



# THE OPEN DOOR

THE NEWSLETTER of the ROTARY DISTRICT 5550 DG

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## OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

### ROTARIANS IN ACTION

Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. Our members promote economic and community development and reduce poverty in underserved communities through training, well-paying jobs, and access to financial management institutions. Projects range from providing people with equipment to vocational training. Our members work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

Check out this 2:47 video showing how The Rotary Foundation is helping Indian weavers achieve better wages and working conditions.  
<https://vimeo.com/33736218>



## FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUND GIVES BACK TO DISTRICT 5550

*Bob Durston - Foundation Chair*

Rotarians are to be commended for supporting the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund which fund our District Global Grant and our International Global Grants.

From the Foundation Annual Fund, this past year District 5550 received \$61,304.76 to address local needs. Certified clubs were awarded 16 post secondary scholarship grants and 25 project grants which utilized all of the available funds.

Some project examples - a variety of COVID-19 projects ranging from support for Food Banks, school lunch programs, PPE for inner city schools to furnace replacement in Rotary senior living facility, assisting women in a Women's Shelter and summer literacy projects.

The Annual Fund is essential for Global projects as well. Currently there are 8 applications in draft or submitted stage and 11 approved applications underway in countries such as Guatemala, South Africa and India. Projects include literacy, water and sanitation and community economic development.

These projects cannot occur without the generous contributions by individual Rotary members. The challenge is to encourage all members to contribute even \$25.00 to the Annual Fund each year. By everyone making a contribution that fits into your budget it will assist in making a positive impact in our communities and Internationally.

Our own District Governor's Melfort Club's Sargeant-at-Arms collects a toonie from members every meeting to raise \$100.00 per member each year. This money is forwarded to the Foundation in December for the charitable tax receipt and maintain their EREY( Every Rotarian Every Year) status. What will you do? Check out other projects from <https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/projects>

Questions may be directed to Bob Durston, DRFC [rdurston@mymts.net](mailto:rdurston@mymts.net)

EREY [PowerPoint slides link](#)

## 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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The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

## Upcoming Events

### Evening Talk Show

October 1

### President's Meeting

October 7

### World Community Service Retreat

October 8

### District Board Meeting

October 14

### Learning & Development District Workshop

October 17

Click [HERE](#) for more details

# END POLIO NOW

## AS I SEE IT

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Even as we reinvent HOW we do things, we cannot forsake the WHY - We want to grow Rotary, seek out new members, but let's not forget that we want to retain the members that we have. We need to engage all of our members, involve everyone in our service projects, give a meaningful role to each Rotarian. We can all pull together to create a positive culture in our clubs and this will attract like-minded individuals and attain new members! A great example of leaning on tradition to bring us current with who we are, is the Saskatoon Nutana Club's annual dedication to Nobel Peace Fellows (see related story).

## WORLD POLIO DAY - OCT. 24

Pat Chernesky, Chair Polio Plus District 5550

We must TAKE ACTION, EXPAND OUR REACH and SPREAD THE WORD, building awareness in our communities either personally, through social media posts or virtual events! LET'S BE INNOVATIVE!

It is also crucial that we do our part to help fund immunization, ongoing surveillance and educational programs during these challenging times of COVID 19.

We **CHALLENGE ALL ROTARIANS** of District 5550 to contribute \$20.20 to Polio Plus on or before October 24<sup>th</sup>. With the Bill & Melinda Gates 2:1 match, that will be \$60.60 each! Imagine the support which we can provide as a District if you come on board! We suggest that the funds from each Club be given to the treasurer who in turn will submit them to Polio Plus.



## Zone 28 & 32 Beyond Borders Newsletter

## PEOPLE OF ACTION

The Rotary Club of Saskatoon-Nutana has a wonderful tradition. Since 2010, the club in cooperation with Meewasin has given people and organizations the opportunity to sponsor bricks recognizing winners of the Nobel Peace Prize. This year's ceremony took place at the Peace Plaza in Rotary Park on Sept. 15, 2020 when a brick sponsored by President Lorne Braithwaite was placed to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Here is an excerpt from President Braithwaite's speech.

"Imagine a city like Saskatoon with peace and harmony and everyone working together, helping each other such that we all achieve our full potential as human beings. What an amazing dream this would be!"

"Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had such a dream for America. He believed and worked towards all races living in racial and economic equality."

Read more on this story by clicking [HERE](#)



## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

### ASSISTANT GOVERNORS 2020-21

Assiniboia, Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw Wakamow

[Gayle Jones](#) (Moose Jaw Wakamow)

Weyburn, Estevan

[Art Beselt](#) (Estevan)

Kenora, Dryden, Sioux Lookout

[Carl Eisener](#) (Dryden)

Regina Oskaya, Regina Ind. Parks, Regina Eastview

[Carlyle Murray](#) (Regina Industrial Parks)

Prince Albert, Nipawin, Hudson Bay, Melfort

[Mona Graham](#) (Melfort)

Fort Qu'Appelle, Regina South, Regina

[Carole Bryant](#) (Regina)

Swan River, Dauphin, Yorkton

[Jean-Louis Guillas](#) (Dauphin)

Winnipeg, Selkirk, Gimli

[Rob Tisdale](#) (Winnipeg Downtown)

Wpg-Fort Garry, Wpg East AM, Wpg St.Bon-St.Vital

[Joanne Gordon](#) (Wpg St.Bon-St.Vital)

Portage la Prairie, Wpg-Assiniboine, Wpg-Transcona

[Doug Pedden](#) (Portage la Prairie)

S Eastman, E-Club Steinbach, Wpg West, Wpg-Chrlswd

[Leonard Klassen](#) (S. Eastman)

Saskatoon, Saskatoon North, Saskatoon Riverside

[Ruth Marritt](#) (Saskatoon North)

Saskatoon Nutana, Saskatoon Meewasin, Watrous

[Asit Sarkar](#) (Saskatoon Nutana)

Thompson, The Pas, Flin Flon

[Bill Pauley](#) (Flin Flon)

Brandon, Brandon Sunset, Minnedosa, Neepawa

[Cheryl Winger](#) (Brandon)

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