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Dear Rotarians,

First I must say “Thank You” for the hospitality and genuine warmth extended throughout our club visits! I am amazed at the commitment and passion of our Rotary family as members identify local and international needs and as they take action that will “make a real difference” and improve the lives of others. I have seen a renewed commitment to invite and welcome new members and to make efforts to engage and retain existing members. Clubs are setting new goals to increase humanitarian service, and they recognize the need to enhance Rotary’s public image and awareness. I have been impressed with our Club Presidents and their commitment to provide strong leadership to their Clubs.



I have shared the District Conference theme of Building Peace Through Rotary during each Club visit. Here Nnamdi Ndubuka, President of the RC of Prince Albert, is helping to build the Pyramid of Peace.
 -Peter Neufeldt, District Governor 2017-2018



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

This month’s Word for Building Peace is “LISTENING”. “To truly listen, we must develop empathy. If we do not empathize with people, we cannot really hear what they are saying. When we do not listen with empathy, we only hear their words. But when we listen with empathy we also hear their emotions, hopes, and fears. We hear their humanity.”

-Paul K. Chappell,
 The Art of Waging Peace

Thank you for the “LISTENING”!
 As you consider how you live our motto of Service Above Self, how are you listening to the needs of others? You can then respond with service that **makes a difference!!**

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

OCTOBER 2017 – ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH
 We are privileged to live in one of the wealthiest and most economically prosperous countries in the world. We should be very aware, however, of two realities - the economic conditions facing less developed countries should be a humanitarian concern and we don’t have to look beyond the borders in order to see the effects of economic hardship.

MEET THE DISTRICT 5550 BOARD:



RAY RUTH, District Youth and Services Chair
 Oversees the Chairs of Long Term and Short Term Youth Exchange, Early Act, Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, International Canoe Camp and Friendship Exchange Program.
 Member of the Rotary Club of Regina Oskaya with 16 years perfect attendance. Ray is single, has two daughters and 3 grandchildren and loves to travel. Email: bareruth@sasktel.net

MEET ASSISTANT GOVERNOR K. George Horton



Clubs: Neepawa, Minnedosa, Brandon, Brandon Sunset, Brandon Rotaract Club. **Home Club:** Brandon Sunset **Years in Rotary:** 25
Experience to share: The biggest challenge of all the clubs is membership. It’s important to adapt to the “requirements” of today’s potential members. I encourage clubs to attend Intl. Conferences and take part in Polio and International Projects.
Family: Married to Lois, Rotarian and PP of Brandon Sunset and they have 3 children/8 grandchildren.

D5550 Annual Conference Golf Tournament – May 24th, 2018
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



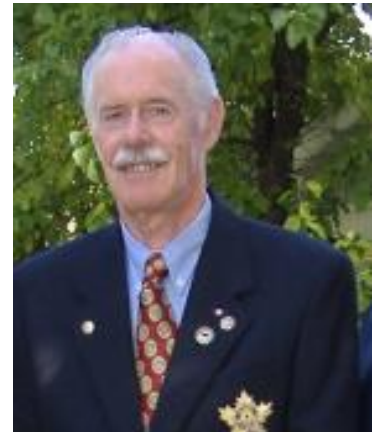
SAVE THE DATE– MAY 24-26, 2018
WEBSITE COMING SOON !



What is a Friendship Exchange?

Friendship Exchange is an international reciprocal exchange program for Rotarians, Rotarian Partners and Friends of Rotary that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs. It provides the opportunity to experience other cultures and see the scope of Rotary.

Potential Exchanges for D5550 are being worked on in 2 Districts, 1210 (England) and 7820 (Cnd-Maritimes)



RFE Chair – District 5550 Dave Bennet, Rotary Club of Neepawa
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The District 5550 RFE Program is being renewed with the appointment of Dave Bennet, RC Neepawa as Chair for 2017-18. Dave has asked all Clubs to name a “Club Contact” who would receive information and help promote the program to their Club. If you are interested contact Dave or your Club President.

Dave has been an active Rotarian for 33 years involving himself in all aspects of Rotary, particularly Exchange Programs. For many years he was a club counsellor, chair or host parent of the Student Exchange Program and has been a member of District GSE and VTT selection committees 4 times, having led a GSE team to England in 2011. As well, Dave has been an exchange teacher both in England and Australia.

Dave is hoping that with his experience - we can build on the fine work of past chair Kevin Wilson.

ROTARY DISTRICT 5550 POLIO PLUS CHALLENGE

World Polio Day is October 24! Brenda Banbury, PolioPlus Co-ordinator for District 5550 is asking every club to do something that day to highlight polio within your club or community. What will you do?

After discussing a proposal for a Polio Eradication Challenge with me, Brenda has launched the challenge to raise \$75,000 for PolioPlus by the time of our District Conference on May 24/18. She tells me Saskatoon has already pledged \$20,000! What a great start! Let’s make this the year that ends polio! I know other Clubs are also planning fund-raising events!
- Peter Neufeldt, District Governor 2017-2018

END POLIO NOW UPDATE

Are you holding a 5th annual World Polio Day event? Send info and pictures to dhayunga@sasktel.net

