

Rotary District 5550 Literacy Report, 2016 - 2017

Manitoba

Rotary Club of Brandon, MB. President Cheryl Winger reports that this Rotary Club has been very active in the field of Literacy this year.

- This club continues to hold a Book Sale every spring and fall; each child who attends receives a free book. This year, the club had invited a guest author, Alex Rogoski of Brandon, who was in attendance.
- The club provided reading materials for Brandon Energy Efficiency and Pre-Trades Training.
- Leaders' craft ideas were supplied to the Girl Guides and the Brownies.
- Readers' Digest books were provided to the Assiniboine Centre.
- Beading and Craft supplies and pocket books were donated to the Brandon Aboriginal Youth Activity Centre.
- Children's books and other assorted reading materials were provided to the Westaway Bay Community Resource Centre, and to the Family Resource Centre.
- Earl Oxford School was provided with reading materials suitable for students in Kg to grade 9.
- A Walt Disney encyclopedia set was given to the YMCA Westend Daycare
- Books on gardening, canning and general subjects were donated to the Global Market lending library.
- Moms Without Borders received funds from the Book Sale.
- The club supported "Seedy Saturday", a Community Gardens fundraiser, with a donation of recipe books and books on gardening.
- This Rotary Club, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Brandon Sunset, continues to support the innovative CHIRP program, providing books for the young children of Correctional Centre inmates.
- At the Pre-school Fair books for young children are provided in partnership with Samaritan House Ministries.
- An Air Force History book was donated to the Air Force Museum and period literature was donated to the Daley House Museum.
- Literacy support was provided to Little Teaching lodge Daycare and to Kokum's Daycare at the Brandon Friendship Centre.
- A donation of \$2,500 will be made to the Ripple Effect Program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala.

This Rotary Club has again earned a Zone 24 Literacy Award. Congratulations!

Rotary Club of Brandon Sunset, MB.

President Lois Horton reports that this club continues to be very active in the field of Literacy.

- The club has started a "Food for Thought" project, providing food for hungry school children, for which the club obtained a District Matching grant for \$5,000.00. One club member is the program coordinator. The club holds a major fund-raiser for this, and members also assist with this program on occasion throughout the year.
- This club, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Brandon, continues to support the innovative CHIRP program, providing books to be read to the young children of Correctional Centre inmates.
- The club instituted two awards at the Western Manitoba Science Fair this year. This was a cash award given to students who had projects which represented two areas of focus of Rotary, Disease Prevention and Treatment and Water and Sanitation.
- One club member is on the Board of the Western Manitoba Science Fair and the club members participate actively with this event; some members act as judges.
- Books are given to Kindergarten students at inner city schools in June. The intention is to provide reading material for children who might not have any other books in their homes.
- Scholarships are awarded to Grade 8 students in Brandon and are awarded for Community Service. Students are required to submit written applications for the cash awards.
- Club members participate in a "Wellness Fair" in April. This is a screening program for pre-school children in Speech and Language Development, Vision, Hearing, Dental and General Development. The Rotary club provides books to be donated to each child.
- This club sponsors a student to attend the Inter-provincial Association for Native Employment, (IANE) luncheon. One member is on the Board of Directors of this organization. Another member sponsored a student on her own behalf, and several club members also attended the luncheon.
- The club donated \$800.00 to an inner city school so that they were able to purchase equipment and supplies to assist the students who need extra help in class in order to concentrate, become engaged and motivated, participate and learn,.
- The club donates annually to the Festival of the Arts in Brandon.
- Internationally, the club is working with a member who is also a member of Amigos de La Cruz de Huanacastle, an organization in La Cruz, Mexico, working on a variety of projects to benefit the small town. One of the most important projects is a summer camp for students who have registered to attend school the next year. The aim is to improve the education of all the children in the school. The club provides supplies for this project.

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Rotary Club of Dauphin, MB. Report pending.

Rotary Club of Flin Flon, MB. President Ted Smook reports that this club has not had a Literacy project in the current Rotary year.

Rotary Club of Gimli, MB. President Signe Holstein reports that this club continues to be active in the field of Literacy as follows:

- This club has again donated \$2,000.00 to the Ripple Effect, building and equipping schools in Guatemala.
- A donation of \$375.00 was also made to the Xenacoj Scholarship fund, to provide one scholarship.
- Two scholarships are awarded to Grade 12 students in Gimli.
- Funding has been provided for one student to attend the Rotary Adventure in Human Rights program in Winnipeg.
- This club has sent 3 students to RYLA.
- The club continues to provide \$3,500.00 for the nutrition programs at four area schools.
- The club continues to hold its Annual Book Exchange and Sale!

The Rotary Club of Gimli has again earned a District Literacy Award this year.

Congratulations!

Rotary Club of Minnedosa, MB. President Alexis Harvey reports that this Rotary club continues to be active in the field of Literacy.

- The club has developed a new family literacy program "Wiggle, Giggle and Munch" with parent and child on site. The club obtained a District Matching Grant (\$500.00), to fund this program which supports the importance of good nutrition.
- The club also awarded a grant of \$500.00 to the Family Literacy program, (Minnedosa), to assist with the purchase of quality children's books for the program. These are used to model to parents the importance of choosing and sharing well-written books as well as reading aloud to children.
- The Annual Minnedosa Rotary Club Book Sale is a year round project where hundreds of books are collected, sorted and sold at the March Book Sale. Numerous books are available for adults, youth and younger children .
- Books from the sale are redirected to the area jail in Brandon, to a local church which sends books overseas, and to a local Personal Care Home.
- The Rotarian magazine is set out by club members, in hospital and clinic waiting rooms as well as in other locations around town. This year the club members will also be setting out members' copies of The Rotarian on the guest tables when they host the Rotary Club 400 Dinner and Draw.
- The club continues to be involved with the long-term Rotary Youth Exchange program and is hosting a student from Japan this year.

Later communication with Alexis confirmed that members of this Rotary Club continue to provide financial support and mentorship to the Interact Club at the local High

School. Unfortunately, their membership numbers are down, so, although still interested in their global projects in developing countries, the students have not been able to finance an overseas project this year.

Congratulations to this club which has again earned a District Literacy Award.

Rotary Club of Neepawa, MB. President Don Schmall reports that this Rotary Club continues to be very active in the field of Literacy.

- Club members are involved with the Public Library Reading Program, taking turns in reading to the children on one day each week from September to June.
- A scholarship for \$2,000.00 was awarded to one of the top graduating High School students.
- The club is involved with the long-term Rotary Youth Exchange Program. They are currently hosting one Inbound student. This club, with the Inner Wheel, hosts the Inbound YEP student Orientation weekend each October.
- Reports on Speakers at the club meetings, other events, and information is documented and posted on the Rotary Club Facebook page.
- Rotarians are involved in local Access TV interviews and other programming, including, but not limited to, Rotary events.
- The club continues to contribute to the "Pop-Up Library", run by the Margaret Laurence Home and Viscount Cultural Centre, and is currently building 3 more "Pop-Up Libraries" for the community.
- The club contributed \$1,000.00 to HOPE, a local student group that contributes to global projects, including schools, in developing countries.
- The club donated \$2,000.00 the Xenacoj scholarship fund, (Ripple Effect).
- The club sponsors the Grade 7 Piano class of Neepawa Fine Arts Festival, with a trophy and a scholarship.
- Sponsorship was provided to students in the High School PEER HELPER group.
- Financial assistance was provided to ten 4-H members so that they could participate in an exchange with Amhurst Nova Scotia.
- Sponsorship was provided for a Vocational Training Team member, and educational supplies provided to Joya Verde School in Guatemala.

The Rotary Club of Neepawa has again earned a Zone 24 Literacy Award.

Congratulations!

Rotary Club of Portage la Prairie, MB. President Cathie McFarlane tells me that this club continues to hold a Book Sale. The club has a long-term Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Program student. The Chair of the Rotary District 5550 Rotary Youth Exchange Program, Paulette Connery, is a member of this Rotary Club.

Rotary Club of Selkirk, MB. President Marcia Bilkoski and Literacy chair Gayle Halliwell report that this club continues to make Literacy for adults, children and families an important area of service:

- The club welcomed learners and the facilitator from the Selkirk Adult Literacy Program to a meeting during Rotary Literacy month. The learners shared their

- stories and their goals with the club, underlying the importance of the SALP in their development.
- Club members volunteer in the Target Reading Program at Ruth Hooker School to guide young readers experiencing less-than-ideal progress in reading attainment.
- This Rotary club has representation on two key literacy-related boards in the community: the Literacy Working Board and the Early Childhood Coalition. Both groups provide literacy leadership, initiate and manage literacy programs in the community and Rotary is considered a key advisor to the groups.
- The club supported the Selkirk Friendship Centre Daycare program with a contribution aimed at the 0 - 5 age group.
- The club continues to award a scholarship to a graduating high school student to pursue post-secondary studies.
- The Literacy Newsletter is shared around the table at meetings.
- This club donated \$2,000.00 to the Xenacoj Scholarship fund, (Ripple Effect).

Thank you for all that you do for literacy in your community. The Rotary Club of Selkirk has earned a District Literacy Award. Congratulations!

Rotary Club of South Eastman, MB. *** No written report received, although I understand that this club continues to support the very successful DARE program, which brings the RCMP, the city, the business community and the school division together in support of teaching students about the dangers of drugs.

Rotary Club of Swan Valley, MB. No report.

Rotary Club of The Pas, MB. President Mike Dickens reports that although the club does not have an ongoing Literacy project as such, they do have a new youth initiative, the Annual Bill McDonald Basketball Tournament, an invitational event for which the Rotary Club of The Pas provides two bursaries of \$1,000.00 for the top prizes .

Rotary Club of Thompson, MB. No report.

Rotary Club of Winnipeg, (Downtown), MB. President Atanu Chaudhuri and Past President Frank Cosway report that the club has been active with the following projects which promote literacy:

- Murdoch McKay Flex educational program for high school students who have difficulty coping with regular classrooms, \$1,000.00 contribution to provide breakfast, bus fare and rental of graduation gowns.
- Frontier College Aboriginal Literacy Camp - Training the leaders for Literacy Camps, \$1,000.00 contribution to provide staff training for local youth from 9 First Nations' communities and one of Winnipeg's priority neighborhoods. Training is given over a four-day session and then the staff run 10 camps.
- Community School Investigators Learning-loss prevention program for disadvantaged children during the summer months, (\$7,500.00).
- CanU is a winter after-school enrichment program for middle-school children held at the University of Manitoba. The club provided \$5,000.00 in financial

support this year and a projected \$10,000.00 next year. CanU inspires hope and confidence in the leaders of tomorrow through its out-of-school mentorship and educational enrichment program for youth in Grades 5 to 12.

- Newcomer Youth Educational Support Services received a donation of \$5,000.00 , (but it is planned to increase this to \$10,000.00 next year). This program strengthens the learning skills and global learning of Newcomer and at-risk youth within a family-centred and community-focused environment by providing free enriching educational after-school and summer learning-support programs.
- The club's monetary support for the South Sudanese children continues.
- The club is supporting Humankind International in building an addition to the school in the Dadaab refugee camp so that more children can get an early start to their education.
- The Rainwater Harvesting Project at the Ikhethelo, (Chosen Ones), Children's Village in South Africa is now complete and the children at the day-care and at
- the school now have a reliable source of water. The club is now providing funds for holiday camps for the children in the Village and surrounding communities. These offer recreational as well as learning activities during the school holidays.
- The club's partnership with St. Andrew's River Heights United Church and the Rotary Club of Metropoli Guatemala, (Rotary District 4250), continues. The Ripple Effect Scholarship Project continues to provide scholarships to ensure the provision of ongoing education for selected students.
- This club donated \$13,000.00 to the Ripple Effect Program in October 2016.
- The club's project in partnership with the Rotary Club of Westville continues to train Early Childhood Educators in the rural areas so that children can be given a good start in literacy from a very early age.

Thank you for all that your club does for Literacy, both in the community and internationally. The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, (Downtown), has earned a Zone 24 Literacy Award this year. Congratulations!

Rotary Club of Winnipeg - Assiniboine, MB. President Jenny Salie reports that this club is active in the field of Youth and Literacy.

- Scholarship Program, three scholarships were provided to three high schools in the area.
- Students were sent to participate in MUNA.
- Students were sent to RYLA camp at Clear Lake, MB.
- This club is working with a Rotary club in Toronto, ON. to help to provide safe water points in Uganda, which will help school children there with regards to personal hygiene.

Thank you for all that you are doing for youth, both in your community and overseas.

Rotary Club of Winnipeg - Charleswood, MB. President Lloyd Talbot reports that this club has been very active in the field of Literacy again this year.

- The club donated \$2,000.00 to the Ripple Effect program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala.

- The club is hosting a long-term Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student from Norway, and has also hosted Rotaract students from Russia.
- Two students were sponsored to attend RYLA.
- The club continues to contribute to the IRCOM refugee Literacy Program.
- The club supplies food for the Westgrove School breakfast program.
- Arrangements were made for students from Westgrove School to visit the Manitoba Legislature.
- The club participates in the Peace Seminar at CMU.
- and the Adventures in Human Rights Program at U. of M.
- Three scholarships are awarded to high school students.
- The club supports a Peace Scholar at the University of Manitoba.
- The club is heavily involved in Assiniboine Forest studies and planning as follows:
 - Involvement with the University of Manitoba Landscape Architecture
 - students in Assiniboine Forest Planning.
 - with CMU students in an ecological study of Assiniboine Forest.
 - The club has hired three Green Team students for the Assiniboine Forest.

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Rotary Club of Winnipeg East, AM. MB. No report.

Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Fort Garry, MB. No report.

Rotary Club of Winnipeg - St. Boniface/St. Vital, MB. *** No written report submitted, but this club does continue to support the Ripple Effect Program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala.

Rotary Club of Winnipeg West, MB. Mary Switek has reported that this club does not have a Literacy program in the current Rotary year.

***** Indicates clubs which have not submitted a Literacy report, but which are known to have Literacy programs.**

Summary, Manitoba Rotary Clubs, 2016 - 2017.

There are currently 21 Rotary Clubs in Manitoba, and five of these did not submit any literacy report. Two more clubs did not submit a report, but both are known to have at least one active literacy program.

Two presidents reported that their Rotary clubs did not have a literacy program this year.

The report is pending for 1 Rotary club, which is known to be active in the field of literacy.

The remaining 11 Rotary clubs in Manitoba all reported and all have literacy projects, so only 66% of the clubs are known to have at least one literacy projects, and several have many more.

The following Rotary clubs in Manitoba, all of which had excellent, innovative programs, custom-made for their communities, earned Zone 24 Literacy Awards this year:

The Rotary Club of Brandon

The Rotary Club of Brandon Sunset

The Rotary Club of Neepawa

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, (Downtown)

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg - Charleswood

The following Rotary Clubs in Manitoba earned District Literacy Awards:

The Rotary Club of Gimli

The Rotary Club of Minnedosa

The Rotary Club of Selkirk

Congratulations to these clubs!

Respectfully submitted,

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