



Official Bulletin of:

ROTARY CLUB OF SASKATOON MEEWASIN #22664

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Saskatoon, SK S7H 0W2
Founded: April 23, 1985
Meetings: Monday 0700

May 4, 2026
Youth Service Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Wayne Jacobson

President: Arthur Whetstone
Past President: Luis Pagliarini

Pres Elect: Volunteer Needed

Secretary: John Luross
Treasurers: Dale Worrall

Sergeant Don Stefiuk
Chair: Leanne Kessler

Desk: Garth Courtney

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

Rotary Meeting

Location:

Grasswood Smittys
Highway 11 South/Grasswoods Road @ Esso

ZOOM: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88619629540?pwd=UL0YWkGMOPM90MapdbfgspruS5vDP1.1>

Password: Meewasin

Call to Order: Chair opened the meeting at 0700.

O'Canada, and the Rotary grace.

Attendance: There were 11 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and 2 guests.

Guests: Rick and Alice Petrie

Sergeant and Happy, Sads and Celebrations

Sergeant Don canvassed the room again looking for donations. He did a great job fleecing us (I mean extracting fine dollars)

Don read out the story of the sparrow not flying south – and fined us all for not knowing the story.

- Fined Les for not knowing when the ice left at Pike Lake.

Happy & Sad Dollars: John B sad that he missed Hari's presentation last week. John was happy that he found a Tesla charging station at a condo in Assiniboia when he and JoAnne were there – so he bought it! For future lawyer to live in.

Art P was happy the Canadians won their series & Boston is out.

Leanne was happy to let us know about the recent show at Persephone Theatre and 25th Street Theatre shows.

Donna was sad she couldn't get to a recent meeting – they couldn't get out of their parkade. She also finished up with her worst tax season ever – computer not working properly and her printer not working with her computer.

Nance was happy her son-in-law Shayne Dueck (Chair of Huskie Football Foundation) had helped arrange Pin Ball Clemons as this year's special guest speaker at the Dog's Breakfast. (Posed for a picture with our grandson Jordan)

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

2) SARCAN Bottles

- a) Donate bottle proceeds to Meewasin
- b) Use the Self-Deposit area and Enter Code SMR.
- c) Send a photo of the deposit receipt to Art W (wci@sasktel.net) so that a donation receipt may be issued to you.

3) St Michael School Reading Program

- a) Time 12:45 – 1:20
- b) Reading to Grade 2 and Grade 3-4 classes
- c) New teacher responsible, so more information expected shortly.

Date	Readers
May 5	Don & Wendy Stefiuk
	Readers needed – call Art P

4) Christchurch dinner

- a) Every Third Tuesday of Month – Next dinner is May 19
- b) Prepare and Serve Meal – volunteers needed
- c) Preparation: start at 3:00 pm; Serve meal: Start at 4:45
- d) Contact Nancy

5) Art announced the sad news that Meredith Sutherland (wife of long-time member Ian Sutherland) passed away this weekend. Their son, Duncan and his wife, are coming home to make arrangements. (which will be passed on to the club when known)

6) Lynn McArthur passed on this message to the club:

The McArthur Family has donated to the Meewasin Valley Authority in memory of Murray. They have dedicated a brick in the International Peace Plaza in Rotary Park. There will be a dedication program on Saturday June 6, at 9am at the Remai Modern Theatre. This is informational only, and attendance not necessary. I appreciate you passing this on for us!

Club Business

LobsterFest 2026 – Go to our website for tickets: <https://www.meewasinrotary.org/> Donations collected by Nancy Luross

As of the time of writing this newsletter, Tuesday May 5, we've sold 39 tickets (29 for May 28th and 94 for May 29th)

Program

Anne introduced our speakers today – Rick and Alice Petrie. Both Rick and Alice have hearts for volunteering and shared several stories of their work in Mexico. They both love to travel and have combined this passion with volunteering.

(They have both helped by volunteering alongside Rotarians at the monthly community dinners at Christ Church.)

Rick grew up ranching and working a full-time job for a trucking company. He's retired now but enjoys giving back and helping people, realizing that many of us are so fortunate to have what we have.

When they were vacationing in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, they contacted a local church to see where and how they could volunteer and offer their help.

That has resulted in their helping at the local Food Bank in PV and the local Salvation Army which regularly serves meals to 60-80 kids / day.

Alice has also helped through the church there with a sewing ministry where they provide mother kits to young women, kits for lady's prisons, and quilts to keep warm. They've also helped at the local PV dump by providing people there with shoes. Alice also helps kids (with the paperwork) to register for school...many have fallen through the cracks of the system and have never registered as local citizens, which then prevents them from attending school.

Rick and Alice have also traveled to Thailand and Cambodia, combining their love of travel with their passion for volunteering.

Nancy thanked both Rick and Alice for joining us for breakfast this morning and had them each sign a book to be presented on their behalf to St Michael School reading program.

Upcoming Meetings

Month	Theme, Coordinator and Meeting Status

Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact
May 28-29/26	Lobsterfest	Meewasin	Kris Tenaski

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

Task Groups/Committees - 2024-2025

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

Whetstone (President/Treasurer), Luross (J) (Secretary), Pagliarini (Past President)

Membership—Membership recruitment, engagement, and retention

Anne Luross (Lead)

Meeting Program (Speakers)

Leanne Kessler (Co-ordinator)

Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition

Worrall (Lead)

Social Media — Social Media, Event promotions, website management

Geneen, Loopkey, Luross (J), Pagliarini

Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications

Luross (N) (Lead) , John Benesh

Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs

Stefiuk, Postle, Kessler

Literacy—Postle (Lead)

Officers and Directors – 2023-2024

Board Executive/Officers:

President:	Arthur Whetstone
Past President	Luis Pagliarini
President Elect	TBV
Treasurer	Dale Worrall
Secretary	John Luross

Directors:

Don Stefiuk
Nancy Luross
Anne Luross
Tom Geenen

Ron Loopkey

Monthly Themes for Program

"Rotary Connects the World"

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

July – New Rotary Year

August – Membership

September - Education and Literacy

October - Economic and Community Development

November –Rotary Foundation

December –Disease Prevention and Treatment

January – Vocational Service

February –Peace and Conflict Prevention

March –Water and Sanitation

April –Maternal and Child Care

May –Youth

June –Rotary Fellowship