



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 9, 2020

Rotary Foundation Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

President: Tom Geenen  
Past President: Hari Nair

District Governor (5550): Fred Wright  
1st VP: TBD  
2nd VP: TBD

Secretary: Garth Courtney  
Treasurer: Art Postle, Glen Bailey

Sergeant: Garth Courtney

Desk: Virtual Desk

Service Above Self

DUES AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO THE CLUB

- a) E-mail Transfer from Bank Account
i. Send to Rowasin Foundation using the email: meewasinrotary2020@gmail.com

DONATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION  
E.G., Fines, Donations In Lieu Of Meeting Expense

- b) E-mail Transfer from Bank Account
i. Send to Rowasin Foundation using the email: rowasin2020@gmail.com

Payment by Credit Card (For either Meeting Expenses or Fines/Donations)

- c) For a credit card payment contact Art Postle (postle@sasktel.net).

Rotary Meeting

Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83972189703?pwd=VEdHbmRNaHBwSXN0Q3prN3BGaGpOdz09

Call to Order: The Chair opened the meeting at 0700 on Zoom.

Attendance: There were 9 super dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

Guests: No guests



Sergeant: As requested by the Sergeant, for not wearing a Poppy, for not selling Raffle tickets, for not voting in Advance Polls, for being Jeopardy fans.



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• Hari for 2 happy dogs who love plowing the snow with their noses and two sad cats who can't get out; Ken for end of election season; Ian for getting snow thrower fixed.

## Announcements

### 1) Coop Gift Card Raffle

- a) Raffle tickets are available.
- b) Contact Leanne. Email her or pick up at meeting.
- c) Tickets are \$20/ticket
- d) Draw Date is November 19, 2020.
- e) **Sales Deadline – Monday, November 16, 2020**
- f) Prizes: Coop Gifts = \$1000, \$250 and \$100
- g) Gift Cards are good at any Coop Store in **Saskatchewan and Western Canada**

### 2) MMRM Movember Team

- a) It's MMRM. Movember time again
- b) Join the Movember team.
- c) Contact John Benesh for Information
- d) Remember to **Donate to Movember**
- e) Go to the website and type in Meewasin in the Search box, to join the team or to donate.
- f) Website: <https://ca.movember.com/>



### 3) Rotary Grant Webinar

- a) UPDATED Grants Webinar Application Form attached to Eye-Opener
- b) Anyone can attend the webinar
- c) You need to attend this webinar to submit a grant to the District or RI
- d) Some members have registered for the November 19 session
- e) WEB SESSIONS: (Only TWO sessions left open)
  - i) Thursday November 19, 2020 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM CST
  - ii) Tuesday November 24, 2020 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM CST
- f) NO COST FOR SESSION
- g) Zoom Meeting Instructions will be sent the week of the event
- h) Please send the completed Registration Form to Eva Vida, District Foundation Training Team no later than a week prior to each session date – Name changes allowed.
- i) A minimum of 6 Rotarians are required for a webinar to proceed. There will be no extra sessions to become qualified.
- j) Email: [eva.vida@icloud.com](mailto:eva.vida@icloud.com) Please cc Bob Durston at [rdurston@mymts.net](mailto:rdurston@mymts.net)

### 4) Salvation Army Kettles – NO Meewasin Ring-a-Lings this Year

- a) Meewasin will not be assisting the Salvation Army with the kettle campaign in 2020
- b) HOWEVER, you can **sign up directly** with the Salvation Army.
  - i) Contact Erin directly to schedule when you can help.
  - ii) Her contact information is:
    - (1) Telephone # is 306 477-2363 Ext 9
    - (2) E email is [Erin.Haaland@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:Erin.Haaland@salvationarmy.ca)



### 5) Coop Gift Cards

- a) Art Postle has Coop Gift cards for sale. We have \$50 and \$100 gift cards. We make 5-10% on the gift cards.
- b) You can email Art Postle at [meewasinrotary2020@gmail.com](mailto:meewasinrotary2020@gmail.com)



## Club Business

### No Rotary Business

## Program



### 10 Quick Facts on... Remembrance Day

1. Remembrance Day was first observed in 1919 throughout the British Commonwealth. It was originally called “Armistice Day” to commemorate armistice agreement that ended the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m.—on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.
2. From 1921 to 1930, Armistice Day was held on the Monday of the week in which November 11 fell. In 1931, Alan Neill, Member of Parliament for Comox–Alberni, introduced a bill to observe Armistice Day only on November 11. Passed by the House of Commons, the bill also changed the name to “Remembrance Day”. The first Remembrance Day was observed on November 11, 1931.
3. Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace. We remember the more than 2,300,000 Canadians who have served throughout our nation’s history and the more than 118,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice.

4. The [poppy](#) is the symbol of Remembrance Day. Replica poppies are sold by the Royal Canadian Legion to provide assistance to Veterans.
5. Remembrance Day is a federal statutory holiday in Canada. It is also a statutory holiday in three territories (Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut) and in six provinces (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador).
6. The national ceremony is held at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. The Governor General of Canada presides over the ceremony. It is also attended by the Prime Minister, other government officials, representatives of Veterans' organizations, diplomatic representatives, other dignitaries, Veterans as well as the general public.
7. In advance of the ceremony, long columns of Veterans, Canadian Armed Forces members, RCMP officers, and cadets march to the memorial lead by a pipe band and a colour guard. At the end of the ceremony, they march away to officially close the ceremony.
8. Some of the 54 Commonwealth member states, such as Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia, observe the tradition of Remembrance Day on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Other nations observe a solemn day but at different dates. For example, ANZAC Day is observed in New Zealand on April 25. In South Africa, Poppy Day is marked on the Sunday that falls closest to November 11.
9. Many nations that are not members of the Commonwealth also observe Remembrance Day on November 11, including France, Belgium and Poland.
10. The United States used to commemorate Armistice Day on November 11. However, in 1954 they changed the name to Veterans Day.

### **Member Remembrance Day Remembrances**

- a) Les told of family members, his dad and four brothers served, and others served as ambulance drivers. 17 years ago the Ferguson family was highlighted in his home community, Sunningdale, Remembrance Day ceremonies.
- b) Garth had uncles and cousins served in the war, one of who was a rear gunner. He was awarded the Medal of Honour by King George.
- c) Hari spoke of the many Indian soldiers who served in the war under the Queen's flag. His father-in-law served. He remembers the lessons from school regarding the war. There were many who sacrificed for the freedom or self-determination, which they didn't enjoy themselves.
- d) Glen's mother's father served in WWI, and came back to a daughter that was born after he left. On his father's side, five of the six boys served. The youngest one was killed when his plane was shot down.
- e) Ken's father and uncles served. It took them 7 months to get transport home after the ceasefire. Their families waited at the armories for them when they returned.
- f) Les' youngest uncle, who started serving in 1945, kidnapped his father's old chevy and drove to Saskatoon with a couple of friends so that they could enlist. Once they got to the city, they were involved in three different lines, which went to different places. They were separated right after enlisting. They were the last of the Sunningdale veterans to pass away.
- g) Jay's multi-great grandfather died in the late 1700s when he was in George Washington's army. He had others in the US Civil War. His father was a gunner who was stationed in the Philippines. There is a military museum at the airfield that he bombed. They donated his uniform to the museum. There is a whole wing dedicated to him. His father refused to attend a Remembrance Day Ceremony and raised them to be War

Resisters. He belongs to the Society of Friends, who were labelled as Quackers. They were anti-slavers and operated the underground railway. They came to Canada as war resisters of the Vietnam War.

- h) Ian shared his mom’s member of the day when they went outside to celebrate the victory announcement, and a pilot from the training school flew over low and waved to them. He recalled the PSD that was demonstrated by many of those returning home from the war. Many of them didn’t talk much about their war experience.
- i) Tom’s family always went to the Remembrance Day ceremonies. His grandfather didn’t serve because he was an only son. Some members were translators for the allies. Other family members worked with veterans to help them cope and return to civilian life. He remembers a soldier who was captured and in an Internment Camp. Prior to the end of the war he was transferred to one in Japan. When he got back, he was only 93 pounds.

**Upcoming Meetings**

November	Rotary Foundation
9	Remembrance Day, Member Rememberings
16	Jay Cowsill, My Passion and Why? Art
23	Colin Taylor, Ripple Effect Update
30	Janice MacGregor, Growing up In SK

**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

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## COMMITTEES FOR 2020-2021

### **Officers**

President: Tom Geenen; Past President: Hari Nair;  
Secretary: Garth Courtney; Treasurer: Art Postle & Glen Bailey

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**Administration - Meeting program & admin, Sergeant, raffle, facilities, meals, supplies**

**Chairs: Kris Tenaski and Hari Nair**

**Members:** Courtney (Secretary), Jaspar (Assistant Secretary), Postle & Bailey (Co-Treasurers), Cowsell, Whetstone

**Community Service - Club charitable giving, Foundation grant applications**

**Chair: John Benesh**

**Members:** Howland, Sutherland, Muir

**Youth Services - Youth exchanges, Adventures programs, school programs**

**Chairs: Leanne Kessler and James Paproski**

**Members:** Stefiuk, Mundi, Clements

**Foundation - Foundation donations, member recognition**

**Chair: Ken Wilson**

**Members:** Bailey, Birkmaier, Fehr

**Membership - Member recruitment, education and retention**

**Social - Plan & organize monthly social event or service project, social Media**

**Chairs: Leanne Kessler and Tom Geenen**

**Members:** Walling, Ferguson, McArthur, Russell, Nickel

**Public Relations - Club & event promotion, communications, manage website**

**Chair: Ron Loopkey**

**Members:** Luross, Fisher, Pagliarini, Klause