



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 27, 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

Sergeant: Ron Loopkey

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

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

Guests: Rachael Sutherland, Michelle Busa, Nancy Luross



The Sergeant requested members to donate to the RI Foundation in celebration of the following activities and events: for having great in-person meeting; for establishing the rules for the corn roast and then breaking every rule; for buying plants from the Beneshs, but not being allowed to pay for them; for great



Art for a great symphony on Saturday; Art for Coop gift cards; John for Rider game and win; John for Nancy going golfing for first time in 40 years; Murray for first meeting; Garth for good golf with Rob; John B for trying to right size, which is a work in progress; John B for the great weather and being able to the whole of Lake Diefenbaker without tacking due to Southeast Wind; Brent for a good harvest for his brother; for a good pizza night with former colleagues. Les for the 2 Michael's release from China.

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



Club Business

No club business.

Program

Rotary Minute



FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE

The term "Four Avenues of Service" is frequently used in Rotary literature and information. The "Avenues" refer to the four elements of the Object of Rotary: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service.

Although the Avenues of Service are not found in any formal part of the constitutional documents of Rotary, the concept has been accepted as a means to describe the primary areas of Rotary activity.

- "Club Service" involves all of the activities necessary for Rotarians to perform to make their club function successfully.
- "Vocational Service" is a description of the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation to the other members of the club.
- "Community Service" pertains to those activities which Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, handicapped and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life.
- The Fourth Avenue, "International Service," describes the many programs and activities which Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. International Service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands.

When a Rotarian understands and travels down the "Four Avenues of Service," the Object of Rotary takes on even greater meaning.

READ Saskatoon

Rachael Sutherland and Michelle Busa provided members with information on READ Saskatoon.

READ Saskatoon's Vision:

A community that values, promotes, and supports literacy.

READ Saskatoon's Mission:

READ Saskatoon advances literacy and learning through the work of staff, trained volunteers, and community partners.



Since 1979 we have provided adult tutoring services with the help of trained volunteers and community partners. Today we have expanded to offer adult, family, and financial literacy programs, as well as literacy facilitator trainings and resources.

READ Saskatoon's Programs

Family Literacy

Fun and family-centred programs for early learners and school-aged children.

Financial Literacy

READ Saskatoon proudly offers financial literacy workshops for everyday people. Workshops focus on budgeting, banking, credit and debt management, asset building, and spending habits.

Adult Literacy

We offer one-to-one programming, small group, and large group workshops to adults.

Children's Literacy

This program matches a trained volunteer with a school-age student in grades 2-4 with the goal of bringing their reading skills to grade level.

Workshops

We offer workshops to strengthen writing skills, to provide strategies to parents, and for evaluation practices.

Trainings

We offer agency orientations and volunteer trainings for all four of our program areas.

Children's Literacy Program



This program matches a trained volunteer with a school-age student in grades 2-4 with the goal of bringing their reading skills to grade level. They have worked with 220 students over the past few years. This year they hope to work with 120 students. The schools they work in are the core schools and the children are below their reading level.

READ Saskatoon provides one-to-one support to strengthen children's reading strategies. Volunteers are matched with an elementary school student and meet during the day at the school. Each student receives 30 minutes of instruction twice a week for eight weeks with the goal of bringing that student's reading to grade level. This year they are in 4 school divisions. This year they did a summer program.

Each student is provided with:

- a bookmark listing the reading strategies
- a journal used to facilitate communication between the parents or caregivers and volunteer
- an 'All About Me' worksheet
- eight books tailored to their reading interests to build their home library

Reading Guide volunteers attend a 3-hour training on reading methods and strategies. We aim to teach a wholistic view of reading: students demonstrate an enhanced use of reading strategies and display positive reading habits through the practice exercises, review of qualities of successful readers, and reading out loud.

Over 90% of students improved their reading literacy -- Improved word identification, improved comprehension and improved word sight. They are also more successful in sounding out words.

Parents comment on the change in behaviour and confidence. Parents read more in the evening in the children. They demonstrate a spark in the love of reading. One child assisted her parent with a problem she was having reading. She shared the techniques she was taught with the parent.

Another parent, whose reading skills were low didn't think he could support his child, reported that he picked up some of the techniques by watching his son and reading with his some.

They know that students are learning when they can share the techniques with others and start to read on their own.

They provide parents workshops to assist them to support their children in the program. They support the home library.

During COVID they moved the program online with ZOOM. They had to learn to adapt to zoom to deal with the technology and to ensure that they were engaging the student. It was a successful year. They are still on zoom this year. They will probably move to a hybrid approach in the future.

Their volunteers find it very rewarding. They come back year after year. It is very rewarding to see a child read a whole book.

They provide volunteers with training and then provide ongoing support.

The do a 360 evaluation of the program every year, part of which is to meet with students, parents, coordinators and teachers.

READ Saskatoon

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Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker and Topic
September	<i>Basic Education and Literacy</i>
27	Rachael Sutherland and Michelle Busa, READ Saskatoon
October	<i>Economic and Community Development</i>
4	Meewasin Valley
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 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	
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	

	Monthly Rotary Theme	2022-2022
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>	