



DISTRICT GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER
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Rotary Highlights for August 2017 Celebrating 100 Years in Rotary!



Congratulations to the **Rotary Club of Saskatoon** and the **Rotary Club of Regina** on the celebration of 100 years in Rotary! The Saskatoon celebration on August 15 was honoured by the participation of RI President Ian Riseley. The day of celebration began with a sod-turning ceremony for a large multi-purpose pavilion to be built by the Rotary Clubs of Saskatoon in Rotary Park. Pictured is RI President Ian Riseley, and Club President Mark Gryba during the sod turning ceremony.

Rotarians and friends from across D5550 and beyond came to Saskatoon to celebrate 100 years of making a difference by the Rotary Clubs of Saskatoon. Pictured is President Riseley presenting PDG Wayne Claypool with a long-time service award and thanking him for his dedication and commitment to Rotary. Thank you Wayne for being a leader and a mentor for us all! We wish you renewed strength and health.



On August 25 the RC of Regina celebrated its 100th Anniversary. The celebration was shared by over 230 Rotarians and friends of Rotary. In commemoration of this auspicious occasion the RC of Regina chose to support a local charity, the Souls Harbour Rescue Mission expansion program. The new facility will have an expanded soup kitchen, will serve many more homeless people, expand daycare facilities, and expand its low income rental units and treatment programs for addicts. Total funds raised by the RC of Regina in support of this humanitarian program are \$250,000. Thank you to all the supporters! The ice sculpture created for this occasion appropriately expresses our appreciation for this demonstration of Rotary's values of Service Above Self. *Peter Neufeldt, DG 2017-2018*



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

This month's Word for Building Peace is **CIVILITY**.

Our genuine concern for the well-being of others is not a naïve moral virtue, but a crucial survival instinct.

-Patrick K. Chappell

As we genuinely live the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self", others feel our deep caring. It melts away anger and hostility. Our attitude of civility becomes an attitude of caring and sharing.

**Thank you for being a
 Rotary Peace Builder!**

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



**BUILDING PEACE THROUGH ROTARY
 DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018**



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

SEPTEMBER 2017 – BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Check out the RI & District Website for more information and project ideas. Kudos to our hardworking Chair of Literacy for D5550 - Ann Grahame, RC of Regina Eastview, Email: ann.grahame@accesscomm.ca



ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) – This one-week camp program is offered annually by our District during the first two weeks of August. The BASIC Camp is for youth ages 12-14 and the ADVANCED Camp is for youth ages 15-17. Held in Clear Lake, Manitoba and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Regina Oskaya, who works with Rotarians and past RYLA students/volunteers to staff the camps and handle registration & administration. The youth are sponsored by local Rotary clubs in association with schools, churches and organizations who identify youth for a week of leadership skills training and personal growth and development. This experience is life-changing for the youth and deeply impacts their future and career directions. This program should be a priority for Rotary Clubs and is a great way to identify youth for our Exchange, Adventure and other programs. **District Chairperson -Scott Yule Phone 306-569-8763 Email: ryladistrict5550@gmail.com**

BASIC CAMP 2017



ADVANCED CAMP 2017



MEET ASSISTANT GOVERNOR Marcia Bilkoski



Clubs: Selkirk, Gimli and Winnipeg Downtown
Home Club: Rotary Club of Selkirk – Member for 6 years
My Best Experience so far: Talking with DG Peter Neufeldt and coordinating the DG Visits. The DG Visit with Winnipeg Downtown on July 26th was very eye opening as the Winnipeg club does so many things. I volunteered at Ribfest in August and both RYLA Camps in August. The DG Visit with Selkirk and Gimli was a joint fellowship meeting on August 21st with separate club executive meetings.
Family: I have been a widow for 10 years. I have 3 daughters, all married and all have 2 children so I have 5 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.

END POLIO NOW UPDATE

Live Streaming World Polio Day 24 October 2017 - Get ready for our 5th annual World Polio Day event, co-hosted with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. We will stream live from Gates Foundation headquarters to bring together more than 50,000 viewers around the world.
Additional information and support materials are available at www.endpolio.org/worldpolioday