



**Call to Order:** The Chair (**Peter Voldeng**) opened the meeting at 0700, or thereabouts.

**Attendance:** There were 14 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

**Guests:** Guest speakers: Luke Megyesi and Jennifer Humble

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



**Happy and Sad Dollars:**



**Robert** – is happy he’s going to Victoria this week.

**Peter and his wife** are happy to be going to Minnesota to celebrate his daughter beginning her Practical Clinic as a Doctor. Their oldest son also was recently engaged....asking and receiving Peter’s mom’s engagement ring to propose with.

**Ken H** is happy to celebrate a recent birthday and then golfing his age (and then finishing his round), He was also happy to help Meredith Sutherland in a recent garage sale.

**Les** is happy to be going to the District Conference next weekend – 1<sup>st</sup> time since 1993. He’s also happy for the success of the recent Big Shred Fundraiser event.

**Don** was happy for Robert.

**Ron** was happy he had a productive weekend at the cabin...Patty is already planning a family get-together for when their son and family are home from Poland for a visit later in the summer.

**Nancy & John** are happy to announce the arrival of grandchild # 10 – Mila (pronounced Me-la) Grace Schmidt, on Wednesday, May 3. Mom and baby are doing great....and her 2 older brothers 2 & 4, are learning how to be quiet. Lol.

**Art P** – was thankful for all the Rotarian helper who showed up at Queen’s House last Wednesday to clean up the courtyard. (Service above self)

**Anne** was also happy to be part of the clean-up project, she’s also looking forward to an upcoming road trip Victoria – she is planning to attend (with friends) Rotary meetings in Canmore and Abbotsford. Also happy to have at least 12 people coming to LobsterFest.

## 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) 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>

**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.
- c) The draw will be made at the first meeting after Lobsterfest.

**6) Youth Exchange**

- a) There is a plan in the works for a One-Way Student Exchange for Students from Ukraine.
- b) They are looking at 100 students.
- c) There will also be 2 one-way students from Venezuela

**7) Queen's House Annual Golf Tournament** – Sunday, June 25. Here is the Facebook link for details:  
[https://trellis.org/queens-houses-15th-annual-golf-tournament?fbclid=IwAR3yjG2M7i\\_0E5GxpUI60fNsr5-kNcnBZ1YdhKZZjX5uhKGCWZ0jRVssA2A](https://trellis.org/queens-houses-15th-annual-golf-tournament?fbclid=IwAR3yjG2M7i_0E5GxpUI60fNsr5-kNcnBZ1YdhKZZjX5uhKGCWZ0jRVssA2A)

We would like to put together some Rotary Foursomes – John L, Garth and Robert have already committed to play. Should be a lot of fun.

- 8) **District Conference:** Al Muir is attending the conference next weekend but cannot attend the banquet of May 12. He has one ticket he would like someone to use. If you would like this ticket call Al at: 306-222-8608.
- 9) **Social time, 4PM, May 22 at Art & Janet's Home to meet Jonathan Berz**, former Exchange student – See details below:

### **Club Social on Monday, May 22, 2023-4 PM**

Everyone is invited to the home of Janet and Art Postle, 139 Zeman Cr.

on the afternoon of Monday, May 22 at 4 PM to meet Jonathan Berz, a Rotary Exchange student from Germany and his girlfriend Melinda. Jonathan was hosted by our club approximately 10 years ago.

Weather permitting the event will take place in our backyard so bring a lawn chair, your beverage of choice and simple snacks of chips and the like.

Janet and Art will provide smokies (a few gluten free) on a bun and potato salad.

This will be a great opportunity to enjoy good fellowship and visit with Jonathan and Melinda as well as fellow Rotarians, including Honorary members and their partners.

Please confirm your attendance by Friday, May 19.

**Looking forward to seeing you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

### **Club Business**

Garth and Art, after this next 2023/24 Rotary year, will be stepping down from their leadership and board activities. They are eager to have new people in place to train and then take over the following year.

Garth – Secretary and Admin responsibilities

Art – Treasurer responsibilities.

After LobsterFest is over, we will be having a Club Assembly to discuss filling future club positions.

## Program



Peter introduced Luke Megyesi and Jennifer Humble from the [Big Brother and Big Sisters](#) School based program. Jennifer gave us a great overview of their organization here in Saskatoon. This is their 51<sup>st</sup> year in Saskatoon. She especially enjoys seeing the worthwhile connections made with people doing good in our community. Essentially, they provide adult mentors for kids. Luke and Jennifer work in the school-based program where mentors are matched up with students in schools, where they spend one hour per week. They are always looking for volunteers. Luke shared his experiences working and spending time with Garrett, who he has been mentoring for 8 years. They started out just playing games for an hour per week at St Michael school. Garrett’s favorite game was the “Game of Life” where he customized the rules to his liking.

Interesting to note that St Michael School has the most matches (50) in their program. Luke and Jennifer finished their presentation by answering several questions from the club.

Peter thanked them both for their very interesting and enlightening presentation.

## Upcoming Meetings

| Date        | Speaker and Topic  |
|-------------|--|
| <b>May</b>  | <b>Youth Month<br/>Coordinators: Voldeng (Chair), Klause, Kessler, McArthur</b>            |
| 15          | Maureen Bourke Sci-Fi Science Camps  |
| 22          | Victoria Day. Have a Great Weekend   |
| 29          | Club Assembly  |
| <b>June</b> | <b>Rotary Fellowship Month<br/>Coordinators: Luross, Whetstone, Loopkey, Geenen</b>        |
| 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

| <u>Date</u>       | <u>Event</u>                                    | <u>Rotary Club</u> | <u>Information/Contact</u> |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 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

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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 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