

Rotary District 5550 Literacy, 2017 – 2018

Saskatchewan

Rotary Club of Assiniboia, SK.***

- This small Rotary Club is currently hosting a long-term Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student from Germany.
- The club sponsored a student to attend the Adventures in Agriculture 2017 program in Regina.
- The club sponsored 4 students to attend RYLA in August 2017.
- Internationally the club donated \$1,500.00 to the Ripple Effect program, to be used for the Xenacoj School project.

Rotary Club of Estevan, SK: President Ryan Siever reports that

- The club continues to send a student to RYLA.
- The club also continues to support the Estevan Area Literacy Group, (EALG), with a financial donation of \$2,000.00 in the current Rotary year.

Rotary Club of Hudson Bay, SK:*** This small Rotary Club sponsored 2 students to attend the Adventures in Agriculture 2017 program in Regina. At the request of the District Governor, his Honorarium, (\$100.00), has been donated to the Ripple Effect Program.

Rotary Club of Melfort, SK: Gailmarie Anderson reports for President Ken Singer that this club continues to be active in the field of Literacy, and youth programs.

- The club donated a total amount of \$2,800.00 to the Ripple Effect program, for the Chuchuca School project in Guatemala.
- Individual club members also contributed monies toward scholarships to middle school students in Guatemala.
- The club sponsored two \$500.00 scholarships to local high school students.
- The club also sponsored two \$500.00 scholarships to students of Cumberland Community College.
- The club sponsored a \$1,000.00 scholarship to Outbound long-term Rotary Exchange student to attend school in Finland, and also supported their Inbound long-term Rotary Youth Exchange student, (approx.\$5,000.00), and this past year, provided ESL tutoring for this Brazilian student from September to February.

- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Library Book Bags Project: The club is very excited to partner with the Melfort Public Library on this new Literacy project. The Rotary Club of Melfort is the primary sponsor for this program, to start in September 2018. The club has purchased 150 book bags, (with Rotary logo as well as program logo), to be distributed to the participants, and the club will be purchasing the initial 150 books, (1 for each child), to kickstart the program. Along with the Melfort Public Library, the club will monitor and evaluate the program on an annual basis and contribute more book bags and books as the need arises.

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Rotary Club of Moose Jaw, SK:*** No written report.

- This club donated \$2,000.00 to the Ripple Effect program, for the Chuchuca School.

Rotary Club of Moose Jaw Wakamow, SK: President Glenn Hagel reports that this club has become increasingly active in the field of Literacy.

- This Rotary Club is currently hosting a long-term Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student from Belgium.
- The club donated a total amount of \$3,075.00 to the Ripple Effect Program, to be divided between the Chuchuca and the Xanacoj School projects. (This club actually oversaw the Chuchuca School Project in Guatemala.)
- This club is now the Lead Club in Rotary District 5550 for the Guatemala Scholarship fund, and has donated scholarships for the Ripple Effect students in Guatemala.
- The club sent a student to RYLA.
- This club sponsored 2 Scholarships, each for \$1,000.00 to graduating high school students in Moose Jaw.
- The club hosted an adult Spelling Bee to promote Literacy in Moose Jaw. Books were given out as prizes.
- The club has honored citizens of Moose Jaw who have helped internationally.
- Money was raised to finance a Summer Reading Camp for students who need help in learning to read. A District Grant was applied for with regard to this program.
- This club continues to support a children's writing workshop at the Festival of Words.
- This club also continues to support the Heart of the City Piano Program in Moose Jaw.
- A financial donation was made to the Moose Jaw Public Library for children's programming and books.

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Rotary Club of Nipawin, SK: President Pat Chernesky reports that this club continues to be very active in the field of Literacy.

- A member continues to volunteer in reading at a local elementary school
- The Rotary club supports the “Nutrition for Kids” program, (breakfast and lunch.)
- The club contributed to Global Grant #1752923, for Literacy in Guatemala.
- The club also participated in a Global Grant with the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton, “Bugiri WASH” in schools, providing clean water and latrines in schools, which came to fruition this year.
- A donation of \$100.00 was made to the Ripple Effect program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala. District Governor Peter Neufeldt has decided that all honorariums should be designated to the Ripple Effect program.
- One Scholarship is provided to a graduating Grade 12 student.
- An award is presented to a High School student who writes the best essay on their understanding of the 4-Way Test.
- Two students were funded to attend basic RYLA.
- One student was sent to Adventures in Human Rights in Winnipeg.
- The club supported a Pre-Kindergarten Library, (through a District Grant), to assist children who lack reading material at home.
- The club also supports the Early Act Club, by attending their meetings, giving presentations, sharing information and by including them in some of the club’s projects.
- The CEO of their local Cumberland College made a presentation at a club meeting, on Applied Research in Education at the College.
- September-is-Rotary-Literacy month was promoted, when the members discussed several aspects of Literacy in general. Awareness was created about the Literacy rates in various countries around the world.

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Rotary Club of Prince Albert, SK: President Nnamdi Ndubuka and Youth Chair Bob Twyver report that this club continues to be very active in the field of Literacy.

- The club is active in the local MUNA with two of the Rotarians responsible for running the local event that featured 12 delegations from 4 local and area high schools. Two students and one teacher were funded and transportation for one additional delegation and teacher was sponsored to attend MUNA in Winnipeg.

- The club sent two students to Adventures in Technology in Saskatoon, April, 2018.
- The club sent one student to Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa, April 28 to May 4, 2018.
- The club sent two students to the Basic and two students to the Advanced RYLA camp in August 2017.
- The club donates to the Ducks Unlimited Greenwing Program which gives teachers material to facilitate learning in the areas of conservation and biology.
- The club continues to fund 5 educational scholarships at the high school level, and one scholarship is awarded to a student from Saskatchewan Polytechnic. All of these awards are based on citizenship, school and community involvement and the Rotary 4-way test.
- The club partnered with the local Western Hockey league Prince Albert Raiders in awarding the first Rotary Scholarship to the team's Scholastic Player nominee.
- The club maintains its involvement with the Ripple Effect program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala, again donating \$7,600.00 for the current Rotary year.
- The club accepted applications and has nominated a student to the International Exchange program. She will travel to northern Belgium this summer; the Rotary Club of Melfort will act as Host club.
- The club continues in its efforts to establish an Interact program in one of the local high schools, and the goal is to have this in place for the start of the 2018 – 2019 school year.
- A local restaurant owner, Mr. Randy Whittler, was recognized with a Paul Harris Fellowship this year for his contributions to the fundraising of our club and support of our community as a whole.

Congratulations to this club for all that you do for Literacy and for Youth. You have again earned a Zone 24 Literacy Award.

Rotary Club of Regina, SK. President Mitch Zaba reports that this club continues to be active in the field of Literacy.

- The club participated in the United Way Dr. Seuss Reading Day, February 26, 2018.
- Members of the club volunteered at the Knox Metropolitan used Book Sale, and donated a box of books to the United Way.
- Two United Way employees were inducted in the club's corporate membership category. The United Way has a major focus on improving children's reading capabilities.

- A lunchtime speaker talked about the importance of children being able to read by grade 3, and how that leads to a greater chance of success in adult life.
- Two students were sponsored to attend RYLA in August 2017.
- Internationally, individual club members continue to support the Ripple Effect program in its work building and equipping schools in Guatemala. One member participates in the annual Motor Cycle Ride to raise funds for the Ripple Effect program.
- The club works with the Regina Public Schools to sponsor an annual Playground Conflict Management Conference, and its 19th Conference was held in January, 2018. The program teaches children appropriate life skills, such as intervention and peer conflict resolution, as one component of the prevention of bullying. The club provides financial support and donates prizes for the children.
- This club plans to return to the long-term Rotary Youth Exchange program in 2018 – 2019, when it will be hosting a girl from Brazil.

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Rotary Club of Regina Eastview: President Richard Schwan and Literacy Chair Sam Berg report that this club continues to have a very active Literacy program.

- Several students were sent to RYLA in August 2017, and subsequently made a presentation at a Rotary luncheon.
- The club continues to offer the very popular Adventures in Agriculture program, to coincide with Canadian Western Agribition in November, 2017; this was attended by 21 students from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.
- The club is again involved with the long-term Rotary Youth Exchange program, with an Outbound student currently in Brazil and an Inbound student from Japan.
- World Literacy Day was mentioned at a meeting, also that September is now Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy month.
- Two members tutor new Canadians in ESL, at the Literacy Unit, Regina Public Library.
- Visual Arts Project, organized by Multifaith Saskatchewan is supported financially, and a member of the club made a brief presentation at the Annual Awards ceremony.
- Chili for Children, a program to provide hot lunches to impoverished children attending inner city schools, is supported financially, (\$2,000.00), and by members who volunteer to serve the lunches on Fridays.
- Junior Barbershop was supported financially, with a cheque to purchase Tee-shirts bearing the Rotary logo, to wear during their tour to the USA.

- Ehrlo Sports Venture was supported with a financial donation to replace their Eastview Ice Hockey Team jerseys which were completely worn out!
- A donation of \$2,000.00 was made to the Regina Public Library, to pay for the transportation of new immigrant mothers and their pre-school age children, to attend the library for the "Learning Together" program.
- SEARCH received financial support, (\$1,000 00), for their Literacy program.
- The Regina Open Door Society also received financial support, (\$1,000.00), to assist with their Literacy programs for new Canadians.
- Literacy presentations at lunchtime meetings included:
 - Building schools and providing education for India's Dalit population, (Sam Berg)
 - Ignite Adult learning Corporation, (Terina Shaw)
 - The Chili for Children program, (Greg Stevenson).
 - The Ehrlo Sport Venture program, (Taylor Wood),
 - "The Harasen Line" presented by Lorne Harasen, retired broadcaster, journalist, and author.
- Internationally the club continues to support ShelterBox Canada, (which does have a literacy component), PolioPlus, and the Ripple Effect program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala. Funds for a project which will see the installation of 17 computers in each of 20 schools were raised through the club's 2018 Valentine Gala and 2017 Motorcycle Ride. There is a chance that work on this project will commence before June 30, 2018, and will be completed in 2019. Once complete, the project has the potential to immediately benefit in excess of 2,000 children, opening life-changing doors for their future.
- A bursary is awarded annually to a First Nations, Inuit or Metis applicant to enable them to train in one of the trades. This year the recipient's fees were paid directly to SAIIT to enable him to complete his "Welding – Applied Certificate".

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The Rotary Club of Regina Industrial Parks, SK: President Rick Roland reports that this club continues to be very active in the field of Literacy and Youth programs.

- This Rotary Club sponsored one student to attend RYLA in August 2017.
- The club donated \$1,000.00 to the Ripple Effect program, building and equipping schools in Guatemala.
- The club continues to award the Carlyle Murray Scholarship, to a Grade 12 student, after interview.

- The club donated \$300.00 to the Albert School Literacy program.
- They have had Speakers present on Literacy subjects at club meetings.
- The members donated new and used children's books to two Day Care centres.
- This club promoted the Raise-a-Reader program, and also made a financial contribution.
- World Literacy Day was promoted on September 8, 2017.
- "The Rotarian" magazine is re-cycled to be shared in doctor's offices.
- The club members continue to volunteer to serve food at "Sir-Dance-a-Lot", for those with intellectual disabilities.

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Rotary Club of Regina Oskaya, SK: President Amy Collado reports that this small club continues to be active with Literacy projects.

- The club continues to be involved with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, hosting a long-term Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student from Brazil.
- The club continues to sponsor students to attend RYLA.
- One student was sponsored to attend Adventures in Agriculture, 2017.
- The club continues with its Backpack project for students attending Kitchener School, which is an inner-city community school.
- A financial donation was made to the Literacy program at Sacred Heart School.

Thank you for all that you do for Literacy in the community. Unfortunately your club did not have an International project during the Rotary year 2017 – 2018, so does not qualify for a District Literacy Award this year.

Rotary Club of Regina South, SK: President Dan Maddigan and Bruce Rogers report that this small Rotary Club is again becoming active in the field of Literacy.

- Books have been donated to Dr. L. Hanna School, along with 4 posters of the 4-Way Test.
- A donation was made to Indigo Chapters Adopt-a-School program that bought 35 books for an elementary school.
- Students from Mother Teresa Middle School were sponsored to attend RYLA.
- The club continues to promote and sell the book "Mr. Apple Discovers the Four Way Test", written by one of the club members, Wallis Zbitnew. The book has been translated into Mandarin. Proceeds from the sale of the book support PolioPlus.
- Two students from Regina Christian School were sponsored to attend MUNA in Winnipeg, April 2018. They represented South Korea.

- The club participated in the Salvation Army's "Backpack packing" project.
- A Literacy speaker, Terina Shaw, spoke about Ignite, (Adult Learning Centre), at a lunchtime meeting.
- Individual Club members donated to the Scholarship Fund for students to attend middle and high school in Guatemala. (This club used to be the Lead Club for the Scholarship Fund in Rotary District 5550.)

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Rotary Club of Saskatoon, SK: President Mark Gryba reports that this club continues to be very active in the field of Literacy.

- Internationally, this club continues its support for the "Hope for Malawi" project which has built a school in Malawi, and provided supplies.
- The club supports Joy's Centre Project which has built a school in Uganda and provided supplies.
- The club also supports BECAS Project which gives scholarships to children in the Puerto Vallarta area, Mexico, which allows them to stay in school.
- This club continues to support the RAP program, which now operates in nine high schools in Saskatoon; one of its objectives is to help troubled youth stay in school and complete their education.
- The club has outfitted and supplied a Rotary Reading Room at King George School and has organized members to go there to read to the children.
- The club has supplied a new commercial stove for the lunch program at Westmount School.
- This club organized the Adventures in Technology program this year, which brings high school students from across western Canada to learn about current technological advances.
- The club has recruited a new member in the field of education – Dean of Nursing at the University of Saskatchewan.
- A speaker presented on the Ripple Effect program at a club meeting.
- Another speaker at a club meeting talked about her involvement in the Cansbridge Fellowship program and her upcoming internship in China. The club will be providing monetary support to this University of Saskatchewan student.

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Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin, SK: President Sunny Mundi and Youth Services Director, Art Postle, report that this club continues to be very active in the field of Literacy.

- Education and Literacy month was celebrated by the club supporting the Saskatoon and area United Way, along with the two school systems in Saskatoon, in a project of Summer Success Camps to help children improve their language and literacy skills. One of the camps was aimed at helping newcomer children develop their English language skills.
- The coordinator of the program spoke to the club members about the success of the 2017 summer camp, which the club had helped fund, and based on this report, funding was provided for the program to be held again in the summer of 2018.
- Club members and their partners again participated in the reading program at St. Michael Community School throughout the year. The program involves the students reading to the Rotarians, and assisting the students in developing their reading skills. This one-hour-each-week program is not only rewarding for the students but also for the Rotarians and their partners.
- Guest speakers at club meetings are thanked by presenting them with a book, which they sign; the book is then given to St. Michael Community School to be used by the teachers at their discretion.
- Bursaries are provided to Saskatchewan Polytechnic Institute for single mothers who the school determines are deserving of receiving some financial help to continue their studies.
- Bursaries are provided to graduating students at E. D. Feehan High School, (an inner-city school in Saskatoon), to assist them in furthering their education at a post-secondary institution.
- Funds are provided to the Saskatoon Music Festival, which hosts a competition for musical groups, bands, choirs, etc. in the city.
- The club provided funding for students to attend Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa, Adventures in Human Rights in Winnipeg, and Adventures in Technology in Saskatoon.
- The club also provided funding for two students to attend RYLA in August 2017.
- This club is currently hosting a long-term Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student from Colombia.
- Funds and human resources are provided to the Restorative Action Program, now in nine schools in Saskatoon. This program addresses bullying and similar conflict situations by focusing on the concepts of Prevention, Intervention and Restoration. The program has been very successful in Saskatoon and is being emulated in other locations, such as Airdrie, Alberta.

- Internationally, funds are being earmarked to assist an international project, involving all five Saskatoon Rotary Clubs, to build a school, (Los Pinos), in Guatemala. This club donated \$10,000.00 to the Ripple Effect program for this during to Rotary year 2017 – 2018.
- Funding is being provided, in conjunction with other Rotary Clubs in Saskatoon, to Joy's Home of Hope Foundation in Uganda to help pay for school fees, provide books and school materials, and arrange shelter and food for orphaned children. The children develop skills and a sense of responsibility by taking care of goats and cows, and by participating in projects such as tree planting. In addition Rotarians, individually, are encouraged to consider sponsoring a child.

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The Rotary Club of Saskatoon North, SK: President Edie Riekman reports that this club is still active in the fields of Literacy and with Youth programs

- This club donated \$5,000.00 to the Ripple Effect program, for the Los Pinos project in Guatemala, which involves all five Saskatoon Rotary Clubs.
- This club, together with the other Rotary Clubs in Saskatoon, continues to support the Restorative Action Program, now established in nine high schools in Saskatoon.
- The club sponsored two students to attend RYLA in August 2017.
- This is the home club of "Days for Girls" providing feminine hygiene products to girls in Uganda so that they can attend school. The club applied for and received a District Grant of \$2,500.00 for this project in 2017 – 2018.
- This club, with the other Rotary Clubs in Saskatoon, continues to support and participate in Adventures in Technology.
- The club provides funding to Howard Coad School for computers and Literacy.
- The club also provides funding for the Adult Literacy Programs at the Saskatoon Food Bank.
- This club supports the Equine Therapy Program for the mental health of students attending Nutana Collegiate.

Congratulations! Your Rotary Club of Saskatoon North has earned a District Literacy Award.

Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana, SK: President Walt Pawlovich reports that this club continues to be very active in the field of Literacy and youth projects.

- This club sponsored two students to attend RYLA in August 2017.

- The club, together with the other Rotary clubs in Saskatoon continues to support the Restorative Action Program, now established in nine high schools.
- The club, with other Rotary clubs in Saskatoon, continues to support and participate in Adventures in Technology.
- The club contributes to the Open Door Society's Literacy Program for New Canadians.
- The club also supports the Saskatoon Food Bank's Literacy Program for Refugees and Immigrants.
- The club provides scholarships and bursaries to students attending Oskayak School. The Rotary club members visited Oskayak School.
- The club supports Read Saskatoon, and contributes to this on behalf of its speakers.
- The club supports St. Francis Catholic Elementary School's Cree Immersion program.
- This club, with the other four clubs in Saskatoon supports the Ripple Effect program's Los Pinos project in Guatemala.

The Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana has earned a District Literacy Award this year. Congratulations!

Rotary Club of Saskatoon Riverside, SK: President Nikki Rooks reports that this club continues to be active in the field of Literacy and Youth programs.

- This club sponsored two students to attend RYLA in August 2017.
- The club donated \$5,000.00 to the Ripple Effect program for the Los Pinos project in Guatemala, which is supported by all five Saskatoon Rotary clubs.
- This club, together with the other Rotary clubs in Saskatoon, continues to support the Restorative Action Program, now established in nine high schools.
- This club continues to support the Joy's Centre program.
- The club continues to be involved with Adventures in Technology.

Congratulations on all that your Rotary club is doing for Literacy and Youth.

Rotary Club of Watrous, SK: *** No written report received, but this small club continues to support youth programs and Literacy.

- The club sponsored a student to attend the Adventures in Agriculture 2017 program in Regina.
- The club donated \$1,000.00 to the Ripple Effect program, for the Los Pinos project.

Rotary Club of Weyburn, SK: President Garnet Hart reports that this club continues to be very actively involved with youth programs and with Literacy.

- The club is currently hosting a long-term Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student from France.
- The club sent 6 students to RYLA in August 2017.
- This club continues with its “Books for Babies” project for which application for a District Grant was made.
- The club continues to support the Weyburn Rotary Music Festival with a financial contribution of \$1,800.00 this year.
- The club continues to award Scholarships to graduating grade 12 students to pursue post-secondary education, and to students attending the South East Regional College, (totaling \$3,000.00 in the 2017 – 2018 Rotary year).
- Internationally, this club donated a total of \$1,100.00 to the Ripple Effect program for the Chuchuca School project.

This club has earned a District Literacy Award this year. Congratulations!

Rotary Club of Yorkton, SK: *** No written report.

- This club sent a total of 6 students to the RYLA camps in August 2017.
- The club has again become active in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and is currently hosing a long-term Inbound student from Brazil.
- This club has applied for a District Grant for a Literacy Book Award.
- The club donated a total of \$240.00 to the Ripple Effect fund in 2017 – 2018.

Summary of Literacy Programs and Youth Projects – Saskatchewan

There are 22 Rotary Clubs in District 5550 in Saskatchewan.

Seventeen, (17), or 77.3% submitted a written report,

Twenty-two, (22), or 100%, have at least one literacy project.

Six, (6), Rotary Clubs earned a Zone 24 Literacy Award,

Eight, (8), Rotary Clubs earned a District Literacy Award.

