



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

November 20, 2023

Rotary Foundation Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Sonja Susut, Moose Jaw

President: Luis Pagliarini

Pres Elect: Art Whetstone

Secretary: Garth Courtney

Past President: A. Postle, G. Courtney

Treasurers: Art Postle

Sergeant: No

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 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

One tap mobile

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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.

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

Guests: Michelle Busa

The Sergeant raised funds for the following:



Happy and Sad Dollars. Garth For the Riders mistake and for the Grey Cup; Robert For the oddsmakers who lost money on the Grey Cup; For John's tie and shirt. For the Wine Tasting; The first wine tasting being a nice night; For the number of times that Roughriders name came up in the post-game interviews; Art P For the house fire down the street; For Rob Jasper and his engagement; John B For volunteering to organize the Salvation Army Bells; For Nancy for organizing the Meals and Wheels.

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) Cell Phones

- a) John Benesh is collecting smart phones for the Mothers and Baby centre. They will be used by mothers for appointments, etc.
- b) Drop off at Benesh, Bitz and company – Quebec Avenue.

3) Coop Gift Cards

- a) Art has \$10,000 in gift cards,
- b) Order them from Art

4) Meals on Wheels

- a) Contact Nancy Luross regarding signing up or the schedule for Meals on Wheels --nancy.l@sasktel.net or 306 381-4342

5) Salvation Army Bells

- a) Two Sites: Circle Mall (the Link) and Lawson Mall (Dollarama Entrance)

Salvation Army Bells 2023				
Time	Thursday, Nov 30	Saturday, Dec 2	Wednesday, Dec 6	Monday, Dec 11
	Centre Mall (link)	Centre Mall (Link)	Lawson Mall (Dollarama)	Lawson Mall (Dollarama)
11:00-12:00	Art Postle	Art Postle	Kris Tenaski	Art Postle
12:00-13:00	Sue Bersheid	Donna Birkmeier	Leane Kessler	John Benesh
13:00-14:00	Garth Courtney	Robert Fisher	Garth Courtney	Murray McArthur
14:00-15:00	Ken Howland	Robert Fisher	Les Ferguson	Les Ferguson
15:00-16:00	Ken Howland	James Paproski	Art Postle	John Luross
16:00-17:00	Arthur Whetstone	James Paproski	Nancy Luross	John Luross

6) Movember

- a) Support the Meewasin Team
- b) To Donate – go to <https://ca.movember.com/> and go to the Donate page
- c) OR, click on this link: <https://ca.movember.com/donate/details?teamId=2276091> to go directly to the Meewasin Movember team page.

7) Wine Tasting

- a) The Committee had a follow-up meeting. They reviewed what happened and reviewed the comments.
- b) We have to look at each single area – food, décor, date,
- c) Suggest that we break down the event.
- d) Everything needs to be sponsored. We need to get it onto this right away.
- e) There were no comments on the price.
- f) The only negative was the Duck It wasn't cooked enough.
- g) Setting was good. Everything was good except the Duck.
- h) Wine was spectacular. It was \$90 at the store.
- i) Got a refund on the Duck
- j) Sold 46 tickets.
- k) Cost for Food as \$210 per plate. Tickets were \$200.
- l) Had \$6500 in sponsorships. Auction raised \$1850.
- m) Net is over\$5000

8) Garden of Hope - EGADZ

- a) Grand Opening – December 8 @ 2:00 pm
- b) 210 River Road
- c) Email John Benesh – if you are attending.

Club Business

Financial Statements

Art Postle provided an overview of the financial statements.

The financial statements for last June were circulated. The Service Club brought in \$26,364 plus a \$1500 grant. We spent a few hundred more than brought in.

The operating account had a surplus last year.

The Charitable Return has been submitted.

We have \$33000 in the Service Fund and about \$19000 in the General Fund.

The only liability we have is for the Humboldt Bronco scholarships. We have one more scholarship to go out next year.

MOTION:

That the Club accept the Financial Statements for 2022-2023. CARRIED

Mover/Secondar: John B/Peter

Youth Services

Leane provided an update on Youth Services.

There is a student who is looking to apply for Youth Exchange. Do we want to apply for a Youth Exchange for next year.

There is also a plan to explore some youth programs support on a city wide basis, but it is slow moving getting organized and I hope the discussion/communication will improve in the coming weeks.

Our District is slow to get back into Youth Exchanges. Other Districts have already students here.

Renewal or Retreat – The Future of Meewasin

As we look towards 2024, we need to take a close look at our club. Maybe do a bit of soul searching.

Club seems to be languishing.

- Attendance – ½ members regular
- Challenge – people to serve club -officers, directors, projects
- Average years in club =19 years, 1/3 greater than 30 years
- Membership is declining, at best static
- What is the Enthusiasm, commitment, engagement?

Over the nest few weeks, we will be contacting you to discuss four questions:

- 1) What is your view of Meewasin Rotary today?
 - a. How do you feel about it?
- 2) What is the future of Meewasin Rotary?
- 3) What would you like its future to be?
- 4) What do we have to do to get there?

Program

Club Assembly

Upcoming Meetings

November	Rotary Foundation Fisher (Chair) McArthur, Bailey, Wilson, Muir
6	Michelle Busa, Foundations Learning
13	Remembrance Day – No Meeting
20	Club Assembly
27	Chelsea Korpan Sparks and Barbara Papp, An Ounce of Prevention
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment Benesh (Chair), Howland, Nancy Luross, Tenaski
4	Evening Meeting – Queens House – 6:00 pm BYOB
11	Meeting at Crocus Coop at Noon.
18	
25	Merry Christmas

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 2023-2024

Administration/ Executive —Meeting administration (program, facilities, meals, supplies)
Pagliarini (President) Courtney (Secretary), Postle (Club Treasurer), Whetstone (President-elect)

Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition
Fisher (Chair) McArthur, Bailey, Wilson, Muir

Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative
Ferguson, Birkmeier

Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative
Postle (Chair), Stefiuk, Berscheid

Membership—Membership recruitment, engagement, and retention
Anne Luross (Chair) Lawrence, Klause

Public Relations—Club and event promotion, communications, website management
John Luross (Chair and Website Administrator), Whetstone (Eyeopener Editor),
Loopkey, Geenen

Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications
Benesh (Chair), Howland, Nancy Luross, Tenaski,

Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs
Voldeng (Chair), Kessler, Nair, Paproski

Officers and Directors – 2023-2024

Board Executive/Officers:

President:	Luis Pagliarini
Past President	Garth Courtney, Art Postle
President Elect	Arthur Whetstone
Treasurer	Art Postle
Secretary	Garth Courtney
Ass't Secretary	John Luross
Ass't Treasurere	Vacant

Directors:

John Benesh
Peter Voldeng
John Luross
Anne Luross
Robert Fisher

Monthly Speaker / Progam - Members in Charge

"Rotary Connects the World"

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

September - Art Postle - Education and Literacy

October - John Luross - Economic and Community Development

November – Robert Fisher – Rotary Foundation

December – John Benesh - Disease Prevention and Treatment

January – Luis Pagliarini/ Peter Voldeng - Vocational Service

February – Art Whetstone – Peace and Conflict Prevention

March – John Benesh – Water and Sanitation

April – Anne Luross – Maternal and Child Care

May – Peter Voldeng – Youth

June – John Luross/ Garth Courtney – Rotary Fellowship