



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 3, 2022

**Economic and Community
Development Month**

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Fred Wright

President: Art Postle, Garth Courtney

Pres Elect: Luis Pagliarini

Secretary: Garth Courtney

Past President: Tom Geenen

Treasurers: Art Postle

Sergeant:

Murray McArthur

Desk:

Art

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=MjRlRTY2FQWIRmRW9Cd2NKRHISWHlvQT09>

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: Garth opened the meeting at 0700, or thereabouts. Garth explained to the membership that throughout the year, the various Directors and their committees will take turns running the meetings. October, Garth is graciously chairing the meeting as John Luross is otherwise busy with the EyeOpener duties for the month. Thanks Garth.

Attendance: There were 17 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

Guests:



The sergeant Murray McArthur raised funds by:

- Fining Garth for a late start to the meeting
- Peter's plan for world domination.
- Hari for interrupting
- All those on line
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Happy/ Sad dollars:

Murray – couldn't find any fish at Bradwell Lake,

Anne – happy to be still golfing

Ian – happy for Huskie and Hilltops wins, sad for Rough Riders

Donna – Happy they finally heard from friends in Nova Scotia. All Okay.

Les – happy for a recent bike ride through Donna Birkmaier Park – Tremedous colors - Beautiful.

Hari – Happy & Sad dollars – David Russell is in good spirits (fighting mode)due to be released from the Parkridge Centre Oct. 6, but will be needing more care than he had before.

David's new phone number is 306-514-7214. Members are encouraged to give him a call.

Nancy – Happy the Green Bay Packers won a close game yesterday – in overtime.

Ron = happy for the Huskie win and also reported he's gone now for a month in Poland to visit family.



Announcements

1) Rock for RAP

- Friday, 4 November 2022 from 7:00 PM (MDT) to 11:59 PM (MDT)
- Top floor of Vendasta Square, 410- 22nd St East, Saskatoon
- For INFORMATION on and tickets for ROCK for RAP, click on the following link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/rap-saskatoon/events/rock-for-rap-restorative-action-program-3>





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) Meewasin Rotary-Saskatoon Food Bank Service Project

- a) Address: 2510 Jasper Ave S, Bay 7 (Same building as Kelly's Kafe)
- b) NEXT Opportunity:
 - i) Volunteers needed
- c) Rotarians, Family and Friends welcome



4) Cell Phones

- a) John Benesh is collecting smart phones for the Mother and Baby centre. They will be used by mothers for appointments, etc.
- b) Drop off at Benesh, Bitz and company – Quebec Avenue.

5) **Saskatoon Food Bank** is having difficulty coming up with food. Our club is looking at the idea of donating money to the Food Bank to enable them to purchase food. There is a matching grant option available for October – any cash donations will be matched, so we hope to have something together by the end of the month.

Club Business

Note: The next meeting (October 17) will be in the Dining Room at Queen's House. Consequently, the ZOOM option for that meeting will not be available.

Peter recently email out tax receipts for Lobsterfest 2022. Some email bounced back – he's been able to track down those people with his announcement.

Program

Life & Times of 2 of our new members:

John introduced his sister **Anne Luross.**

- Born in Brandon Manitoba, moved around a lot across the prairies as a family because her father was in the RCMP.
- Great childhood.
- Growing up, she always wanted to be a caregiver (nurse).

- After High School and university, she started in the “work as you go” nursing program in Alberta. She recently celebrated with other grads their 50th anniversary in Banff.
- She recalled being tremendously impacted by the movie “Love Story”, that greatly influenced the start of her faith journey.
- Along about that time, she was married and had 2 children. She lived and worked in 2 small towns in Alberta, Lac la Biche and Canmore, before moving to Saskatoon with her kids in 1987.
- Most of her nursing career has been in the Operating Room doing a wide variety of procedures.
- Always wanting to volunteer, she combined her love of nursing to volunteer for several stints on the Mercy Ships off the coast of Africa. She even saw a Rotary room on the Mercy Ship.
- She has enjoyed several trips in recent years, including Taiwan, to visit family working there, Israel, Italy, Greece, Turkey, England, Netherlands, France – all fortunately before the Covid pandemic .
- She has a daughter and her family (a husband and 2 sons). Also a son and his family (his wife and 3 sons) – all living here in Saskatoon.
- She considers herself to be in the honeymoon phase of retirement.
- Two things she learned through Covid 1. Focus on today. 2. She’s learned to love golf.
- She moved to Saskatoon in 1985 and in Amway she learned about people skills and how to overcome challenges.
- She had never planned to retire—she came to realize she needed new knees, so she convinced her surgeon to replace both knees at the same time. Just before that, her cataracts were progressing so quickly she needed surgery as well. She had one eye done, then her 2 knees replaced and 3 weeks later her 2nd eye was operated on. After a full and successful recovery, the hospital called repeatedly to have her come back to work—then covid hit. She decided to stay home once and for all.
- Anne’s excited to be involved with Rotary as it gives her a chance to meet other people outside medicine.
- She’s eager to volunteer and happy to be here.

Don introduced **Sue Berscheid** to the club:

Sue was born here in Saskatchewan in the Lake Lenore area. She’s the youngest of 12 kids. Her mother recently passed at 104 yrs of age.

Sue started nursing and worked at small communities like Elliot Lake – where she remembers motorcycles coming through the apartment building (in the front door and out the back)

She lived in Calgary for 10 years, where she was married and raised 2 kids. They are grown adults now, and she has 2 grandkids, a 3 and 1 yr old.

Although she has nursed in several areas, she worked mostly in labour and delivery.

In February 2022, she retired.

She has several hobbies including stain glass and welding. She recently completed her first welding lesson where she made a firewood rack.

She’s hoping to travel more and announced that she will leave shortly for a 4 month travelling holiday driving around New Zealand.

She’s always done canvassing but now wants to do more volunteering.

Garth thanked both Anne and Sue for their interesting presentations and had both sign books to be donated to St Michael School.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker and Topic
October	<i>Economic and Community Development</i>
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10	Thanksgiving – No Meeting
17	Andrew Gaucher, Director, Board of Directors, Saskatoon Community Service Village (No Zoom available for this meeting only)
24	Carm Michalenko, Chief Executive Officer, Saskatoon Community Foundation
31	Len Usiskin, Executive Director, Quint Development

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 2022-2023

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

Courtney (Chair and Club Secretary), Postle (Club Treasurer), Pagliarini (Incoming President)

Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition

Bailey (Chair), Fisher, Wilson, Birkmaier

Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative

Nair, Ferguson

Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative

Postle (Chair), Stefiuk, Berscheid, Clements

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), Loopkey, Geenen

Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications

Benesh (Chair), Sutherland, Howland, Nancy Luross, Anne Luross, Tenaski, Muir

Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs

Voldeng (Chair), Klause, Kessler, McArthur

Officers and Directors – 2022-2023

Board Executive/Officers:

President: Garth Courtney, Art Postle
Past President Tom Geenen
President Elect Luis Pagliarini
Treasurer Art Postle
Secretary Garth Courtney
Ass't Secretary

Directors:

John Benesh
Peter Voldeng
Glen Bailey
John Luross

Monthly Speaker / Program - Members in Charge

"Rotary Connects the World"

Listed below are the Theme months and the Committee Chair for each month.

July - Not assigned – New Rotary Leadership
August – Not assigned - Membership and New Club Development
September - Art Postle - Education and Literacy
October - John Luross - Economic and Community Development
November – Glen Bailey – Rotary Foundation
December – John Benesh - Disease Prevention and Treatment
January – Luis Pagliarini/ Peter Voldeng - Vocational Service
February – Glen Bailey – Peace and Conflict Prevention
March – John Benesh – Water and Sanitation

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April – Garth Courtney – Maternal and Child Care

May – Peter Voldeng – Youth

June – John Luross – Rotary Fellowship