

ROTARY DISTRICT 5550 NEWSLETTER

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It's Official!!

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I share with you the great news. I have received an email from Brian King, who is the RI membership Chair, with the official July 30, 2025 membership numbers. As of that date, district 5550 sits at 1134 members!!.

This is truly great news and a huge thank you to all of our clubs and members who have worked so hard to make this happen.

But now is not the time to sit back and take our foot off of the pedal. The reality is that this number will come down as a number of cancelled memberships are yet to be registered.

And....we are still striving to have 1200 members as of July 1, 2026. So I encourage all clubs and members to keep up the great work!



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Jr. RYLA

On Wednesday July 30th I had the pleasure of visiting the Jr. RYLA camp at Clear Lake, Manitoba. The young campers ranging in age from 12-14 (and maybe one or two 15's) were completely engaged in camp activities.

A huge congratulations to Jorrel Camuyong and his dedicated team of youth councillors on the great job they do in developing self-esteem, leadership, and confidence within the minds of



these future leaders.

Pictured above is Murray Newton of the Neepawa club as he works with the campers on a ShelterBox exercise.

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Check out the latest [Rotary podcast](#) with Peter Tonge

District Meetings

Check out the calendar at www.rotary5550.org for all district meetings and events.

District 5550

District 5550 of Rotary International covers an area from Northwestern Ontario, through Manitoba, to the western border of Saskatchewan.

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Winnipeg – Better Together Summit 2025

In September of 2025, Winnipeg will play host to the zones 28 and 32 Better Together Summit. This is an excellent opportunity for club leaders, district leaders, and any district member wishing to participate in leadership development. Taking place from the 16th until the 21st, there will be multiple opportunities to

engage in learning and development provided by some of the best learning facilitators within the Rotary world. The event will take place at the Victoria Inn on Wellington Ave.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please visit <https://winnipegsummit2025.sched.com> for full details.

Thanks for the Memories

Actually it's "Thanks for the Memory", sung by Bob Hope and Shirley Ross in the 1938 movie The Big Broadcast. In this case, it is memories.

First of all, I would like to thank immediate past DG Peter Tonge for all of the great memories of this past year. Under his fearless leadership we showed RI what we are made of. I was specifically impressed with his degree of diplomacy in dealing with RI and some of the neighbouring districts in our efforts to grow our numbers. Thank you Peter for your commitment to Rotary!!

I've had the fortune to grow up under the tutelage of Peter, Fred Wright, Sonja Susut, Gailmarie Anderson, and who can forget little brother Warren Thompson. Not only has this group provided me with many great memories, they have made a seemingly daunting responsibility seem manageable, this DG team is second to none.

It's kind of like the Academy Awards, how can I thank all of you for the work you do in our district and not forget someone.....so I thank all of you. Let's create some more memories and continue the Magic of Rotary!

Stay Tuned

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer and doing something special to spoil yourselves.

As we enter the 2025/26 Rotary year, there are a number of events that will be taking place at the District level.

The District Board meetings will recommence in August as will the Presidents meetings.

This fall the Learning and Development team will be hosting an online event aimed at providing up to date info on how to maneuver the new version of Clubrunner...will probably be in late October...stay tuned!

In addition, the membership committee has voiced the desire to work with the L & D team to deliver a series of webinars focused on the four pillars of our Action Plan....again, stay tuned for further details. The membership committee is also actively working on ideas on how District can support further membership growth.