



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 29, 2021**  
**Water and Sanitation**  
**Month**

### Rotary: Making a Difference

**District Governor (5550):** Gailmarie Anderson

**President:** Tom Geenen  
**Past President:** Hari Nair

**1<sup>st</sup> VP:** Jay Cowsill  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VP:** TBD

**Secretary:** Garth Courtney  
**Treasurer:** Art Postle, Glen Bailey

**Sergeant:** John Luross

**Desk:** Virtual Desk

### 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

**NOTE: Your Zoom Meeting opens at 0645,**  
**so log in early and enjoy some pre-meeting fellowship.**

#### Zoom Meeting:

##### By Zoom link (computer, tablet, phone)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624852636?pwd=MjRTY2FQWlRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHlvQT09>

##### By Phone (call charges may apply):

Dial One of the Following Numbers:

- British Columbia: +1 778 907 2071
- Alberta +1 587 328 1099
- Manitoba: +1 204 272 7920
- Toronto: +1 647 374 4685

- Toronto: +1 647 558 0588

Enter Meeting ID and Passcode:

- Meeting ID: 836 2485 2636
- Passcode: 218641

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

**Attendance:** There were 19 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

**Guests:** Samson Bwaya



**Sergeant:** Members contributed for changing to summer tires already; for not contributing a backpack; everyone a Sunny Dollar for yesterdays weather; for not checking the Meewasin Website or Rotary Saskatoon Website.



Ken having granddaughter and other grandchildren birthday; Donna for having team at Nutana Scavenger Hunt; Garth finally able to submit income tax through Turbo Tax; Hari for a busy week and for more work for this summer and purchasing a tiny tractor; Hari for a new founding pigeon; Hari for election officers in India providing home visits from his mother, a senior citizen; Samson for great weather yesterday – a great sign that the new PM has left some shred of democracy; Robert for getting vaccine last year; Art to congratulate Kris on his April 9 wedding; Tom for John Luross on his work the Meewasin website over the last couple of weeks.

## Announcements

### 1) DISTRICT 5550 Conference 2021 – May 13-15

- Host: Rotary Club of Melfort invites you to join District 5550 Rotarians to celebrate the Family of Rotary
- Kickoff – Friday Evening, May 13 – Fellowship Evening
- On Friday, May 14th and Saturday May 15th, our program will include a Youth Engagement panel as well as outstanding presentations about Entrepreneurship & Philanthropy, Community Involvement & Fundraising, Indigenous Relations and Mental Wellbeing.
- Registration Fee: \$50
- FOR Information and Registration – Go to the District 5550 webpage and click on the conference tab:

<https://rotary5550.org/>



### 2) EDADZ BACKPACK Drop Off

- You can Drop off items at John Benesh's Office.
- There is a Box in the reception area
- Any bag is OK, not just back packs



3) Drive-by Lobsterfest

- a) There is information and a survey being sent to members on the Drive-By Lobsterfest
- b) Your speedy response is needed and greatly appreciated.

4) Your Announcement Here (Free)

5) **Nutana Scavenger Hunt**

- a) Saskatoon Nutana Rotary Club is holding an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt
- b) Date: Sunday April 4th from 12-4.
- c) Proceeds will be going to support breakfast programs within Saskatoon.
- d) Go to [www.rotarynutana.org](http://www.rotarynutana.org) to register (or donate).
- e) You can register a team or family.
- f) Each registration comes with 1 bag full of chocolate/candy however you can purchase more if you don't want to share.
- g) Registration is \$25 and additional bags of chocolate are \$5.

6) **Eye Glasses for Peru**

- a) The RC of Sioux Lookout is writing a GG (Global Grant) in partnership with the RC of Arequipa Primavera and Medical Ministry International (MMI) in Peru.
- b) **Put your glasses together and send me an email ([blbanbury@sasktel.net](mailto:blbanbury@sasktel.net))– Brenda will pick them up from your mail box OR you can drop them off at #20 Redwood Drive, Cedar Villa Estates - in the mail box at the front of the house.**
- c) For Information, contact Brenda Banbury, RC of Saskatoon North

7) **SARCAN Drop Off – Donate to Rotary**

**NOTE:** You need to REGISTER for Drop and Go at (<https://www.sarcana.ca/pages/register2.html>)

**Follow these easy steps:**

- a) At home, separate your recycling – put plastics, cartons and aluminum cans into bags, put glass beverage containers into boxes. Don't forget to include milk containers!
- b) Visit a SARCAN Depot and look for Drop & Go – *See below for a list of locations*
- c) Follow instructions on the screen. Type SMR when prompted to enter the group phrase. It is simple!
- d) The amount of your order will be processed and paid directly to the Saskatoon Meewasin Rotary Club.

Saskatoon East (350B 103 St E)

Entrance to the right of the main doors

Saskatoon North (2327 Faithfull Ave)

Entrance to the north of the building

Saskatoon West (2305 22 St W #7)

Enter through Avenue X (west side) doors

If you want a Tax Receipt, make sure that you keep your receipt and send it to Art Postle. He will try to track the donations.

NOTE: Scan the receipt that you get and send it to Art P so that he can match the receipt to the funds.

8) **Coop Gift Cards**

- a) Art Postle has Coop Gift cards for sale. We have \$50 and \$100 gift cards. We make 5-10% on the gift cards.
- b) We have \$3200 in Gift Cards left to sell.



- c) You can send \$\$\$ to Art Postle at [meewasinrotary2020@gmail.com](mailto:meewasinrotary2020@gmail.com)

## Club Business

### **New Proposed Member (First Announcement)**

Samson Nezi Bwaya is being proposed for membership by the Board of Directors.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact President Tom or Secretary Garth.

## Program

Ken Wilson (Rotary Foundation)

The RI Foundation is the arm of RI that provides grants for international, district and local grants. There are 6 areas of focus for the

- Peace and conflict
- Disease prevention
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and baby
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic community development

Last year RI donated a total of \$32,000,000 towards COVID19.

Grants involve local (clubs) and other partners such as World Health Org and Bill Gates Foundation. These partnerships means that the local and RI dollars are leverage many times over.

The RI Magazine contains a Foundation page. This month focussed on the RI Partners.

### **District Leadership Conference**

President Elect Jay Cowsill provided a Report on District Leadership Seminar (formerly PETS & SETS)

There were approximately 60 people attending. It is provided to prepared the incoming Presidents and other officers. It went on 12.5 hours.

There were many activities.

He is commenting on



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**



## District Leadership Conference

Jay Cowsill

### Some Highlights

12.5 hours over three dates in late February and early March 2021  
Attendance of approximately 60

There was a lot of emphasis on the strategic planning.



## Strategic Planning

DGE Dan Sutton stressed the value of each club establishing a long term **strategic plan**.

He emphasized that it should be a working document and that it should be at least three years. It should be reviewed and monitored and updated regularly. The steps are those used by most effective organizations.



## Strategic Plan

- Living document covering more than one year
- Alter as necessary
- Steps
  - Determine current status
  - Assess strengths and weaknesses
  - Review previous activities
  - Establish vision statement
  - Set strategic priorities
  - Monitor progress



## Strategic Priorities

Club strategic plan should harmonize with the district strategic plan, which has been developed to harmonize with Rotary International's Strategic Priorities

It was emphasized that the Club plan should harmonize with the District priorities, which harmonizes with the RI priorities. Thus, there are 3 levels of priorities. There are 5 RI strategic priorities.



## Rotary International's Strategic Priorities

- Increase our impact
- Expand our reach
- Enhance participant engagement
- Increase our ability to adapt
- Protect the environment

The 5 District ones are:



## District 5550 Strategic Planning Goals

- Eliminate child poverty
- Improve membership growth and retention
- Improve public image and public relations
- Develop an effective team of district and club leaders
- Maintain a passion for international service projects

The Public Image and Building effect teams are the ones that receive the most focus.



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The improvement of the Meewasin website is important to our image.



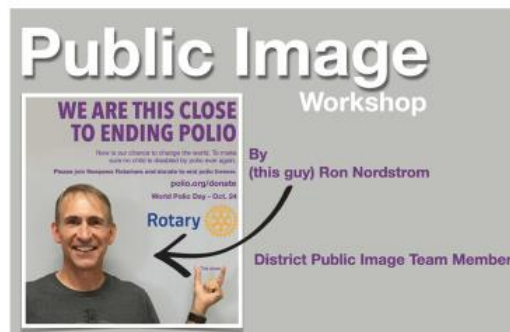
## Improving Public Image and Public Relations



Ron Nordstrom sends out info on Public Image by email. You can check out more by clicking on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VN6EWAE-Bw4>



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For Jay, the most informative session was one by current and previous Club leaders.



# Developing an effective team of district and club leaders

The most valuable part of this seminar for me was getting to know the leaders and club presidents and presidents elect throughout the district. We spent a lot of time in breakroom rooms getting to know one another and sharing insights. We are developing a network through which we can call upon one another for advice and support. A panel discussion led by current club presidents about everything the job requires that they did not expect when they took it on was particularly useful.

Question re: Indigenous Initiative. There was a presentation and a small group discussion by this group.

Question: Were there any toolkits on assisting clubs to develop a strategic plan. None were mentioned.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Suggest a Speaker Form:

To suggest a speaker for a meeting, Click on this link: <https://forms.gle/mgU98xr6xWocg44v5>

Date	Speaker and Topic
<b>March</b>	<b>Water and Sanitation</b> <b>Meeting Planners: Nair, Paproski, Cowsill</b>
29	Ken Wilson (Rotary Foundation) and President Elect Jay Cowsill (Report on District Leadership Seminar – formerly PETS & SETS)
<b>April</b>	<b>Maternal and Child Health</b> <b>Meeting Planners: Ferguson, Stefiuk, Howland</b>
5	Easter Monday. No Meeting.
12	Sue, from City Center Family Physicians Primary Health Care Unit, will speak on the breast milk Depot that we sponsored several years ago.
19	Also in April – speaker from healthy Mother healthy baby and Johanna Bergman with a date to speak
26	on the mother Center, or nutrition and the newborn. Dates to be assigned.

## Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact
May 13 (evening) to May 15	District 5550 Conference - 2021	Melfort	<a href="https://rotary5550.org/">https://rotary5550.org/</a>
September 22/21	Badge, Shield and Star Dinner	Saskatoon	



Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact
		Clubs	

### 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 2020-2021

### Officers

President: Tom Geenen; Past President: Hari Nair;  
Secretary: Garth Courtney; Treasurer: Art Postle & Glen Bailey

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### Administration - Meeting program & admin, Sergeant, raffle, facilities, meals, supplies

**Chairs:** Kris Tenaski and Hari Nair

**Members:** Courtney (Secretary), Jaspar (Assistant Secretary), Postle & Bailey (Co-Treasurers), Cowsell, Whetstone

### Community Service - Club charitable giving, Foundation grant applications

**Chair:** John Benesh

**Members:** Howland, Sutherland, Muir

### Youth Services - Youth exchanges, Adventures programs, school programs

**Chairs:** Leanne Kessler and James Paproski

**Members:** Stefiuk, Mundi, Clements

**Foundation - Foundation donations, member recognition**

**Chair: Ken Wilson**

**Members:** Bailey, Birkmaier

**Membership - Member recruitment, education and retention**

**Social - Plan & organize monthly social event or service project, social Media**

**Chairs: Leanne Kessler and Tom Geenen**

**Members:** Walling, Ferguson, McArthur, Russell, Nickel

**Public Relations - Club & event promotion, communications, manage website**

**Chair: Ron Loopkey**

**Members:** Luross, Fisher, Pagliarini, Klause

**Officers and Directors – 2021-2022**

**Officers:**

Past President Tom Geenen  
 Pres Elect Jay Cowsill  
 Vice President Vacant  
 Co-Treasurers Art Postle/Glen Bailey  
 Secretary Garth Courtney  
 Assistant Secretary Rob Jaspar

**Directors:**

John Benesh  
 Hari Nair  
 Kris Tenaski  
 James Paproski  
 Leanne Kessler  
 Ken Wilson

**Board Executive (2021-2022):**

Jay Cowsill (President), Tom Geenen (Past President), (Vice President-Vacant), Garth Courtney (Secretary), Art Postle/Glen Bailey (Co-Treasurers)

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

*"Rotary Connects the World"*

Note 1: The \* indicates the lead person, others are support

Note 2: Please have list of speakers to Admin Committee at least 2-3 weeks prior to start of month

	Monthly Rotary Theme	2020-21
July	<i>Start of new Rotary year</i>	
August	<i>Membership and New Club Development</i>	
September	<i>Basic Education and Literacy, (Corn Roast)</i>	
October	<i>Economic and Community Development</i>	
November	<i>Rotary Foundation</i>	
December	<i>Disease Prevention and Treatment, (Club Elections)</i>	
January	<i>Vocational Service,</i>	*Courtney

	Monthly Rotary Theme	2020-21
		Postle
February	<i>Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution</i>	*Luross
	Family Day Feb 15	Muir
		Birkmaier
March	<i>Water and Sanitation</i>	*Nair
		Paproski
		Cowsill
April	<i>Maternal and Child Health</i>	*Ferguson
	Easter Monday April 5th	Stefiuk
		Howland
May	<i>Youth Service</i>	*Tenaski
	Victoria Day May 24	Kessler
		Peterson
June	<i>Rotary Fellowships</i>	*Loopkey
		Pagliarini
		Sutherland