



# THE EYE OPENER

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

@ Heritage Inn

September 9, 2019

Basic Education and Literacy Month

## Rotary: Making a Difference

District Governor (5550): Fred Wright

President: Hari Nair

1<sup>st</sup> VP: TBD

Secretary: Garth Courtney

Past President: Ron Loopkey/  
Tom Geenan

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: TBD

Treasurer: Robert Fisher

Sergeant: Les Ferguson

Desk: James and Donna

## Service Above Self

| Meewasin Rotary Readers Schedule       |  | Meals on Wheels                         |                    |
|--|--|---|--------------------|
| Wednesday ( St. Michael's, 1:00 p.m. ) |  | Monday (1100 am pickup – City Hospital) |                    |
|  | Have a good summer                     |   | Have a good summer |
| September                              |  | September                               |                    |
|  |  | 9                                       | Les Ferguson       |
| 18                                     | Donna Birkmaier-Tillotson, John Luross | 16                                      | Kris Tenaski       |
| 25                                     | Robert Fisher, Jac Nickel              | 23                                      | Ian Sutherland     |
|  |  | 30                                      | Ken Wilson         |
| October                                |  | October                                 |                    |
| 2                                      | Garth & Sharon Courtney                | 7                                       | Driver Needed      |
| 9                                      | Harold Empey, Nancy Yasinowski         | 14                                      | Thanksgiving Day   |
| 16                                     | Les Ferguson & ?                       | 21                                      | Kris Tenaski       |
| 23                                     |  | 28                                      | Ken Wilson         |
| 30                                     | Ken Wilson                             |   |                    |
|  |  |   |                    |

\* Meals Wheels Contact: Volunteer Service Department - Dawna Shand - (306) 655-4323

## Rotary Meeting

**Call to Order:** The Chair opened the meeting at 0700 at the Heritage Inn with the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace.

**Attendance:** There were 16 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

**Guests:** Brenda Banbury, North Club ( Guest Speaker), Yu-Chin Chen – Rotary LT Exchange student from Taiwan.



**The Sergeant (Les Ferguson)** accepted funds for the Foundation from members for: Anyone not involved with the recent Aussie Friendship exchange, anyone not at the corn roast, Murray for selling cow-poop tickets ( a fundraiser) at the corn roast, and then a couple more dollars for even more advertising today!, anyone who has not yet shook hands and met our new exchange student Yu-Chin, Les for training and in awe of Donna L Birkmaier park.

**Happy and Sads:** Brian - called back to work & unable to attend corn roast, Several members happy to have Yu-Chin here, Robert re the Aussie exchange and Brent & Judy's efforts in organization of events, Garth – looking forward to new leadership for next year's corn roast, Leanne for horrific car crash in summer – 18yr old daughter facing life without parents, Brenda for being invited to corn roast, Hari for corn roast and defence of bad reports about him to Yu-Chin, Jac for new tennis champion from Canada (19 yr old Bianca Andreescu), Husky win and Rider's loss.

## Announcements

### Club Harassment Officer – Criminal Records Check

Every member is asked to get a criminal records check, unless they have one in the past year.

Letters have been sent. You may apply for the records check in person at the Saskatoon Police Station or online <https://saskatoonpolice.ca/recordcheck/> .

If you wish to do it in person, you can download the application form, rather than get it at the police station.

THERE IS NO FEE WITH YOUR LETTER.

If you have not yet received your personalized letter – contact John Luross.

**Rotary Readers:** A new sign-up sheet was circulated for the fall session of Rotary Readers at St Michael school. (See above names/dates recorded)

### September Train Dinner and Ride - Cancelled due to low interest.

The Date is September 21

## Club Business

John Luross introduced Yu-Chin Chen to the club. Yu-Chin arrived here after a long (delayed) flight from Taiwan on Aug. 29, 2019.

She is staying with her first host family: Mel Shotenski & Jason Polzen. (51 Bain Cres, Saskatoon). Yu-Chin's cell is 306-203-0404. She will

be attending Marion Graham Collegiate and is excited about her upcoming year here in Canada.



**Program**

Harold introduced Brenda Banbury to the club as our guest speaker. She was here today to give us a very positive follow-up presentation/update on the Menstrual Hygiene Management program she started here 5 years ago. Their group meets twice a month at Circle Drive Alliance Church to prepare menstrual kits for distribution in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. This is a worldwide issue: Of the 1.8 billion woman in the world in child-bearing years, 500 million lack adequate facilities to manage their monthly periods. This results in countless young woman leaving school and their education. In India, 23% of girls drop out of school for this reason. Rotary International and World Vision are major organizations that recognize this need in conjunction with water sanitation. Creating solutions can be complicated culturally and finding supplies is also a challenge. In the 5 years since they’ve started making these kits in Saskatoon, they have completed over 4000 kits which have been distributed to 19 different countries. In addition, they are endeavouring to supply solar powered lanterns (approx cost of \$12.00CA). These lanterns can also enable young women to continue their studies after dark since many live in areas with no electricity.

Garth thanked Brenda for her enlightening presentation and her extraordinary efforts in helping young women.

Brenda asked to add the following tag line for her presentation: **“A period should end a sentence, not a girl’s education”**

**Meetings**

| Date      | Program/Activity   |
|-----------|--|
| September | <b>Program Coordinators:</b> Muir, Courtney, Empey<br><b>Basic Education and Literacy</b>        |
| 9         | TBD  |
| 16        | TBD  |
| 23        | District Governor Fred Wright visit  |
| 30        | TBD  |
| October   | <b>Program Coordinators:</b> Fisher, McArthur<br><b>Economic and Community Development Month</b> |

| Date | Program/Activity                        |
|------|---|
| 7    | TBD                                     |
| 14   | Thanksgiving. Enjoy the turkey or tofu. |
| 21   | TBD                                     |
| 28   | TBD                                     |
|      |   |

## Events

| Date          | Event   | Rotary Club | Information/Contact |
|---------------|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Sept 8/19     | Corn Fest                                     |             |                     |
| Sept 21, 2019 | Train, Dinner and Theatre<br><b>Cancelled</b> |             | Robert Fisher       |
|               |   |             |                     |

## 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

| Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin<br>Monthly Speaker / Program Assignments for 2018-19 |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Month  | Monthly Rotary Theme  | Members in Charge                         |  |
| 2019   |   |   |  |
| July   | Start of new Rotary year  | Bailey, Benesh                            |  |
| August   | Membership and New Club Development, (DG Visit?)                                      | Ferguson                                  |  |
| September  | Basic Education and Literacy, (Corn Roast?)<br>Note: No meeting Labour Day Sep 3      | Muir, Courtney, Empey                     |  |
| October  | Economic and Community Development<br>Note: No meeting Thanksgiving Oct 8             | Fisher, McArthur                          |  |
| November   | Rotary Foundation<br>Note: No meeting Nov 12  | Geenen, Howland, Wilson                   |  |
| December   | Disease Prevention and Treatment, (Club Elections)<br>Note: No meetings Dec 24 and 31 | Whetstone, Kessler<br>Birkmaier-Tillotson |  |
| 2020   |   |   |  |
| January  | Vocational Service, (Evening social?)   | Loopkey, Klause                           |  |
| February   | Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution<br>Note: No meeting Family Day Feb 18        | Luross, Clements<br>Morgan                |  |
| March  | Water and Sanitation  | Nair                                      |  |
| April  | Maternal and Child Health, (AIT Monday?)<br>Note: No meeting Easter Monday April 21   | Fehr, Stefiuk                             |  |
| May  | Youth Service<br>Note: No meeting Victoria Day May 20                                 | Action, Tenaski                           |  |
| June   | Rotary Fellowships, (Lobsterfest, 'Change Over')                                      | Program Coordinator Needed                |  |

## COMMITTEES FOR 2019-2020

No information for 2019-2020 as this date.