



# THE PEN DOOR

THE NEWSLETTER of the ROTARY DISTRICT 5550 DG

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## NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH



### ROTARIANS IN ACTION

Brandon Rotary donates iPads to a local care home. Valleyview Personal Care Home recreation director Tanya Salmon, left, accepts a donated iPad from Tracy Helmstead, chair of the Rotary Club of Brandon's grant committee. Read the story [HERE](#).

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### THREE LEGGED STOOL

Dave Elliot

How many of you have tried to sit on a 3 legged stool or used a 3 tripod to get that perfect picture? Whether sitting or standing you realize that to be successful you need a good foundation and 3 equal length legs. Healthy Rotary clubs are similar to a stool or tripod, the solid foundation is provided by Rotary International and Rotary Foundation, the rest is up to the clubs to provide equal balance on the 3 legs.

The 3 legs are

- growing membership
- participation in the Foundation
- promoting the club with good public relations



**First leg** supports a vibrant club that understands their club's traditions will attract parts of the community and focus on growing their membership based on members fitting into these traditions. They also realize parts of the community would rather have Rotary fit them with different traditions and look for opportunities to start a satellite clubs to meet this approach. Interact clubs are part of their schools to grow our future leadership along with RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange.

Rotaract is our future growth opportunity, a way for young professionals as well as college & university students with a passion to give back to their

community, to network and learn leadership skills.

**Second leg** supports participating in Foundation thru educating members on the value of our Foundation and encourage all members to donate what they can to support the Foundation with every member every year recognition(EREY), celebrating those who contribute to receive a Paul Harris and continue to become major donors, leaving a legacy is discussed with members who want to have their estate help support programs in the future!

The other side of the Foundation is utilizing grants for local and international projects.

**Third leg** is promoting the clubs as People of Action! Using all forms of media, healthy clubs leverage social and regular media showing club members participating in local projects, fundraising, cleaning up parks, etc.

Planning and a vision for the future ensures that when you sit on your stool it is perfectly balanced.



EVERY  
 ROTARIAN  
 EVERY  
 YEAR



## Upcoming Events

### Evening Talk Show

November 5

### Board & AG Retreat

November 6-7

### District Board Meeting

November 8

### Grant Certification

### Webinars

November 12, 14, 19, 24, 28

### Public Image Workshop

November 21

Click [HERE](#) for more details



[Zone 28 & 32 Beyond Borders Newsletter](#)

## AS I SEE IT

DG Gailmarie Anderson



[D5550 Minutes](#)

I am so proud of D5550, all of our Clubs and Rotarians! We are 4th in our Zone for giving to the Foundation; we're doing fantastic fundraising for Polio Plus and people and clubs are adding their own challenges to create more donations; we're being so creative with our projects in order to give back to our communities; and we're tackling the elimination of child poverty throughout our district and with new international projects; and we are all coping with these trying times in positive ways for the good of Rotary.

Thank you so much for all that you do to help those in need throughout the world! As RI President Holger Knaack says: "Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves".

## D5550 EVENING TALK SHOW

November 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm

## MEET JENNIFER JONES

Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a ground breaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history.

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## PEOPLE OF ACTION - STRINI REDDY

### Editor: How did you become a Rotarian?

Strini: I, along with a number of friends who were involved in the anti-apartheid struggle over the years, decided, after Nelson Mandela was released from prison, that we could now direct our energy towards doing things FOR South Africa. Over many years, we raised funds annually to support a village which took in and cared for AIDS orphans and vulnerable children. We partnered with the Winnipeg Presbytery which enabled us to issue tax receipts.

When they were no longer able to this we had to find a new partner. Then Rotarian, Zbig Gryz introduced me to President Steve Barg and, after a cordial meeting, Steve agreed that this would be a good fit with the goals of Rotary. In short order I became a member of RC Winnipeg and we established a partnership with RC Hillcrest in my home province of Kwazulu-Natal and, together, we have embarked on numerous successful Global Grant projects.

(See "Rotary Club of Winnipeg - Home Page" for details).

### Editor: What has kept you in Rotary?

The values of Rotary fit very well with my own and I have been very excited to see the numerous opportunities that exist to be of service to humanity. As well, the resources available through the organization encourages one to be continually more creative and impactful. I am very proud of the fact that our club was an early participant in Rotary's focus on reconciliation initiatives. I am now even more proud of the fact that our District is making serious efforts to examine ways in which we can support efforts to eradicate poverty and support literacy in indigenous communities.

I am a PROUD Rotarian.



Strini with children at Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg



# WALK FOR POLIO PLUS

Brenda Banbury

Once again I am sacrificing myself to raise funds to eradicate polio. Polio survivors, young and old, find walking difficult or impossible – I am walking FOR THEM. From the polio tattoo fundraiser 2017 – 18, I KNOW my fellow Rotarians like to see a sacrifice on my part!

**Here is the challenge.....**

I have set a goal to walk 250 km outdoors in November. YOU make a donation to PolioPlus on-line, through your Foundation Chair or Treasurer. Your club tracks the donations and reports the donation amount on a weekly basis to DGN Jean-Marc Nadeau [JM.RI.D5550@gmail](mailto:JM.RI.D5550@gmail). I report the kilometers I walk on a daily basis to Jean-Marc. Donate big, donate often! My goal for donations during the month is \$2,500 – just \$10.00/km.

Should I NOT reach my goal of walking 250 km in November, I WILL MATCH all donations made to PolioPlus during the month of November. All donations must be made and accounted for as of November 30.

On December 1, Jean-Marc will release to D5550 Rotarians the total of funds donated AND total of km walked. WILL I HAVE TO MATCH YOUR DONATIONS? How much might it be?

I once again have skin in the game!

**Brenda Banbury, RC of Saskatoon North, past District Polio Chair is issuing a challenge to D5550 Rotarians.**



## DISTRICT 5550 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Public Image – Ken Singer

International Service (WCS) – Ken Krebs

Youth & Fellowship – Patty Vann

Membership – Rod Riopel

Succession Planning – Fred Wright

Nominations for DGND – Peter Neufeldt

Learning & Development – Ken Thiessen

Foundation – Bob Durston

Polio Plus – Pat Chernesky

World Peace Partners – David Newman

Ripple Effect – Gord and Deb LeMaistre

ShelterBox – Ron and Claire Noseworthy



## DISTRICT 5550 VIRTUAL WORKSHOP OCTOBER 17, 2020 YouTube Video Links

1. Community Engagement PDG Fred Wright & Strini Reddy, HIP

<https://youtu.be/lqdcYe-dmZI>

2. Membership Engagement PDG Rod Riopel Membership Chair

<https://youtu.be/2gK6CFmt9oc>

3. Virtual Fundraising Pre & Post COVID Robert Friend

<https://youtu.be/TOXurqorJyY>

## WE WANT YOU AS OUR DISTRICT TREASURER

**STARTING JULY OF 2021**

Join our dynamic team of district leaders

Contact District Governor Elect Dan Sutton for more information

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