



MESSAGE FROM THE  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 5 - District Talk Show
- Jan. 10 - District Board Meeting
- Jan. 18 - Assistant Governor Meeting

RECENT PAUL HARRIS AWARDS



Ernie Halligan was honoured with a Paul Harris for his outstanding service with the Rotary Club of Winnipeg West since 1983. He continues to serve with distinction.



INTERNATIONAL ROTARY CONVENTION

Are you planning to go to the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia? If you are, please let District Governor Fred Wright know. Contact him at [fred.wright2020@gmail.com](mailto:fred.wright2020@gmail.com)



SOME OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



The Rotary Club of Neepawa has recently welcomed four new members. Far left: President Pam Miller welcomes Bryan Gray. Right: John Drinkwater and Chris Waddell are inducted to Rotary. Missing is a photo of Terry Fehr, the fourth new member.







## DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS

Debbie and Vince, owners of Debbie's Greenhouse present a cheque for \$1400 to Kenora president Ron with NOW Co-Chairs Jim and Lloyd (Stacy is not in picture). This money was raised through several fund raisers that Debbie's ran for the benefit of the Rotary Nutrition on Weekends project. They included a summer BBQ and Santa Dunk Tank and their annual Christmas ornament sale. The picture was taken at the Rotary Club of Kenora's annual Christmas party held at Debbie's Greenhouse winter wonderland. Another example of a great partnership.



## FEEDING THEIR COMMUNITY


Saskatoon Clubs collectively donated \$15,000 to the Saskatoon Food Bank.



## GETTING IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Top photos: Rotary Club of Kenora Christmas Parade float under construction.  
Right: The newly constructed float in the parade.  
The float was created through a partnership of the MM!WGT2S, the Rotary Club of Kenora Interact Club and the Rotary Club of Kenora.






# Rotary

## JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH

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- ANDREW CARNEGIE





# ROARY SPOTLIGHT ON JEFF MERRY



Jeff Merry, a born "Islander", was born and raised on Vancouver Island until his move to Toronto in 2012. His academic and professional accomplishments span years working as an accountant in BC, Ontario and now Manitoba. He obtained his CPA, CGA designation in 2012 — accomplishing honours in his final academic requirement. Currently he works with the Indigenous Services team of MNP LLP in their Winnipeg office.

In 2011 Jeff married Lisa, who is an Occupational Therapist (OT) and assistant professor with the University of Manitoba. Lisa was a practicing OT on Vancouver Island when they met, and an opportunity arose for her to undertake her PhD studies at the University of Toronto. They celebrated their first wedding anniversary by arriving to their tiny Toronto apartment after a two-week road trip from the west coast. Together, they raise two energetic kids: Jacob, 8, and Elsie, 3.

Throughout life Jeff has been an active community member. He was involved in Scouts Canada for 19 years, which as a youth and adult included leadership and volunteer positions. He is a regular blood donor with Canadian Blood Services.

Jeff's first introduction to Rotary was in Grade 12 when he participated in a Job Shadowing event hosted by the local Rotary Club for high school students. It wasn't until Rotary's Centennial year (2005) that Jeff became a Rotarian himself, first as member of various clubs on Vancouver Island where he lived and worked, then Toronto Twilight Rotary Club, before joining the Rotary Club of Winnipeg West in 2020. He has held club executive positions with Club Administration, Club Website and Newsletter, and Rotary Foundation. Jeff's continued involvement in Rotary emanates from his belief in local, national and international community development. Raising young kids and a pandemic have slowed Jeff's in-person involvement with Rotary, but he looks forward to getting back involved as the kids grow older.

When Jeff has downtime, he enjoys the outdoors, seeing various parts of the province on family road trips, international travel, and imbibing in the local craft beer scene. He tries (and tries) to improve his dismal golf game and is better known for entertainment and chauffeur skills during a round than coming close to par.



## 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)



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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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).