



Official Bulletin of:

ROTARY CLUB OF SASKATOON MEEWASIN #22664

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Founded: April 23, 1985

Meetings: Monday 0700

May 30, 2022

Youth Service Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Dan Sutton

President: Jay Cowsill

Pres Elect: Jay Cowsill

Secretary: Garth Courtney

Past President: Tom Geenen

Treasurers: Art Postle

Sergeant:

Murray McArthur

Desk:

Zoom

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=MjRlR0Y2R0lRmRW9Cd2NKRHlSWHlvQT09>

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: Cristin Dorgan Lee, Anne Luross



The Sargeant found funds for the Foundation from members for: For a bad joke; for not donating a backpack and not a cell phone to John; For driving 44-50 km to the meeting donate \$1.00; for 30-40 km = \$2.00; 10-20 km = \$300; f For less than 10 km = \$5.00; For cell phone ringing;



Murray for having osteo-arthritis in spine; Hari for buying new car; John for the great hockey on TV; Donna for changing from speaking about our kids to speaking about our aches and pains; Les for success of grandkids at hockey tournament last weekend; Ron for granddaughter's great hcocky tournament; Art for grandson's completing full 42 Km in Saskatoon marathon; John for Nancy's parents 75th anniversary.

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) **Meewasin Valley Clean Up – Saturday, April 30th.**

- a) Several members and family cleared Rotary Park of refuse and leavings.
- b) Check out the Meewasin Facebook page for pictures. -- <https://www.facebook.com/meewasinrotary/>

- 3) **Meewasin Rotary-Saskatoon Food Bank Service Project**

- a) Address: 2510 Jasper Ave S, Bay 7 (Same building as Kelly's Kafe)
- b) NEXT Opportunity:
 - i) **Saturday, June 4 – Volunteers needed --**
 - ii) Saturday, June 18 – Volunteers needed
- c) Contact Garth to sign up – Rotarians, Family and Friends welcome
- d) Last Week – we had 4 students come for Community Service Hours



- 4) **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.

5) Lobsterfest – Save the Dates June 9 and 10

- a) June 9 and 10 at the Gordie Howe Centre.
- b) 250 per night maximum
- c) Tickets will be online
- d) NEED to sell tickets. Not even half of 500 are sold yet.
- e) JUNE 2 is the deadline.

6) St John’s Community garden

- a) They have planted 350 potatoes. The new Canadians are very involved in the planting and maintenance.
- b) They can water their plants with the irrigation system.

7) Queen’s House Donation

- a) Club donated \$250 to support the technology.



Club Business

MOTION: Nutrien Wonder Hub

That the Club donate \$3600 in four installments of \$900 over the year to sponsor youth nights. CARRIED

Mover/Seconder: Ron/Ian

Program

Cristin Dorgan Lee, Principal of St Michael’s Community School. Cristin will be speaking on the Indigenous Land Based Learning Centre. The school is a centre of excellence for the Metis. She started as a music teacher and started the fiddle program.

The school has had a great relationship with the Club for many years.



The Metis School of Excellence means that everything is looked at through the views of the Metis.

The School has a large plot of land. They are looking at ways of authentic ways learning. 90% of students are Metis.

ABOUT US

We are a Metis School of Excellence and a community School
Over 90% of students are Indigenous
Over 80% of families subsist below the poverty line.
Authentically permeate our Faith and Metis perspectives.



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

#10 – funding to close the educational gap in 1 generation; develop culturally appropriate curriculum

METIS SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

We permeate our learning environment with Metis ways of know and Metis perspectives.

LAND BASED LEARNING

Culturally appropriate learning from the land.
Living in harmony with the land and understanding our connection to the land.

UNDRIP

Dignity and well-being of the indigenous peoples.
Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinctive spiritual relationship with the land.

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate good produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods

The are proposed a land based learning opportunity. This also ties into Food Sovereignty.

SOLUTION

CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

Cultural teaching from the land

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Space for families to harvest food and gather medicines

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Collaboration between home and school for culturally appropriate food.

ELDERS

Our Elders and Knowledge keepers were consulted in the planning of the space

The front of the school will be amended with plants, a buffalo and a red river cart to tie to their culture.

The back will be converted to garden boxes for the growth of plants. They will plant vegetables, tobacco, sage and other herbs and medicines.

There will also be area for Teepees, performance of Fiddlers and for events, and a learning space.

On the side will be Saskatoon bushes.

The plan was developed with input by Elders, students, community members.



Phase 1 – Front of School = \$15,000

Phase 2 -- \$55,000

Total Costs = \$70,000

School Funds = \$5000

Financing secured - \$10K in kind (equipment, etc.)

To raise = \$55,000

Materials = \$30,000

Labour and other costs = \$25,000

They have approached AMSIS for funds. They have also approached other organisations and are working with the GCSD Foundation.

Learning the Land is more than an outdoor education program.

It is about learning from the land and understanding our connection to it. Understanding our connection will give life to what the land can teach us, how it communicates with us and how it looks after all life upon it. The land has a way to strengthen all things.

Understanding Who We Are and Where We Come From

Every culture, no matter their location, is connected to the environment. It is that connection where cultures teach their people how their traditional ways connect and respect all things in their environment. Indigenous

cultures have lived off the land for centuries so traditional knowledge and connection is deeply rooted in the original relationships.

Physical Connection

Earliest cultures have a traditional way to use land and what is upon it. The obvious being using the land to make things such as shelter and tools to aid in tasks for living off the land. Cultures have a traditional diet which includes immense knowledge of plants, animals and their properties. Traditional stories tell the generations about the connections, significance of symbolism that connect their culture to the land. By observing the land and how it speaks cultures have learned how to move with and respect

Spiritual Connection

Local Indigenous cultures have a common belief that the earth is alive and that all things are related. The respect that the cultures teach us to show is essentially that spirit we give to all things. When we acknowledge it's spirit, when we communicate to it and respect it, it becomes alive. The respect that we show to other things is embedded in the ways our cultural groups have been taught for generations.

Culture teaches us how to communicate with all things including the land. Before we can really see how a relationship with the land is fostered, we must understand culture in a way that is all encompassing of the knowledge and belief systems.

Through a process of inquiry-based learning, each student is given the opportunity to define themselves as Nation Builders.

Education is the key to walking on this journey of reconciliation. Teachers in particular have a sacred responsibility to ensure that all their children, regardless of their heritage, are able to think about four key questions throughout their education: **“Where do I come from?”**, **“Where am I going?”**, **“Why am I here?”**, and most importantly, **“Who am I?”**

Inherent & Treaty Rights

- Supports research into differing worldviews and understandings of the land
- Explores rights and responsibilities to the land
- Supports activism and advocacy

Engaging

- Seeks locally developed learning possibilities and potentials
- Encourages a sense of play & explorations on the land
- Teaches communication and collaboration skills



LEARNING THE LAND

Inquiry-Based

- Supports inquiry and reflection
- Encourages deeper questions & imagination to solve real world problems
- Supports capacities for students and teachers to engage in project based learning

Culture & Language

- Language and culture revitalization efforts take place in relation to the land
- Supports local protocols, ceremonies, and cultural teachings

Upcoming Meetings

| Date | Speaker and Topic |
|-------------|---|
| May | Youth Service Organisers: Kessler, Postle, Voldeng |
| 30 | Cristin Dorgan Lee, Principal of St Michael's Community School. Cristin will be introduced by Ian Sutherland and thanked by Art Postle. Cristin will be speaking on the Indigenous Land Based Learning Centre |
| June | Rotary Fellowship Organisers: Luross, Ferguson, Whetstone |
| 6 | Kayla DeMong, Prairie Harm Reduction centre |
| 13 | Dave Bennett, Friendship Exchanges |
| 20 | Dave Newman, How Rotary Peace Fellowships are an effective way for your club & D5550 to contribute to Positive Peace in our troubled world, local to global |
| 27 | Russell Wangersky, Star Phoenix and Leader Post, Media and Social Media literacy |

Events

| Date | Event | Rotary Club | Information/Contact |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| June 9-10 | Lobsterfest | Meewasin | Ron Loopkey |

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 2021-2022

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

Courtney (Chair and Club Secretary), Peterson (Asst. Club Secretary), Postle (Club Treasurer), Ferguson, Tenaski, Voldeng

Social—Sub-committee of Administration Committee

Planning and organization of club social events

Klause, Loopkey

Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition

Bailey (Chair), Fisher, Wilson

Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative

Cowsill, Nair

Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative

Postle (Chair), Clements, Stefiuk

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), Birkmaier-Tillotson, Bwaya, Mundi, Pagliarini

Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications

Benesh (Chair), Geenan, Howland, Sutherland

Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs

Kessler (Chair), McArthur, Muir, Paproski, Peterson

Officers and Directors – 2021-2022

Board Executive/Officers:

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| President: | Jay Cowsill |
| Past President | Tom Geenan |
| President Elect | Jay Cowsill |
| Treasurer | Art Postle |
| Secretary | Garth Courtney |
| Ass't Secretary | Nicole Peterson |

Directors:

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| John Benesh |
| Leanne Kessler |
| Glen Bailey |
| John Luross |

Monthly Speaker / Program - Members in Charge

"Rotary Connects the World"

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

| | Rotary Month Theme | 2021-2022 |
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| July | <i>Start of new Rotary year</i> Canada Day | |
| August | <i>Membership and New Club Development</i> | |
| September | <i>Basic Education and Literacy, (Corn Roast)</i> Labour Day | |
| October | <i>Economic and Community Development</i> Thanksgiving | |
| November | <i>Rotary Foundation</i> Remembrance Day | McArthur, Bailey, Tenaski |
| December | <i>Disease Prevention and Treatment, (Club Elections)</i> Christmas, Boxing Day | Fisher, Loopkey, Peterson, Nezi |
| January | <i>Vocational Service,</i> New Years Day | Benesh, Geenen, Mundi, Paproski |
| February | <i>Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution</i> Family Day (Third Monday) | Birkmaier-Tillotson, Nair, Pagliarini |
| March | <i>Water and Sanitation</i> Easter (??) | Clements, , Howland, Stefiuk |
| April | <i>Maternal and Child Health</i> Easter (??) | Klause, Muir, Sutherland, Wilson |
| May | <i>Youth Service</i> Victoria Day (Third Monday) | Kessler, Postle, Voldeng |
| June | <i>Rotary Fellowships</i> | Luross, Ferguson, Whetstone |