



Official Bulletin of:

ROTARY CLUB OF SASKATOON MEEWASIN #22664

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Founded: April 23, 1985

Meetings: Monday 0700



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

September 20, 2021

Basic Education and Literacy Month

Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Dan Sutton

President: Jay Cowsill

Past President: Tom Geenen

1st VP:

2nd VP: TBD

Secretary: Garth Courtney

Treasurers: Art Postle, Glen Bailey

Sergeant: Ron Loopkey

Desk: Virtual Desk

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

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

Guests: Nancy Luross, Don Meilke, Kaile (EGADZ)



The Sergeant requested members to donate to the RI Foundation in celebration of the following activities and events: For driving and Zooming; for not knowing where the sergeant was sitting, for going golfing; for not showing face on Zoom;



Ron for having friends over for supper after great weekend at the lake; John for Husky and Rider wins; Ken for living in great democracy and being able to vote; John for a wonderful summer and a great weekend; John for our guests from EGADZ.

Announcements



- 1) **EDADZ BACKPACK Drop Off**
 - a) First load of BackPacks were delivered.
 - b) You can Drop off items at John Benesh's Office.
 - c) There is a Box in the reception area
 - d) Any bag is OK, not just back packs.
 - e) You may bring the backpacks to the meeting to give to John B.

2) Your Announcement Here

3) Your Announcement Here

Club Business

No club business.

Program

Rotary Minute



FIRST NAMES OR NICKNAMES

From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Mister, the

Honorable or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Charley or Jerry by other Rotarians. The characteristic Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom.

In a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asian countries, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname which relates to some personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's business or profession. A member nicknamed "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business, "Building" is the contractor, "Paper" is the stationery or office supply retailer. Other members might carry nicknames like "Muscles," "Foghorn" or "Smiles" as commentaries on their physical features.

The nicknames are frequently a source of good-natured fun and fellowship. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, the spirit of personal friendship is the initial step which opens doors to all other opportunities for service.

Ground Zero, EGADZ

Don Meilke, Egadz updated members on the happening at EGADZ. The Club presented him with our contribution towards Ground Zero.

Ground Zero is an Emergency Housing project designed to fill gaps in housing support for youth in Saskatoon. The Ground Zero Supervisor is responsible for managing staff and ensuring the program is following the Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc./EGADZ's mission by providing quality care to youth receiving services.

EGADZ is an inter-agency, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide services for hard to serve youth in Saskatoon with the mission to encourage and support them to make choices that improve their quality of life.



Ground Zero – Restart, Renew Emergency Youth Transition Home – is a program designed by our youth, for youth. Serving and supporting youth who are homeless, in care of Ministry of Social Services, and/or eligible but unable to receive services. Youth will have an immediate, safe place to reside while making positive social connections and obtaining secure, long-term housing or placement. A safe home with 10 bedrooms that may accommodate youth for 30 days at a time. Inclusive and supportive for all genders and sexual orientations. Ensuring basic needs are being met, youth are aided in functioning on a positive, psychological, sociological, physical, and emotional level. Building youth up and allowing them to begin moving forward in their journey. At Ground Zero, all youth will have access to:

- Youth-centered and Youth-driven Case Planning
- Private Bedroom
- Nutrition
- Laundry Facilities
- Ministry of Social Services Liaison
- Medical Services

- Mental Health and Substance Use Services
- School Services and Supports
- On-Site Staff Support 24/7
- Mobile Outreach Services

Ground Zero was set up by youth for youth. It operates by rules set up by youth. All staff must be interviewed by a Youth Committee. Kaile is the manager of youth services.

The youth are homeless. They are couch surfing or selling favours for a place to live. Some of the youth have been off the radar for a couple of years. Many of the youth have addiction issues. The youth are going to school and many don't want to leave. They were full after 4 days of being open. When the social worker send them there, many

The Rotary Donation is going to a room downstairs with TV, arts and craft, etc. They can destress down there. They now need to get a computer for them to do homework, after not attending school after many years.

They did a soft open on July 5. This was the kids' decision. On July 26th, they did the official opening.

Since July 5, they have had 26 kids. Some have had extended stays because there was no longer term stay. They have received referrals from self referrals (word of mouth and community agencies), from EGADZ programs. Social Services. They have a waiting list. The youth were homeless, living in toxic situations, form other centres.

Youth have been able to transition to other forms of longer-term housing. Some are successfully reconnected with their family. There is a challenge for longer-term housing for youth 16 and over.

Many have mental health issues, haven't had a bed to sleep in, have poor nutrition. Many of these youth have fallen through the cracks and had no where to turn or to get assistance.

An example is a youth who was a long-term ward of social services, was well known to the police, high drug use and other high-risk behaviour. She didn't trust social services and they have a challenge finding support she would accept. After informing her of Ground Zero and how it was set up by youth. She responded well, but had a some high risk behaviours. She started considering treatment and dealt with the charges against her. After 39 days, she entered a treatment centre. She has been doing well.

A 16 year old male who was well known to the police and had few options left. He was developmentally about 8-9 years. He had gang involvement and other issues. He came to look at the house and decided to stay. Within 15 days they were able to transition him to long-term housing.

A young girl was living on the reserve. She was referred and came to view the house. The next day she came to the home. She didn't have any drug issues, but didn't have any supports. She is now living with her brother and is going to school..

A young male was involved in gangs and had anger issues. He was in youth detention and sent to detox centre on release. From there he was came to Ground Zero. After 15 days, he was found long-term housing, but he didn't want to leave. It is amazing the turn around in youth when you meet them where they are at and listen to them.

They have a Social Services Liaison person, additions counsellors, and public health persons on site. They are part of a community services team that works together to assist the youth to improve their life situation.

www.egadz.ca

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker and Topic
September <i>Basic Education and Literacy</i>	
20	Don Meilke, Executive Director, EGADZ. Ground Zero and EGADZ update.
27	
October <i>Economic and Community Development</i>	
4	
11	Thanksgiving. No meeting.
18	
25	
November <i>Rotary Foundation</i>	
1	
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 program and administration, sergeant, raffle, facilities, meals, supplies

Chair: Tenaski

Members:

Service – Charitable giving, Foundation grant applications

Chair: Benesh

Members:

Youth – Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs

Chair: Kessler

Members:

Foundation – Foundation promotion and donations, member recognition

Chair: Bailey

Membership/Social – Member recruitment, education, and retention, social events

Chair: Chair Vacant (seeking volunteers)

Members:

Public Relations – Club and event promotion, communications, social media, website management, Eyeopener

Chair: Luross

Members:

Truth and Reconciliation – Indigenous Engagement (exploratory one-year initiative)

Chair: Cowsill

Members:

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

	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	
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>	