



THE OPEN DOOR



THE NEWSLETTER of the ROTARY DISTRICT 5550 DG

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ROTARIANS IN ACTION

This fall members of the Neepawa Rotary Club, Wayne Jacobsen and Murray Newton, were spotted making repairs to the Rotary Park sign at the entrance to the park.



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

MEET THE 2020-21 DISTRICT GOVERNOR (DG) TEAM



Gailmarie Anderson
District Governor (DG)
Melfort



Dan Sutton
District Governor Elect (DGE)
Winnipeg West



Jean-Marc Nadeau
District Governor Nominee (DGN)
Regina Eastview



Fred Wright
Past District Governor (PDG)
Kenora

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I love RI President Holger Knaack's theme, Rotary Opens Opportunities. The title for the District Newsletter, *The Open Door*, is to offer opportunities for every Rotarian in our district to become involved in spreading the word about Rotary and what we do. This open door is inviting you in, current members and new members, to connect with each other and to communicate and work together to do good in the world.

August is RI Membership month. Let's be engaged. Let's grow Rotary!

"People don't buy WHAT you do, they buy WHY you do it" - Simon Sinek

AS I SEE IT

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As I see it, we need each other more than ever during these difficult times. We need to take on the challenges presented by the Covid pandemic and yes, seek out the opportunities.

We could simplify our fundraising, and our giving, to emphasize quality and not quantity. We could help out more locally, both with groups and with individuals who need our assistance. We can continue to care for people around the world. We can find positive, sustainable solutions.

We are Rotary, we do good.

Upcoming Events

Learning and Development District Workshop (Online)
October 17

WCS Retreat
October 23-24

Rotary District Grant Certification Webinars
Nov. 12, 14, 19, 24, 28
Click [HERE](#) for more details



DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

This past year the DG Team has worked hard to update and improve upon our District Strategic Plan. It continues to be a “living document”.
CLICK [HERE](#) TO SEE THE STRATEGIC PLAN



Quote: I love deadlines. I love the whooshing sound as they go by.
- Douglas Adams

This is ironic, of course, but please remember that deadlines have a purpose - we can plan all we want but unless we carry out those plans and evaluate their worth, they're just that, plans. To turn plans into hopes and dreams and accomplishments, we have to meet deadlines - for successful projects, for financial stability, for longterm strategic planning, and to communicate effectively. - DG Gailmarie Anderson



PEOPLE OF ACTION SPOTLIGHT

The Rotary Club of Sioux Lookout hosted their annual Blueberry Pancake breakfast and served over 300 people in a drive-thru, Covid style. Good for you to be creative with your fundraising! Even their mascot, Blueberry Burt was wearing a mask.

The club made over \$1000 in profit and donations and had a great time. They are looking forward to their next adventure together.

FUNDRAISING DURING COVID 19

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We need to adapt to this new reality and change up how we do our fundraising or create new ways of fundraising.

A lot of us are meeting by Zoom which affords us the opportunity to reach out to our members in fun ways:

- by creative Sargeant-at-Arms collection
- by playing games and amassing funds for the Foundation

We can also utilize social media to do community fundraising:

- a virtual Chase the Ace

We can adapt some of our traditional fundraisers:

- Radio Bingo
- Run/Ride/Bike a-thons
- Farm projects, Golf contests

Please share your ideas with everyone. Together, we've got this.

