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**Dear Rotarians**

The first month of 2017 -2018 has been filled with activities focused on helping us all “make a difference”! Janet and I have been able to visit 17 Clubs and to experience meaningful discussions with Club leaders about their activities and plans for the coming year. The fundraising activities are creative, and exciting. Club projects reflect a commitment to making a difference locally and internationally.

Clubs have also shown support for our District’s Ripple Effect Program, (REP) - building schools in Guatemala and enhancing learning opportunities for children in this poverty stricken country. We received donations of \$1,975.80 for the REP. and some clubs said they would send their donations.

In addition to very positive Club visits, we were able to attend the conclusion of the International Canoe Camp at Sioux Lookout. It was very apparent that the 13 young adults from around the world really enjoyed and appreciated their Canadian experience and built strong bridges of understanding and peace. The closing ceremonies at the RYLA Junior Camp was another great experience as we witnessed the energies of youth focused on interpersonal understanding, trust, respect and leadership. *-Peter Neufeldt, District Governor 2017-2018*



**BUILDING PEACE THROUGH ROTARY:**  
**-One word at a time!**

This month’s Word for Building Peace is **RESPECT**. Universally, every culture finds these three things respectful:

1. Being able to listen
2. Being able to recognize someone’s worth and potential
3. Leading by example

- Paul K. Chappell,  
*The Art of Waging Peace*

Thank you for the “RESPECT” you show to others, for your personal inspiration as a Rotarian, and for all you do in your Club, in your local community and in our global community

-(Inspired by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Peace Literacy Foundation)  
<http://www.21cplf.org/>

**AUGUST 2017 – MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

August is Membership and New Club Development Month, which means it's time to celebrate our Rotary club, our members, and the good we do in our community and around the world.

**MEET THE DISTRICT 5550 BOARD:**



**DUANE HAYUNGA, District Communications Chair**

Responsible for the District Website and District Website Committee. Committee is structured to have members responsible for each area of the District Website. Duane is a member of the Rotary Club of Prince Albert and has been a Rotarian for 16 years. Duane loves curling, golfing and working with Habitat for Humanity. Married to Christa with two grown boys, daughter-in-law and one grand daughter. Email questions and suggestions for website articles to [dhayunga@sasktel.net](mailto:dhayunga@sasktel.net)

**D5550 Annual Conference Golf Tournament – May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

**MEET ASSISTANT GOVERNOR Brian Harris:**



**Clubs:** Melfort, Hudson Bay, Nipawi, Prince Albert **Duties include:**

Support all clubs in their efforts to promote our Rotary “Brand”, support small clubs in efforts in member recruitment/retention, act as a liaison between DG/Clubs, act as a resource to all club secretarie/boards on Rotary information and ClubRunner data entry on a timely basis. **Best Experience:** Gaining understanding of challenges facing each club and how they vary and how each club is “Making a Difference” through their unique projects, fundraisers and priorities. Email [abharris@sasktel.net](mailto:abharris@sasktel.net)



**BUILDING PEACE THROUGH ROTARY**  
**DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018**



**SAVE THE DATE– MAY 24-26, 2018**  
**WEBSITE COMING SOON !**



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**ROTARY RIDERS:** On July 29, eight “Rotary Riders & Friends” enjoyed their annual Motorcycle Ride to raise funds for the Ripple Effect Program. This year they raised \$8,320. Thank you to everyone who supported the ride! On the way, they stopped at the Cupar Care Home to visit Art Foster, an honorary member of the RC of Regina Eastview. PDG Doug Mortin and DG Peter Neufeldt (pictured far right below) are the organizers of this annual event held in Regina.



## IN MEMORIAM

RI President-elect Sam F. Owori

The Rotary flags in front of Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and Rotary offices around the world flew at half-staff as friends and colleagues mourned President-elect Sam F. Owori, who died on 13 July from complications after surgery. Rotary remembers Sam’s quiet confidence, integrity, and friendship.

DG Peter Neufeldt and Janet were just introduced to Sam during the Governor-Elect Training Seminar in San Diego in January and offer their condolences to his wife Norah, the Owori family and RI world.

Clubs can send Rotarian names to be posted here.  
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## MEET THE DISTRICT 5550 BOARD:



### Ken Thiessen, District Learning and Development Team Board Rep

Rotary Club of Regina – 6 ½ years

Ken and the team coordinate and conduct District Training which includes District Training Assemblies, PETS, Pre-PETS, District Leadership Team (Board, AG, DG Stream) Training and Rotary Leadership Institute. Ken has been married to wife Bev for 37 years and has a son Joel with wife Helen in Calgary and a daughter Carissa with husband Scott in Leduc. Ken enjoys Formula One Car Racing, IndyCar Racing and Counted Cross-Stitch.

Email questions to [ken@powerofoneconsulting.ca](mailto:ken@powerofoneconsulting.ca)

## MEET ASSISTANT GOVERNOR Fred Wright (also our District Governor Nominee)



**Clubs:** Responsible for Kenora, Dryden and Sioux Lookout

**Duties include:** 1. Report to DG, DGE and DGN on activities, successes and challenges in each club and visit each club a minimum of four times. 2. Develop and encourage relationships between Clubs and Board. 3. Share positive Rotary experiences and be a resource. 4. Provide mentorship to club presidents and club board members. 5. Promote fellowship and engagement amongst clubs. **Best Experience:** Realizing the establishment of a tri-club meeting at least twice annually and a tri-club literacy project on an area First Nation community. **Family:** Spouse, Marion (former Rotarian), five children, 13 grandchildren.  
Email: [fwright@eaglepointinc.com](mailto:fwright@eaglepointinc.com) (More to come in DGN intro)

## END POLIO NOW UPDATE

Canada pledges 75 million (US\$)  
U. Kingdom pledges \$130 million  
Add this to the 1.2 billion pledged at the International Assembly towards the 1.5 billion still needed and we are getting close! Only 8 wild polio cases reported year to date – 5 in Afghanistan and 3 in Pakistan. Keep up the great work and we’ll get to see a polio free world that we’ve all worked for.