



Official Bulletin of:
ROTARY CLUB OF SASKATOON MEEWASIN #22664



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Founded: April 23, 1985
Meetings: Monday 0700

October 4, 2021
Economic and Community
Development Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

President: Jay Cowsill
Past President: Tom Geenen
District Governor (5550): Dan Sutton
1st VP:
2nd 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

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

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 on Zoom.

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

Guests: Nancy Luross, Andrea Lafond



The Sergeant requested members to donate to the RI Foundation in celebration of the following activities and events: Les Ferguson for the funnies that he sends and not knowing the difference between a Zippo and Hippo; For not knowing why Ken takes an extra pair of pants; for not knowing what lawyers wear to court (law suit); for not know what Alexander th Great and Winnie the Pool have in common (the middle name)



Ken for Sargeants creativity; Garth for Jays and Roughriders losses; For daughter being home from school in USA for the weekend; Murray for fish biting at BlackStrap and being so big he needs a new fishing line: for daughter's birthday and pottery painting outing;

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) Your Announcement Here

3) Your Announcement Here



- 4) Coop Gift Cards
 - a) Art Postle has coop gift cards.

Club Business

ShelterBox donation

John Benesh reported that that the Board of Directors approved a donation of \$2400 to ShelterBox Canada on the recommendation of the Service Committee. The donation will purchase 2 shelter boxes.

The club has donated to ShelterBox Canada for the past several years. The donation will be made from the funds allocated for service projects that was approved by the membership last month.

MOTION: ShelterBox Canada Donation

Mover: John Benesh; Seconder: Ken Howland

That the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin donate \$2400 to the ShelterBox Canada. CARRIED

Program

Rotary Minute



INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A ROTARIAN

As an international organization, Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities. Although each Rotarian has first responsibility to uphold the obligations of citizenship of his or her own country, membership in Rotary enables Rotarians to take a somewhat different view of international affairs. In the early 1950s a Rotary philosophy was adopted to describe how a Rotarian may think on a global basis. Here is what it said:

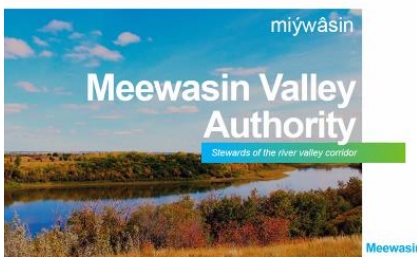
"A world-minded Rotarian:

- looks beyond national patriotism and considers himself as sharing responsibility for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace;
- resists any tendency to act in terms of national or racial superiority;
- seeks and develops common grounds for agreement with peoples of other lands;
- defends the rule of law and order to preserve the liberty of the individual so that he may enjoy freedom of thought, speech and assembly, and freedom from persecution, aggression, want and fear;
- supports action directed toward improving standards of living for all peoples, realizing that poverty anywhere endangers prosperity everywhere;
- upholds the principles of justice for mankind;
- strives always to promote peace between nations and prepares to make personal sacrifices for that ideal;
- urges and practices a spirit of understanding of every other man's beliefs as a step toward international goodwill, recognizing that there are certain basic moral and spiritual standards which will ensure a richer, fuller life."

That is quite an assignment for any Rotarian to practice in thoughts and actions

Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA)

miywâsin is nêhiyawêwin/Cree for 'it is beautiful'



Andrea Lafond, Chief Executive Officer, of the Meewasin Valley Authority provided members information on the MVA. Andrea was born and raised in Saskatoon.



Meewasin is a non-profit organization that exists to ensure a healthy and vibrant river valley, with a balance between human use and conservation, for the benefit of present and future generations, in Saskatoon & area.

Created in 1979 by an Act of the Government of Saskatchewan, The Meewasin Valley Authority Act, Meewasin is a non-profit organization dedicated to conserving the cultural and natural resources of the South Saskatchewan River Valley.

It is the means by which the three participating parties (City of Saskatoon, Government of Saskatchewan, and University of Saskatchewan) have chosen to best manage the Meewasin Valley in the South Saskatchewan

River Basin. The creation of Meewasin is based on the concept that the partners working together through a single agency – Meewasin – can accomplish more than they could individually.

Conservation

Meewasin is recognized world-wide for its leadership in conserving the natural resources of the 6,700 hectares of the Meewasin Valley. Meewasin sites and areas are home to more than 300 plant species, 150 bird species, and numerous insects, amphibians, reptiles and animals. Meewasin strives to protect and enhance biodiversity in the Meewasin Valley through targeted conservation grazing, prescribed fire, ecological monitoring, removal of exotic invasive species and noxious weeds, native seed collection and planting of native grasses and wildflowers and clean-up of illegal dumping.

Development

The Design & Development team is made up of a design team, construction crew, and a horticulture crew. Our purpose is to design, build and manage the natural environment and public open space with projects ranging from significant park and trail developments, to minor projects such as bench and sign replacements. The unit uses in-house expertise where appropriate for smaller projects and works with consultants and contractors on larger projects.



Video consultation for enhancements to the Meewasin Trail in River Heights

The unit implements projects identified in the Meewasin Development Plan, maintaining high standards of landscape and architectural design that are aligned with public need and sympathetic to the natural environment and heritage resources. All applicable projects are subject to Meewasin Development Review and approval.

Key roles include:

- Prepare design plans and detailed working drawings for projects;
- Communicate design intent;
- Implement physical development;
- Operate existing facilities (Beaver Creek Interpretive Centre, Meewasin Skating Rink, Administration Office, shop, greenhouse, etc.);
- Collect seed, propagate and install plant material;
- Develop policy and standards for development; and
- Provide asset management of tools, equipment and supplies.



Education

Meewasin is the steward of the river valley in Saskatoon and area, which is upwards of 67 square kilometers of area. Our staff works hard year-round to conserve and monitor the natural spaces that provide habitat for wildlife, provide opportunities for outdoor learning, and offer engaging public experiences in the Meewasin Valley.

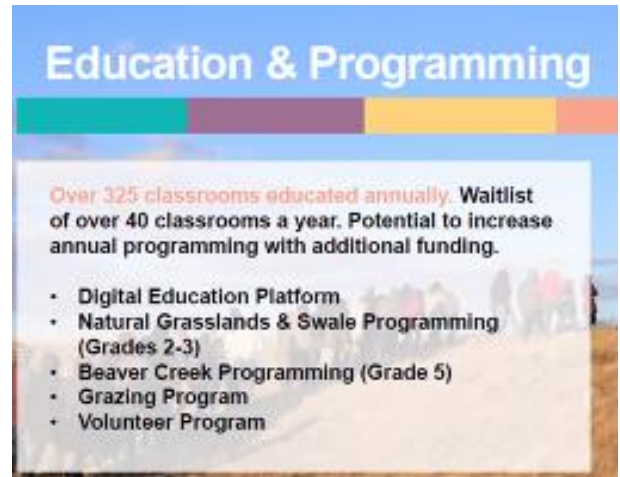
Guided School Programs

Meewasin’s Interpretive Team offers seasonal programming and land-based learning opportunities to students and teachers at sites such as the Northeast Swale, Beaver Creek Conservation Area (BCCA), and the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @Nutrien Plaza.

Current Programs

In partnership with Saskatoon Public Schools and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Divisions, Meewasin is currently offering Grade 3 Programming at the Northeast Swale, Grade 5 programming at Beaver Creek Conservation Area supported by SaskPower, and all grades programming at the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @Nutrien Plaza (skating season only.) They serve 40 classrooms per year and have a waiting list.

They have developed an online program and provide materials to teachers. It is very popular.



Meewasin has been operating for 43 years. It was part of a 100-year plan by the Province, City. The goal was to preserve the river valley. It covers 60+ acres in the city and RM.



The three mandate areas are to conserve, develop and educate. Much of the work is done by volunteers and the community.

The embarked on a capital campaign to raise \$103 Million to support the development of the valley.



They have 103 KM of trails. They have over 1 million visits per year. They are focusing on the expansion of 3 trails. All trails are being developed to handicap compliance and ground focussed lighting.

Green House and Seed Bank. MVA have plant 12000 native seeds annually. They have on of the largest seed banks of native plants. It is located on the UofS property and is used in several different programs. They will be

relocated to a different location on campus. They are looking at adding an event space, café (farm to table) and nursery and other plant development spaces.

They have developed a program for prescribed burning in partnership with 27 partners. They have had 300 students to date.

They will be adding a site for First Nations ceremonies and sweat lodges. They are seeking funding for a site that is central for students and patients.

They have a tree planting program and do a clean up. They have had over 40,000 volunteers participate in the tree planting and clean-up.

The have an App the allows you to tour the Beaver Creek and the Swail. The App has been very popular. They are continuing to build on the App.



They are on target to meet their basic goals.

Their public supports have grown over 7% over the past couple of years. They do regular surveys of awareness and support for MVA.

The Federal Government announced the urban park model. Meewasin is one of the organisations that is part of funding program, and is a model that the government would like to use in other areas. The are currently in the planning phase of the project. The model is one of local, provincial, federal and indigenous organisations.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker and Topic
October	<i>Economic and Community Development</i>
4	Meewasin Valley Authority
11	Thanksgiving. No meeting.
18	Club Assembly – Focus on Fund Raisers and Hands On Service Projects
25	
November	<i>Rotary Foundation</i>
1	

Date	Speaker and Topic
8	
15	
22	
29	

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 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 Geenan
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

	Monthly Rotary Theme	2022-2022
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	

	Monthly Rotary Theme	2022-2022
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>	