- a) Have 2 non-profits who have agreed to sell tickets.

- b) Have contacted others and waiting for response. Want 2 more organizations.
- c) Providing \$20 per ticket that they sell.
- d) Ticker function all set up. Tickets will be available as soon as we finalize the Non-Profit organizations. Projected to be available on this Thursday.
- e) Maximum number is 325 people.
- f) There will be a link on the website for tickets

## Club Business

No club business

## Program

Laura Gawletz and Alma Dirpaul provided members with information on the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital. Laura is the Philanthropy and Stewardship Manager. Alma works in the operating room for the Children's Hospital.

Anne has 35 years experience and over 20 in surgery. They repair web fingers, removal of birth marks by new laser, hip and leg issues, abdominal surgeries; cross eye repair, lazer for premature, dental surgeries, specialized airway surgery, and many more options. Children's surgery is different. Previously they were in the same large room and had to walk. There is a lot of noise.

Now they walk into a specialized small room with TV and wifi. They are given their own room, were they go for recovery. They wait in this room until the surgery. Their parents can walk to them a small waiting room, where they are given the final interview and check with them and their parent. They then go into the operating room, where the parents can see them right up to the operating table.

There are TVs in the operating room, and they use this to relax the child.

The can change the room to meet the needs of the child – dim lights, quiet, etc.

The instruments wear and tear. They need to be cleaned. They are delicate. Replacement of them is expensive. Some small item can be very expensive.

Laura works with the Foundation. She has been there 5 years.

Children come from across the province to the hospital.

Saskatchewan was one of 2 provinces without a children's hospital. The mission of the Foundation is to inspire philanthropy.

Now that it is up and running, the question is: What is the next step and new directions for the future and areas

They 80, 376 visits from babies and children annually. There were 29000 visits to Pediatric Emergency.

The care is expanded through new equipment and research on treatment techniques and approaches.

650+ pediatric intensive care stays and 770+ pediatric and NCU transport cases. About 52.6% of children are outside of Saskatoon.

The induction room (discussed above) allows families to be as close to the surgery as possible. The surgical suites are the only pediatric ones in the province. They are able to move the heavy equipment to where it is needed. They are on large tacks in the ceiling. It is designed to allow specialists to see the patient with minimum risk of contamination.

3967 pediatric surgeries annually.

The child can choose the colour of the lights. It gives them some degree of control at a time when everything is out of their control. There are pull out beds that allow the parents to stay overnight.

Impact of donors:

- Advanced technology and equipment
- Family centred provincial programming
- Innovative and ground breaking research

One of the equipment is the De Soutter Pediatric Por Saw CSO that is small and quiet for removal of castes. It is much less scary for the kids as opposed to the large and noisy saws.

They have the Kids Play zone where there is technology and focused on play. There is not therapy in this area. There are games etc. – both regular and technical. They can do a simulation of a procedure, which eases the process and reduces need for anesthesia, etc.

Laura offered the club the opportunity to do a tour of the hospital.

### Upcoming Meetings

Month	Topic	Chair	Guests
March	<b>Water and Sanitation</b>	Benesh	Howland, Nancy Luross, Tenaski
25			Jim Pattison Children's Hospital
April	<b>Maternal and Child</b>	Anne Luross	Lawrence, Klause
1			Easter Monday. Happy Easter everyone
8			April 8...Jenny is arranging
15			April 15 club assembly
22			April 22 Peter asked Big Brothers and Sisters
29			April 29 Kerry Williams on Maternal health

### Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact
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

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## 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?

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## 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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## 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