



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 23, 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: Ron Loopkey

Desk: Art Postle

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=MjRlRkY2FQWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHlvQT09>

ZOOM & Queen's House

601 Taylor Street West

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87214323627>

Meeting ID: 872 1432 3627

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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 10 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

Guests: Depesh Parmar

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

President Luis for starting late, Donna for late last week and early this week, Ken and Garth for no golfing, Ken for Riders.

Happy and Sad Dollars.

Donna for the Hilltops, Ken for Ronald MacDonald for Dinner fundraiser, John B for 39 years of wedded bliss, Art for the Carl Miller family tragedy, Ron for attending nieces wedding and thankful for family.



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) You may bring the backpacks to the meeting to give to John B.

3) 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.

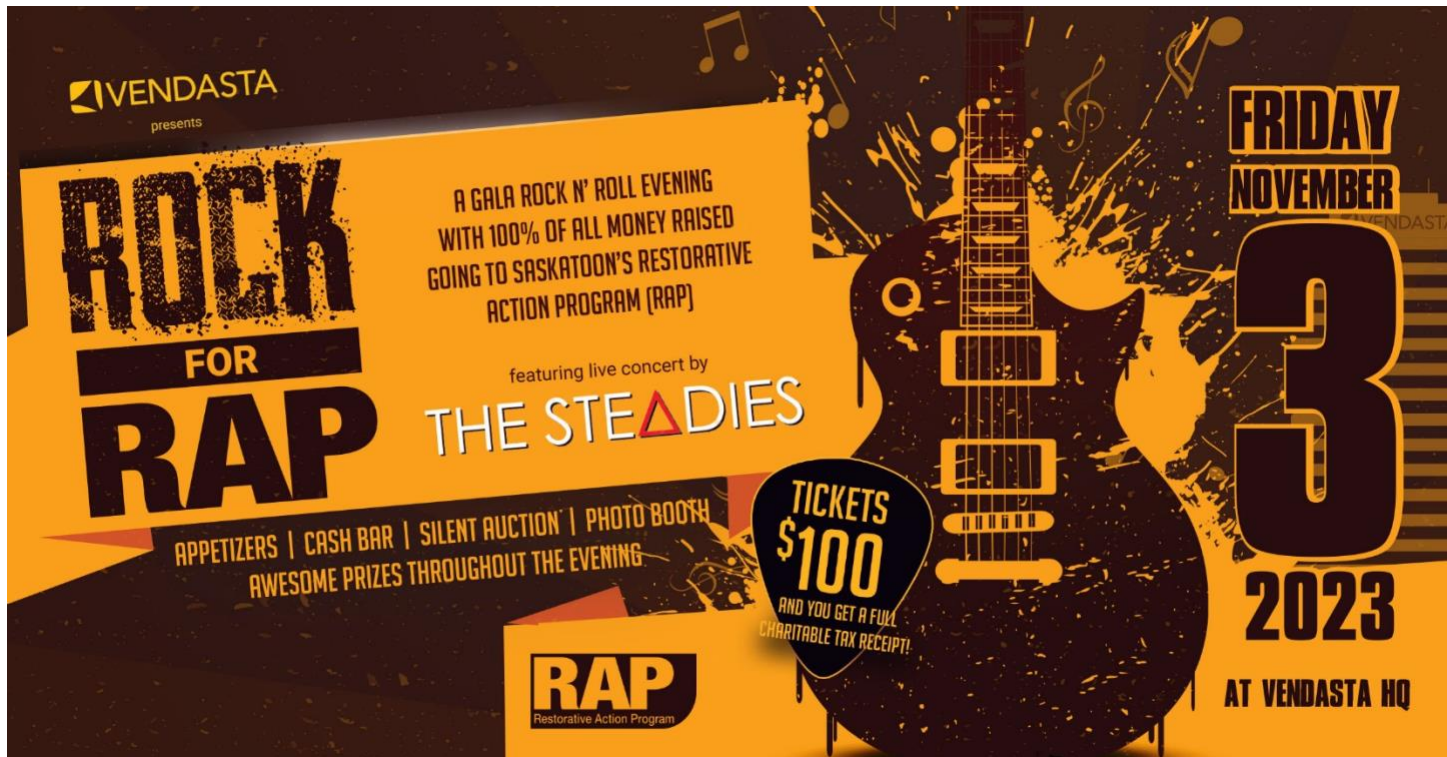
4) Coop Gift Cards

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

5) Meals on Wheels

- a) Sign up for meals on wheels by going to the Sask Health website by completing the form. You only need to complete the required information.
- b) Link: . <https://btrr.im/2aeo0> Copy and past it or click on the link.
- c) After you select Meals on Wheels, make sure to note somewhere that you are with Meewasin Rotary.
- d) We delivered our first meals last week.

6) Rock for RAP on November 3



Date: Friday, November 3, 2023
Time: Doors open at 7 PM, music begins at 8 PM

Get ready to rock and roll for a fantastic cause at “Rock for RAP,” a not-to-be-missed event proudly hosted by Vendasta in Saskatoon! Join us on Friday, November 3 for an unforgettable evening of fun and support for the Restorative Action Program (RAP).

Tickets: <https://restorative-action-project.websitepro.hosting/events/>

Garth reported that he had talked with **Ken Wilson** last week and while he sounded really chipper and upbeat he has had a difficult past few months with several trips and stays in the hospital. He did say that the Doctors have decided to not replace his heart valve as it will be too risky, so he carry's on with the old one. Margaret is also having some problems, but they are managing well with lots of support from family.

We send our best wishes to the Ken and Margaret

Announcement reminders:

- a. Steak Night – October 24th cut-off for tickets noon today
- b. Board meeting Wednesday at Queens House 7:30 PM
- c. Next week – Jessica Mills “The Generation of Love Project “

An email went out recently to the club about our upcoming **Winemaker's Dinner on Nov. 9** – see poster below.



**Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin's
2023 Winemaker's Dinner**

**November 9, 2023 at the Sheraton Cavalier's
Top of the Inn**

Join us for an intimate, five course wine pairing dinner experience featuring Master Winemaker Howard Soon and outstanding wines from Vanessa Vineyard.

**\$200 per person (Tax and Gratuity included)
Proceeds to Crocus Co-op and RAP**

Click here for tickets: : <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/rotary-club-of-saskatoon-meewasins-2023-winemakers-dinner-tickets-720207238237?aff=oddtcreator>

Or if you're talking to someone about this, refer them to our website: your contacts can google Meewasin Rotary, and they'll end up at <https://www.meewasinrotary.org/> where they'll see our event poster.

Or if they're on Facebook, they can visit our club's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/meewasinrotary>

Club Business:

- d. World Polio Day is October 24th but nothing was planned this year by the clubs in the city.
Donations can be made to Polio Plus thru the RI website
- e. Wine Pairing event – Ron reminded the members of the event on November 9th and reminded that tickets are available on Eventbrite. (see above)
- f. Co-op Gift Cards – Art has some \$100 gift cards available
- g. Pizza Coupons -can be purchased from Art for \$20
- h. Sarcan recycle code is SMR for a tax receipt

Program

Jenny introduced our Guest Speaker Depesh Parmar, Executive Director [Ideas Inc.](#) Depesh Parmar is an advocate for entrepreneurship. As the Executive Director of Ideas Inc, he works closely with entrepreneurs in pursuing their shared passion for entrepreneurship and creative ideas. Depesh enjoys sharing knowledge and perspective with those around him as he has experience in ventures that include entertainment, technology and petroleum construction.

Depesh strongly believes in giving back to the community that has supported him. He currently serves on a number of boards and committees around Saskatoon which include the Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation and Past President of the Saskatoon Club. Depesh obtained his Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Regina.

Depesh was born here in Saskatoon after his parents had immigrated from England. His father was raised in Uganda but had to flee that country to England due to the uprising of the day. He is happily married to Ashala Naidu, a lawyer in Saskatoon and together, they share two amazing children, Ava and Dev.

During his time of getting his degree at the U of R, he and his brother got their start in entrepreneurship when they founded PICATIC, which was a first in ordering tickets online. It became very successful, and they relocated to Vancouver to a larger market. He and brother both moved there but 6 month later Depesh and family returned to Saskatoon as this was more their home. His brother remained in Vancouver and eventually sold PICATIC to Eventbrite

Upon return to Saskatoon, Depesh started a company hosting events and from this he created his current company [Ideas Inc.](#)

Ideas Inc. has a Board of Directors and are involved in the mentorship of small companies and helping them with start-up guidelines and in particular their financials. The company has a staff of 4 and they are currently working with 75 companies. Their office is at River Landing next to the old Farmers Market.

Ideas Inc is just about to announce an exciting new venture. They have developed a plan for the old Farmers Market. It will be called "Gather Local Market" The plan is to have 16 local Artisan retail market vendor all indoors. This will include 8 local restaurants, 6 distillers and micro breweries, 1 licensed bar and open 6 days a week. Also 30 farmer market sites outside in the summer months with 2 dedicated market days.

The Market is planned to open in March 2024.

Ron thanked Depesh for his presentation and for his entrepreneurship and mentorship and the great work he is doing in our city and making it a great place to live.

Upcoming Meetings

October	Economic and Community Development Coordinator: Public Relations Committee

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30	Jessica Mills, The Generation Love Project
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

Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Rotary Club</u>	<u>Information/Contact</u>
Nov 3	Rock for RAP	All	
Nov 9	RC of Saskatoon Meewasin’s Winemaker’s Dinner at the Sheraton’s Top of the Inn		See above

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