



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 16, 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: Ken Howland
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 16 super dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

Guests: Dave Knoppert



Sergeant: As requested by the Sergeant, donations were made to the foundation for wearing a toque (a first for Meewasin); for kicking everyone off the meeting and making them sign back in; who did not have to shovel snow; who did not get stuck and had to get out the shovel and/or push; for anyone who had Dustin Johnson in their Master's pool; everyone pay a dollar for having the elections finally over and not having to have another ones for another 4 years.



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: Ken for everyone who ran in an election; Ian for his snowblower throwing a bearing on when he had just finished (fortunately); Ian for trying to find a new snowblower after snowstorm (and concern for the autoturn feature which can cause problems in uneven snow); Ron for a friend who had a massive heart attack when shovelling snow; John who supported Movember; Tom for being diagnosed with CV19, but not having too many symptoms; Donna for the presentation from the new RI Governor.

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 in Lobby of Heritage Inn.
- e) **Sales Deadline – Monday, November 16, 2020.**
- f) **TURN in tickets now, to Art, Leanne or Ron**
- g) Prizes: Coop Gifts = \$1000, \$250 and \$100
- h) 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) Annual Foundation Donation

- a) Reminder that this is our Rotary Foundation month.
- b) As Rotarians we have all pledged to donate \$100 US (\$135CAN) to the Foundation each year. With the current exchange rate 1.35 our \$100US donation needs to be \$135CAN, for each \$100 of our donation for larger donations.
- c) Treasurer Art would like to have all **donations in by December 15th** so that the funds can be sent to the Foundation in time to get a tax receipt for the current year 2020.
- d) Donations can be **made by cheque** payable to The Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin or funds can be **e-transferred meewasinrotary2020@gmail.com** . Please do not transfer to the Rowasin Foundation account.
- e) **Cheques can be mailed to Art Postle** 139 Zeman Cres S7K 7W3 or dropped into my mailbox 755 Trent Cres. Art or I will also **arrange for a pick up** of your cheque if need be.
- f) We need to have an average of \$50 per member in order to apply for District grants.

4) Directors and Vice-President Needed

- a) VOLUNTEER now to serve our Club.
- b) We do not, at this time, have a Vice President to take over after President Tom. We need someone to come forward and take on the position for one year.
- c) Please give this serious consideration
- d) Contact President Tom if you are willing to let your name stand for election as the VP or Director.

5) 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



6) 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



Club Business

No Rotary Business

Program

Supporting Humanitarian Work in Nicaragua Through a Canada Wide Bike Ride

David Knoppert of the Rotary Club of Stratford (Ontario) provided members with an overview of their fund-raising project. The funds will be used to support medical, community, and education projects in Nicaragua.

The group is called COMMIT, a medical team, that have provided medical services to Nicaragua for the past 10 years. David is a pharmacist and there are medical doctors, nurses and others. They send down a 29 member team – they provide a medical clinic and have assisted with the community centre, a garden project, etc. They worked with farmers to create a fertilizer and supports to make barren ground grow produce. They have been going back to the same set of villages. Everyone there has worms and need medication. There send a medical container each year – last year it included an ECG machine and hospital beds. The have started a project to build special stoves so that they don't have to cook on an open fire in the home – which is very dangerous and smokey. They have provided buckets so that they can wash hands in schools and churches, etc. They support 2 local workers.

David Knoppert will attempt to ride his stationary bike 7,176 km coast to coast across Canada. He is approaching Saskatoon now, on his way from Victoria.

- 40 km per day
- 25 days each month
- 1,000 km per month
- 7 months starting October 1st, 2020
- Pledge today and pay in April, 2021
- Please consider pledging 1 cent per km = \$71.76
- All proceeds will be used to support medical, community and education projects in Nicaragua.
- **Email Your Pledge to:** davidknoppert@sympatico.ca



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MY PASSION FOR ART AND WHY

Jay Cowsill shared with members about his passion – Art. Each of the pictures that he and his partner have in the home relates to a specific time in his life.

He showed a picture of his father on the year he married. They attended the San Francisco World’s Fair where they saw the screening of the Wizard of Oz, the first colour picture that they ever saw. Shortly after, WWII started.

Old King Cole by Virgia Cowsill, which hung in his bedroom since he was young; The School of Athens, which showed Greek philosophers and Plato’s “the unexamined life is not worth living” has inspired him throughout his life. He became a linguist speaking many languages.

“Les Escaliers de Montmartre”
Brassai (1936)



The stairs of Montmartre remind him of his Alma Mater Berkley.

The Two Sisters painting by Renoir reminds him of innocence and life experience. It reminds him of an philosophy class for liberal arts students and the turbulence and student unrest in Berkeley at that time.



It was the result of his experiences that he decided he needed to move to another country. He joined an electrical engineering company. He worked with refugees and immigrants and lobbied during this period and travelled to many countries. He left electrical contracting and entered into an MBA program.

He moved to Saskatoon in the late 1990s to study for the Anglican priesthood at Emmanuel and St Chad. He started to write papers on biblical texts. He was convinced to switch to St. Andrews College to study biblical scholarship. As a biblical scholar they have to study ancient languages, the beginning of the early church; Judaism, and history. The judgement

"The Judgment of Osiris"
(Second Millennium BCE)



During his time at St. Andrews he started to study biblical Judaism from a critical sociological perspective.

After his Masters, he studied for a PhD in English which he finished in 2010. His thesis was about Marxist analysis of Judaism.

He studied and became fluent in Spanish and became interested in the work of Dali. After his Spanish period, he started to study Sanskrit, which led to a trip to India. He became involved with a multi-faith group in Saskatoon and Buddhism.

He continues to travel and studying for a geography and environmental studies degrees.

Upcoming Meetings

November	Rotary Foundation
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

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