



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



**October 18, 2021**  
**Economic and Community  
Development Month**

### Rotary: Making a Difference

**President:** Jay Cowsill  
**Past President:** Tom Geenen

**District Governor (5550):** Dan Sutton  
**1<sup>st</sup> VP:**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VP:** TBD

**Secretary:** Garth Courtney  
**Treasurers:** Art Postle

**Sergeant:** Don Stefiuk  
**Desk:** Art Postle and 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:postle@sasktel.net)).

### Rotary Meeting

#### **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 on Zoom.

**Attendance:** There were 19 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

**Guests:** Nancy Luross



The Sergeant requested members to donate to the RI Foundation in celebration of the following activities and events: For not thanking members for their contribution last week to the Foundation; For in memory of the turkey he ate and the sacrifice of the turkey, or chickens; for not wearing a Rotary or pin; For not knowing the name of a boomerang that doesn't work (a stick); For not knowing why cats sit on a computer keyboard (too keep their eye on the mouse). For coming in late this morning.



John B for a great Thanksgiving and for no leftovers because the kids took them home with them; Ron for great trip to Calgary for Thanksgiving and for surviving a 10.8 Km hike in Canmore (with a little rock climbing) and a lot of elevation; Ken for a good summer and a confinement of his cancer diagnosis; For a great family get together – brothers and grandchildren and great grandchildren; Donna for a great Thanksgiving and for daughters 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration party; Les for his third granddaughters coming in third in her cross-country race; for a great time at cabin on Tobin lake.

## 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)

3) Creating Community Project.

- a) Some clubs are getting together to work together and break down the barriers between clubs.
- b) We can invite Rotarians and other Service Clubs
- c) DATE: October 28 at 7:00 P.M.
- d) ZOOM link will be sent.

4) Your Announcement Here



5) **Coop Gift Cards**

- a) Art Postle has coop gift cards.

## Club Business

### Club Assembly

The members discussed questions of importance to the future of Meewasin.

1) Fundraising ideas

- a. Many clubs are having trouble raising funds due to cancellation of events and activities.
- b. There has been some discussion of Lobsterfest and should we continue this in the future. We need to discuss if we should proceed with Lobsterfest and what we should do with the Lobsterfest supplies.
- c. We have had other fund-raising events in the past.
- d. The in-person Lobsterfest is better than the On-line in terms of interpersonal interaction and funds raised.
- e. Question: How much space do we need? Ron may have space in one of his garages.
- f. Do we have the capacity as a club to run the in-person Lobsterfest? We can hire some of the work, but we would need to get new leadership for the event.
- g. Would we be able to hold a 2-nite Lobsterfest at Smileys. If we could clear \$8000-\$10000 with about 300 per nite. Smileys Could only seat 225.
- h. There was no buzz this year. If we downsize, we will lose that. We would give Smileys more money than us. Share the concern about person-power.
- i. We are usually done by noon. However some folks are there most of the afternoon.
- j. Agree with Garths concerns. We may want to consider a hybrid event.
- k. Could Smileys put it on at the Soccer Centre or somewhere else? Smileys bring in all the food
- l. Garth and Wayne need to pass on the Chair position to someone else.
- m. Last year we made just less than \$10,000. The previous we made about \$30,000 before paying out funds to the other groups.
- n. Question: Would it be worthwhile to get someone to replace the Chairs and also to talk to Smileys.
- o. There seems to be a desire to hold a Lobsterfest in some form?
- p. Some of the Clubs have had on-line auctions.
- q. Lobsterfest is part of our identity and no one else is doing it.
- r. If we go away from Lobsterfest, we would need to go to the same people 2 or 3 times to get their support.
- s. If we don't have the CV-19 push, would the online event work.
- t. Why do we do Lobsterfest? If we have someone else do everything, we lose the working together. It allows us to bring people in from other walks of life and to meet them. What are the benefits of Lobsterfest? We need to engage our new members in a project.
- u. **Consensus:**
  - i. That we continue with Lobsterfest, but we may need to explore some new formats.
  - ii. We are going to need some form of relationship with other groups to put it on.
  - iii. Storage of the equipment is not an issue at this time as we have members who can store it for us.
- v. There is a partnership with Toastmasters Groups. They are missing service as part of their mission statement. They are younger than our membership.
- w. Smileys said that they could handle 500 people over the 3 nights.
- x. We could have an online auction, with people using their phone to bid on the items. Question: How do you promote the auction?
- y. Question: How much money do we need?
- z. Question: Who would co-ordinate the Lobsterfest (i.e., replace Garth and Wayne)

2) Hands on Projects

- a. We currently work on 2 levels – donations and hands-on service projects.
- b. We are no longer doing Meals on Wheels and the St. Michael's Reading program is on hold.
- c. We ring the Bells for the Salvation Army.
- d. Service Clubs have been in decline for the past decade. Research shows that most young people want to get involved in hand-on projects, not just to donate funds.

- e. Some Clubs work in Community Garden. The Selkirk Club donated food they raised to Food Banks. The donated many pounds of food.
- f. Community Garden. Rob and Robert have worked in the Community Garden. It was successful. We have a master gardener. We could grow the food and donate it. This would avoid the storage. We have assisted in Gardens but have never established one. Question: Do we have the person-power to do it. There are people spending 5 hours a day chasing a white ball around manicured lawns.
  - i. Community Garden. There is a teaching component to the community garden. Many kids have never held a seed in their hand. We are losing our capacity to garden. Some members have indicated they would like to have activities that would involve families.
  - ii. Community Garden is something that we could get involved with.
  - iii. Suggestion: that we take on responsibility for the clean-up of the Rotary Park and ask if we could establish a community garden there. AGREED
  - iv. We need to think about some activities for the winter.
  - v. An opportunity might be to plant a garden in someone's home who aren't able to plant the garden.
- g. Assist Seniors. Some time ago, we had a volunteer project where we shoveled people's walk in the winter and assisted in cleaning the garden in the fall. The Council on Aging may have a list of people.
- h. Friendship Inn. Helping serve a meal at the Friendship Inn.
- i. Answer Phones. We could volunteer to answer phones for events such as the Breast Cancer Fundraiser, Telemiracle, etc. This would raise our profile.

3) LobsterFest supplies/equipment

- a. There are members who may be able to store the equipment.

## Program

### Rotary Minute



#### **THE SPONSOR OF A NEW MEMBER**

The bylaws of Rotary clearly outline the procedure for a prospective member to be proposed for Rotary club membership. The "proposer" is the key person in the growth and advancement of Rotary. Without a sponsor, an individual will never have the opportunity to become a Rotarian.

The task of the proposer should not end merely by submitting a name to the club secretary or membership committee. Rotary has not established formal responsibilities

for proposers or sponsors, however, by custom and tradition these procedures are recommended in many clubs.

The sponsor should:

1. Invite a prospective member to several meetings prior to proposing the individual for membership.
2. Accompany the prospective new member to one or more orientation/informational meetings.
3. Introduce the new member to other club members each week for the first month.
4. Invite the new member to accompany the sponsor to neighboring clubs for the first make-up meeting to learn the process and observe the spirit of fellowship.
5. Ask the new member and spouse to accompany the sponsor to the club's social activities, dinners or other special occasions.
6. Urge the new member and spouse to attend the district conference with the sponsor.
7. Serve as a special friend to assure that the new member becomes an active Rotarian.

When the proposer follows these guidelines, Rotary becomes stronger with each new member.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Date	Speaker and Topic
<b>October</b>	<b><i>Economic and Community Development</i></b>
18	Club Assembly – Focus on Fund Raisers and Hands On Service Projects
25	
<b>November</b>	<b><i>Rotary Foundation</i></b>
1	
8	
15	
22	
29	

**Events**

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

**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 2021-2022

**Administration—Meeting administration (program, facilities, meals, supplies)**

Courtney (Chair and Club Secretary), Peterson (Asst. Club Secretary), Postle (Club Treasurer), Ferguson, Tenaski, Voldeng

**Social—Sub-committee of Administration Committee**

**Planning and organization of club social events**

Klause, Loopkey

**Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition**

Bailey (Chair), Fisher, Wilson

**Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative**

Cowsill, Nair

**Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative**

Postle (Chair), Clements, Stefiuk

**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), Birkmaier-Tillotson, Bwaya, Mundi, Pagliarini

**Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications**

Benesh (Chair), Geenan, Howland, Sutherland

**Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs**

Kessler (Chair), McArthur, Muir, Paproski, Peterson

## Officers and Directors – 2021-2022

**Board Executive/Officers:**

President:	Jay Cowsill
Past President	Tom Geenen
Vice President	Vacant
Co-Treasurers	Art Postle/Glen Bailey
Secretary	Garth Courtney
Ass't Secretary	Nicole Peterson

**Directors:**

John Benesh
Kris Tenaski
Leanne Kessler
Glen Bailey
John Luross

## Monthly Speaker / Program - Members in Charge

*"Rotary Connects the World"*

Note 1: The \* indicates the lead person, others are support

Note 2: Please have list of speakers to Admin Committee at least 2-3 weeks prior to start of month

	<b>Monthly Rotary Theme</b>	<b>2022-2022</b>
July	<i>Start of new Rotary year</i> Canada Day	
August	<i>Membership and New Club Development</i>	
September	<i>Basic Education and Literacy, (Corn Roast)</i> Labour Day	
October	<i>Economic and Community Development</i> Thanksgiving	
November	<i>Rotary Foundation</i> Remembrance Day	
December	<i>Disease Prevention and Treatment, (Club Elections)</i> Christmas, Boxing Day	
January	<i>Vocational Service,</i> New Years Day	
February	<i>Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution</i> Family Day (Third Monday)	
March	<i>Water and Sanitation</i> Easter (??)	
April	<i>Maternal and Child Health</i> Easter (??)	
May	<i>Youth Service</i> Victoria Day (Third Monday)	
June	<i>Rotary Fellowships</i>	