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THE NEWSLETTER of the ROTARY DISTRICT 5550 DG

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ROTARIANS IN ACTION

Submitted by Doug Martin & Peter Neufeldt



The 11th Annual motorcycle fundraising ride left Regina and travelled a 430 km loop. The ride raised \$17,370 for the District 5550 Ripple Effect program of building schools and improving literacy in Guatemala. Read the entire story online [HERE](#).

We would love photos of your club members "in action". Send photos with a brief description to editor Ron Nordstrom at rnord@mymts.net

Pictured above are the 11 motorcycle enthusiasts who took part in the ride this year. Events such as this clearly demonstrate the power of Rotary where like-minded men and women come together for the benefit of great programs.

AS I SEE IT

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Clubs across D5550 are managing remarkably well given the COVID 19 restrictions in place. Most clubs are meeting on Zoom, a few are meeting in person only, and the majority are having hybrid meetings: on Zoom as well as in person.

Each club is catering to its own members' needs to keep everyone as engaged and active as possible in our Rotary lives. The District Leadership is doing just that. We have a Learning & Development workshop coming up on October 17th and you can Zoom in as an individual or get together with other members of your club to participate on Zoom.

Below are some links provided by Susan Iksra of Dryden Rotary Club. If you'd like more information about hybrid meetings check out these resources!

- [Going Hybrid](#)
- [Zoom Hybrid Meeting Training](#)

HISTORIC NOMINATION

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 groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in Rotary's 115-year history. Full story [HERE](#)



Africa has been polio free for one year.

Together we can reach a polio free world.

#EndPolio

Upcoming Events

Assistant Governor Meeting
September 16

D5550 Evening Talk Show
October 1 (Topic: Economic and Community Development)

District Board Meeting
October 14

Learning & Development District Workshop
October 17

Click [HERE](#) for more details



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Board Meeting Highlights



Zone 28 & 32
Beyond Borders Newsletter

PEOPLE OF ACTION SPOTLIGHT

When 18-year-old Lorena Cartocci Bazinelli left her home just outside São Paulo Brazil as a Rotary Exchange Student last August little did she know she would still be in Canada a whole year later!

In March while the students were in The Pas together they learned that their lives were about to change because of COVID 19. They were given the option of returning home or staying on exchange at that time. About half chose to stay in District 5550 and “wait and see what happened”. As the pandemic wore on, school closures continued and they lost their chance to explore Canada most gradually returned home while they still could. Lolly however was determined to graduate from Grade 12 in Ontario and stayed in Dryden with her host family, Beth Rose and Peter Keen, in order to complete her school year. She graduated in late June – her parents’ and her dream come true!

After a very short trip with her host family to Calgary, Jasper and Banff after graduating Lolly was packing to head home when her flight was cancelled, as were most others into Brazil! She has had to spend the rest of her summer in Dryden. The Keen’s have welcomed her as part of their energetic family. An only child Lolly has been kept busy surrounded by love, her four host siblings, two family dogs, two cats, a new Puppy and her pre-COVID friends from school on the shores of Wabigoon Lake in Northwestern Ontario. She has a flight tentatively booked for early September so we are all keeping our fingers crossed for her that flight into Brazil open up and that this flight happens for her!



Lorena Cartocci Bazinelli

MEET THE 2020-21 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE



Cathie McFarlane
Secretary
Portage la Prairie



Bob Durston
Foundation Chair
Neepawa



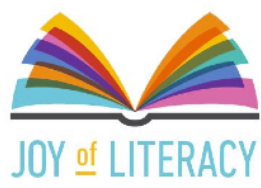
Cheryl Simpson
Treasurer
Winnipeg St. Bon. - St. Vital



Ken Krebs
World Community Service
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The Literacy Game Challenge

issued during our D5550 Evening Talk Show has been won by Amy Collado, Regina Oskaya Club. She made over 200 words from the word Literacy. Congrats Amy, and thanks to all for your entries!



Talking Rotary is a podcast that highlights the humanitarian work of Rotary clubs around the world. It is hosted by Peter Tonge and Mandy Kwasnica, two Rotarians from the Charleswood Rotary Club of Winnipeg. Their first full episode launched on September 8. Episodes can be found by exploring the media page at <https://talkingrotary.org/>