



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 27, 2023

**Water and Sanitation Month**

**Rotary: Making a Difference**

**District Governor (5550):** Fred Wright

**President:** Art Postle, Garth Courtney

**Pres Elect:** Luis Pagliarini

**Secretary:** Garth Courtney

**Past President:** Tom Geenen

**Treasurers:** Art Postle

**Sergeant:** Ann Luross

**Desk:** Garth/Art

**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=MjRlRkY2FkZWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHlvQT09>

**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 14 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

**Guests:** Brendan Bitz, Wayne Tellerson



The Sergeant raised funds for the following real or imagined offences: For having a fender bender; For going to a warm vacation; For being recognized for something major. For complaining about the weather.



Happy and Sad Dollars: Donna for recognition of Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award; Ron for getting fine cards; Ron for the poor showing of the Rush and for Bedard; Anne for dog getting bone cancer; Garth for getting pulse regulated and for being back to Rotary; Ken for recognition of the Diamond Jubilee for Volunteer Service; Art for their great vacation in Hawaii and their 19<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary; John for the Hockey for the Homeless game on Friday; Nancy for visit by sone and daughter in law; Les for the recognition received by the Rotarians and for granddaughter's great year of hockey, and for the wonderful Gardenscape show; Anne for a wonderful Gardenscape; Ron for the relatives hockey success last weekend.

## Announcements

A promotional poster for the "IMAGIN ACTION DISTRICT CONFERENCE" held from May 11-14, 2023. The poster features the Rotary logo and "District 5550" in the top left. The main title "IMAGIN ACTION" is in large, bold, blue and yellow letters. Below it, "DISTRICT CONFERENCE" and "MAY 11-14, 2023" are written in white. A large, stylized pink script font says "Early Special". To the right of this text is a cartoon illustration of a blue and yellow bird flying. At the bottom, "\$275 BEFORE MARCH 31ST" is written in large blue letters, and "Register at rotarynutana.org" is written in orange.

### 1) SASKATOON FOOD BANK

- a) Next Opportunities: To be announced

**2) 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) You may bring the backpacks to the meeting to give to John B.

**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) 2023 Badge Shield and Star Dinner**

- a) Mark our Calendars
- b) Date: April 20, 2023 @ 5:30 pm
- c) Location: Prairieland Park
- d) Tickets: Go to:  
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/rap-saskatoon/events/2023-rotary-badge-shield-star-dinner/>
- e) Art Postle is arranging a table. Please notify Art if you will be attending. You need to purchase your tickets online.

**5) Lobsterfest 2023**

- a) Dates – May 25 and 26, 2003
- b) Place: Gordie Howe Bowl
- c) Same format as last year
- d) More information and tickets to come in near future
- e) 50/50 Should be ready next week.
- f) Website will be ready for tickets shortly. Need to confirm pricing on tickets, and approve the poster.

**6) 50-50 Challenge**

- a) Ron challenges members to buy tickets early – this will create more interest in the tickets. He is buyig \$100.
- b) Tickets will be available on line.
- c) The draw will be made at the first meeting after Lobsterfest.

**Club Business**

No club business.

**Program**

Brendan Bitz, of the Queen's House and leader of the Rotary Blues Hockey for the Homeless team provided members with the Hockey for the Homeless movement.

The team set a goal of \$15,000 and they raised over \$14, 000. Across the country, they will raise about \$200,000 this year.

The Saskatoon tournament raised \$164,500. All the funds go to the agencies. The costs are covered by donations such as the one from Rotary.

The tournament started in 1986 in Toronto for people without basic shelter and no food security. Over the years it has grown and spread. The Toronto leaders said that the Rotary Blues team was the model that they wanted. Others are corporate sponsorships and they just write a cheque. There is the same buy-in from that type of sponsor.

The goal is to expand to 16 teams – which includes 4 girls teams, 4 competitive teams and for casual teams.

There were several pros and some from the Canadian women’s team.

There are 12 tournaments across Canada. The Saskatoon tournament is one of the most vivacious.

John Luross won the draw for the hockey sweater that was gifted to the club as a thank you for the Club’s support of the team.

### Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker and Topic
March	<b>Water and Sanitation Month</b> <b>Coordinators: Benesh (Chair), Sutherland, Howland, Nancy Luross, Anne Luross, Tenaski, Muir</b>
27	Brendan Bitz
April	<b>Water and Sanitation Month</b> <b>Coordinators: Benesh (Chair), Sutherland, Howland, Nancy Luross, Anne Luross, Tenaski, Muir</b>
3	Club Assembly
10	Easter Monday.
17	
24	
May	<b>Youth Month</b> <b>Cordinators: Voldeng (Chair), Klause, Kessler, McArthur</b>
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22	Victoria Day. Have a Great Weekend
29	

### Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact
April 20, 2022, 5:30 PM	Badge, Shield and Star Dinner, Prairieland Park, Saskatoon	RAP	\$125 per ticket \$1000 for table of 8
May 11-14, 2023	Imagination – District 5550 District Conference	Nutana Rotary	Rotarynutana.org
May 25th and 26th	LobsterFest. Gordie Howe	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 2022-2023

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

Courtney (Chair and Club Secretary), Postle (Club Treasurer), Pagliarini (Incoming President)

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

Bailey (Chair), Fisher, Wilson, Birkmaier

### **Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative**

Nair, Ferguson

### **Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative**

Postle (Chair), Stefiuk, Berscheid, Clements

### **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), Loopkey, Geenen

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

Benesh (Chair), Sutherland, Howland, Nancy Luross, Anne Luross, Tenaski, Muir

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

Voldeng (Chair), Klause, Kessler, McArthur

**Officers and Directors – 2022-2023**

**Board Executive/Officers:**

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

**Directors:**

John Benesh  
Peter Voldeng  
Glen Bailey  
John Luross

**Monthly Speaker / Program - Members in Charge**

*"Rotary Connects the World"*

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

July - Not assigned – New Rotary Leadership  
August – Not assigned - Membership and New Club Development  
September - Art Postle - Education and Literacy  
October - John Luross - Economic and Community Development  
November – Glen Bailey – Rotary Foundation  
December – John Benesh - Disease Prevention and Treatment  
January – Luis Pagliarini/ Peter Voldeng - Vocational Service  
February – Glen Bailey – Peace and Conflict Prevention  
March – John Benesh – Water and Sanitation  
April – Garth Courtney – Maternal and Child Care  
May – Peter Voldeng – Youth  
June – John Luross – Rotary Fellowship