



### MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



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District Governor Fred  
Wright to watch his video

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 8 - Board Meeting
- Nov. 11 - District Fall Retreat
- Nov. 16 - Assistant Governors' Meeting
- Nov. 17, 22, 24 - District Grant Seminar



### YOUTH NUCLEAR PEACE DAY OF ACTION

Students from across Manitoba voiced their concerns about the threat of nuclear weapons at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights on October 14, 2022. The annual "Youth Nuclear Peace Day of Action" brought together 90 Manitoba high school students to discuss the threats posed by nuclear weapons and the world powers that control them.



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DISTRICT 5550 FALL RETREAT  
NOV. 11 & 12  
REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

Join us for a hands-on day of learning, exploring, and creating! You will leave equipped with tools and resources you can take home to keep the momentum of the event flowing with your club. Come prepared to have some fun, brainstorm and collaborate. **Retreat rate at the Atlas Hotel is \$129.95/night. Virtual option for \$75 if you can't get to Regina.**

Friday evening dinner and fun activity



Saturday:

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| 8:30-9:15   | Introduction to the day, Teams   |
| 9:15-9:30   | Break  |
| 9:30-10:15  | "If I hear the word pivot one more time..." session, managing change                   |
| 10:15-10:30 | Break  |
| 10:30-11:15 | Bringing team and change management together   |
| 11:15-noon  | Mindset: Gratitude is the best attitude; keeping members, building community and teams |
| Noon-1:00pm | Lunch  |
| 1:00-1:45   | Succession through storytelling  |
| 1:45-2:00   | Break  |
| 2:00-2:45   | What we do matters; how are you telling your story?                                    |
| 2:45-3:00   | Break  |
| 3:00-3:45   | Hands on work/activity at tables   |



### PARTNERING FOR A PURPOSE

Each summer the Rotary Club of Kenora runs a Lucky Duck race. They were not selling their 2000 tickets so they partnered with Special Olympics who sold about 70% of the total tickets. The total raised was over \$15,000. Rotary presented a cheque for \$10,641 to Special Olympics for 70% of the profits. This is an excellent example of collaborating with other organizations.





## BAGGING GROCERIES FOR A CAUSE

The Rotary Club of Neepawa partnered with the local Coop grocery store to **ENDPOLIONOW**. They set up an information and donation table and spent a few hours bagging groceries and fielding questions about the current state of polio worldwide. In addition to donations, Coop donated 3% of their sales between 5 and 7 pm to the end polio now campaign.

## NEEPAWA ROTARY RECOGNIZES NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE



Each year the Rotary Club of Neepawa recognizes one branch of emergency services in Neepawa. They try to coincide with Canada's National Day of Service on Sept. 11. Last year it was the paramedics. Before that it was the firefighters. This year a new RCMP building has been completed. The Rotary club hosted a noon hot dog lunch for RCMP officers and office staff as well as their spouses. Club members had an opportunity to tour through the new facility as well.



## 60 YEARS IN ROTARY

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg Fort Garry dedicated a bench in honour of Ted Forman's sixty years in Rotary on October 3, 2022. The bench is located in Wildewood Park in Winnipeg. Pictured are Ted and his wife Lynn.



## REMEMBERING GORD

On October 13th, long time member of the Regina Eastview Rotary, Gordon Wicijowski passed away.

In reflecting on Gord's impact on Regina Eastview, our friend presented as a quiet, thoughtful, respected, wise gentlemen. In reading his Obituary in the Leader Post we learned, he carried the dictates of The Four-Way Test of Rotary to every aspect of his life. Gord did truly personify those four simple statements. When we sat down at his Rotary table or he joined the one where we sat, he was, "Gord" and we enjoyed and appreciated each other's company in this unique world of Rotary Fellowship. It is both humbling and an honour to have dined and worked the magic of Rotary in the company of Gord Wicijowski.

This photo is Club Secretary Allen Hillsden attending Gord's Harbour Landing residence to present him with his 60 year Rotary Service Pin to Gord in 2021. Gord joined Rotary in 1961 and served as the Club's President in 1974-1975.

Thank you Gordon, for mentoring, "Service Above Self", we'll take it from here.

*November*  
is  
FOUNDATION  
MONTH



The District has received banners in recognition of five clubs in our District:

- Number one in per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation, Sioux Lookout at \$305.09/member
- Number Two in per capita giving: Saskatoon North at \$280.54/member
- Number three in per capita giving: Regina Oskaya at \$279.44/member
- Hudson Bay has been recognized for 100 percent of members contributing to TRF
- Saskatoon Riverside has been recognized for 100 percent giving plus Every Member Every Year.

WHO'S  
WHO

Find a list of the District Executive, District Officers and Directors, and Assistant/Area Governors on the District 5550 Web Page

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# ROTARY SPOTLIGHT ON SUSAN REANY ISKRA



Looking ahead to retirement and to getting more involved in the community, Susan Reany Iskra and her husband, Ed Iskra, both joined the Rotary Club of Dryden in 2011.

Susan is a life-long Dryden resident, other than her years away attending the University of Winnipeg, where she obtained a degree in political science, and a work assignment that took her to Toronto for a short time.

She spent her career working with the Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services program of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and retired in 2013 as an information management coordinator. After a brief hiatus, she returned to work for a few more years, this time for Canada’s national forest fire agency. During her career in fire management, Susan was assigned

to work on numerous large forest fires in Canada as a Planning Section Chief on Incident Management Teams.

Now fully retired, Susan’s activities in the Dryden club include managing the club’s website, sitting as a director on the Dryden Rotary Charity Foundation and as a member of the Membership and Public Relations/Public Information committees, and assisting with literacy projects. One of her favourite club projects is the Books for Sharing boxes that Rotary, in partnership with the Dryden Public Library and the Friends of the Dryden Public Library, have installed at three locations in the community. Last year Susan became involved with Rotary activities at a District level when she joined the Learning and Development team.

Susan also volunteers regularly at the Dryden and District Museum, sits on the Dryden Public Library Board, and is a member of the Dryden Entertainment Series committee which runs an annual concert series that brings music, dance, and theatre to the community. An avid genealogist, she is a member of the Dryden Genealogical Society and has travelled to Scotland to do research.



## ROTARY SPOTLIGHT

Each month we would love to spotlight one or more District Rotarians. Please submit suggestions with background information to newsletter editor, Ron Nordstrom via email. Email [rnord@mymts.net](mailto:rnord@mymts.net)

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& Hygiene

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Child Health

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& Literacy

Community  
Economic  
Development

Environment

*Congratulations*

The following clubs have received certificates for outstanding contributions to Polio Plus.

Dryden  
Kenora  
Neepawa  
The Pas  
Regina

Moose Jaw Wakamow  
Regina Eastview  
Regina Oskaya  
Saskatoon North  
Winnipeg Charleswood



Tell us about your successes. What did your club do for World Polio Day? Tell us about a fundraiser or project your club is involved with. We would love to hear about it and place it in a future newsletter. Email [rnord@mymts.net](mailto:rnord@mymts.net).