



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



May 1, 2023

Youth 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: Lois Pagliarini

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

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 opened the meeting at 0700, or thereabouts.

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

Guests: Ian McArthur, Jenny, Braline



The Sergeant raised funds for the following real or imagined offences: For raking yard and walking and enjoying spring events.



Happy and Sad Dollars: Garth for golf starting; For the Oilers; Ron for the Bruins, For planning garden with grandson; Ron for granddaughter's hockey game; Ron for birthday and son's birthday; John for son's and wife's and brother's birthdays; Les for birthday and grandchild's hockey tournament and ball tournament.

Announcements



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) Lobsterfest 2023

- a) Dates – May 25 and 26, 2003
- b) Place: Gordie Howe Bowl
- c) 50/50 Draw
 - i) . <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/rcsm>
- d) Tickets: Purchase at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-rotary-club-of-saskatoon-meewasin-presents-lobsterfest-2023-tickets-619872805247>
- e) **SELL – SELL – SELL TICKETS**

5) 50-50 Challenge

- a) Ron challenges members to buy tickets early – this will create more interest in the tickets. He is buying \$100.
- b) Tickets available: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/rcsm>
- c) The draw will be made at the first meeting after Lobsterfest.

6) Clean Up at Queen’s House

- a) Date to be set – tentatively Wednesday @ 1830. To be confirmed.

Club Business

No club business

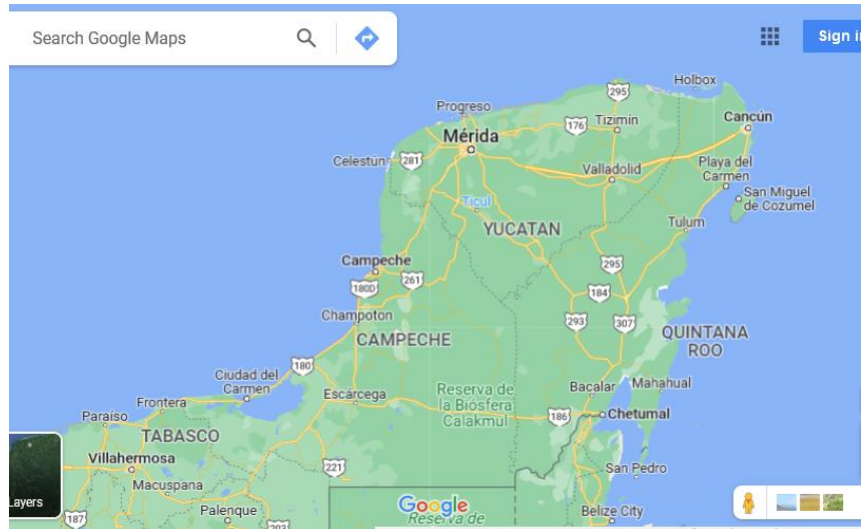
Program

Ian McArthur provided members with an overview of his student exchange to Mexico.

Ian speaks 5 languages, some of which he has taught himself.

Ian shared his photo albums from his trip. Prior to his trip, there had been several exchange students hosted by his parents. He learned to appreciate the diversity of the students from a variety of backgrounds and cultures.

His first choice was Argentina, but he got his second choice. Prior to going he took some Spanish classes in the evening. The classes were for those were travelling to a country as they focused on getting a hotel, restaurant, etc.



Because he knew French, it assisted a little to learn Spanish. He learned fairly quickly.

He landed in Merida, on the north of the Yucatan Peninsula. He was about a ½ mile from the ocean. It was one of the safest cities in Mexico and one of the cleanest.

He took leaves from as many plants as possible, because his host mom collected plants. They were seized at the border.

There was an incredible smell from the jungle when it arrived.

His host family met him at the airport and kissed him on both cheeks. The oldest sons went on an exchange to Manitoba. He spent time with the 2 younger brothers.

They family had a pool and the dog used to dive to the bottom of the pool. They played with the dog daily.

His host mom taught him Spanish and his host brothers taught him the swear words. It was tiring learning a language so fast. He could hardly remember some English at the end of the day.

His host dad was away working as head of highways.

They had maids and a berth at the marina. It was a lavish lifestyle.

He went on a few road trips when the Dad visited different sites.

He spent the first half of year at this home. He went to a school. He had to cut his hair, wear a uniform, take out his ear rings. He couldn't do homework as he didn't speak the language and failed every test for the first ¾ of a year. He had completed school, so it was mainly to meet people. He got invited to so many events by other students.

He met the other students in the district. The first time they met they spoke English, as most could speak some English. At the second meeting they all spoke Spanish.

His parents visited a couple of days after a hurricane. They almost didn't get to come because the airport had to be cleared. There were a number of hotels that were blown over in Cancun. They didn't have much other than some mild wind damage to signs, etc.

They toured a couple of Mayan sites during the visit.

The second host family were teachers. They had little money and often didn't have food in the house. They were poorly paid. They had 2 sons, but he spent little time with them.

The district students went on a trip to all the major cities in Mexico. There were about 70 of them.

His parents visited again along with his brothers. They rented a house just a little to

The third host family were professionals and their kids were gone. They drove him places but didn't get to see much of them. He spent most of his time with friends.

He returned to Mexico recently and spent time with his host families and with the friends he met there. It had been 18 years. His daughter got to practice the Spanish he has been teaching her. He is encouraging his children to go on an exchange.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker and Topic
May	Youth Month Coordinators: Voldeng (Chair), Klause, Kessler, McArthur
1	Ian McArthur, Rotary youth exchange to Merida Mexico
8	Luke Megyesi and Jennifer Humble from Big brothers Big Sisters School based program.
15	Maureen Bourke Sci-Fi Science Camps
22	Victoria Day. Have a Great Weekend
29	Club Assembly
June	Rotary Fellowship Month Coordinators: Luross, Whetstone, Loopkey, Geenen
5	Taylor Baier, Executive Director, Crocus Cooperative
12	Derek Kerr, Pastor and Executive Director of Community and Family Services, Salvation Army
19	Sue Berscheid, New Zealand trip
26	Club Assembly

Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact
May 11-14, 2023	Imagination – District 5550 District Conference	Nutana Rotary	Rotarynutana.org
May 25th and 26th	LobsterFest. Gordie Howe Bowl	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 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