



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 29, 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: Luis 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=MjRRTY2FQWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHlvQT09>

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

Guests: No guests

The Sergeant raised funds for the following real or imagined offences:



Happy and Sad Dollars: Luis for getting citizenship; Hari for good start to the season; Ron for the end of his duties for Lobsterfest, and for Phil; Donna for success of Lobsterfest and for missing it due to other commitment, at which she had a great time - and for sudden passing of neighbour; Donna will donate \$500 for Lobsterfest; Donna a thank you to Art for hosting event with previous exchange student Jonathon; John for son's new car, which had to be good for Alberta – which was arranged by Ron; Garth for someone jumping the que to pick up food, and for passing of cousin; Les for Art and Janet for party for student and for eldest granddaughter turning 16; Peter for marriage of nephew on Saturday and a great wedding dance; Ken for a great golf week and getting first in seniors and first in weekend tournament; Don for funeral of neighbour at the lake who passed from prostate cancer; Don for great performance from Grandson at the Basement with the Walter Murray band; Anne for an upcoming trip to BC, who will be stopping at several meetings; John for healing of back and back to golf – he invited to everyone to the Queens House Golf tournament in June.

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) Your 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) Ron thanked everyone who dols tickets and bought 50-50
- b) We sold 180 tickets.
- c) 50-50 is at \$4300 – people are encouraged to share this with everyone.

- d) Ron Challenged everyone who didn't spend \$100 on 50-50. We have a very low breakfast fees compared to other clubs.
- e) It was very easy to work with Phil from Smileys
- f) We get \$1.00 per drink that was sold.
- g) Tax receipts will be about \$60, as costs were lower than expected.
- h) Overall, it went very well.
- i) Members and others can make a donation instead of ticket or 50-50.
- j) Need to review sale to other clubs – which was low
- k) Need to have Scan Code to make it easier for sale of 50-50 at the event
- l) Silent Auction went well. Ended up with a lot of other things, other than Art and Wine.
- m) Need to remember to remind people to bid for silent auction
- n) Impressed with how easy it was to buy tickets on line, unlike last year.
- o) Poster was good.
- p) Challenge regarding the time.
- q) Have an issue with lobster supplier.
 - i) There was no meat on Les' lobster. There was very little meat in the claw. Quality of lobster was an issue.
 - ii) Understand that the previous supplier is not in the picture anymore.
 - iii) Others didn't experience any issues with lobster.
 - iv) They are slightly smaller than previous. We could get slightly larger lobster. They were 1.5 lbs. We could get 2 lb lobster.
- r) The ribs were very good. And large.
- s) The members thanks Ron and Peter for leading the Lobsterfest.

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 will be available on line. <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/rcsm>
- c) The draw will be made at the first meeting after Lobsterfest.
- d) Tickets are on sale until June 5, 2023

Club Business

Future of Club.

We are at a cross roads.

We don't have a president-elect for the next year.

We don't have a replacement for Garth as secretary.

We don't have a replacement for Art for treasurer.

We need to consider how committed we are the Club and to Rotary.

We have some challenges on how we move forward.

Rotary is more than just raising funds and doing good in the community.

Rotary is more than that – it is the 4-way test and vocation.

Do we need to continue Zoom, or do we get back to in-person meetings? Rotary is also about fellowship, as enjoyed at the morning meetings.

What does Rotary mean in your life? Is it a priority in your life?

Our dues and meeting costs are one of the lowest in the city.

The current dues, \$225, will allow us to look after the Administration of the Club.

We have provision in the by-laws that we can take 10% of what we raise for administration. However, we have not done that in the past couple of years.

We had 9 members who did not sell a ticket or buy a 50-50.

We need to replace Garth and Art in the near future. Garth is stepping back. John Luross has indicated that he is willing to take over the secretary position.

We need to look at recruitment. We need to have some new younger people. Anne is interested in taking on the Membership recruitment role.

The social aspect is important. It is important to get to know each other and what is happening in each others lives.

We used to have a buddy system. We used to do the Reading program and Meals on Wheels. At one time, we used to drive a a pair. We need to build relationships.

John mentioned a couple of ideas in fund raising.

- Christmas light competition
- Revisit the idea of a wine tasting and wine pairing idea. Consider it for this fall.

Program

Club Assembly

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker and Topic
May	Youth Month Coordinators: Voldeng (Chair), Klause, Kessler, McArthur
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 student exchange
26	Club Assembly

Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact

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