

ROTARY_PETER

DISTRICT 5550

Rotary_Peter is a place for updates on the good work of District 5550. Rotary has been a force for humanitarian efforts, building goodwill, and promoting peace on both local and global scales. Powered by our membership and the community we serve, we have become synonymous with service, integrity, and ethical leadership. We believe in the power of collaboration and collective action to address the world's most pressing challenges.

This is a place to highlight the difference makers, and Rotarians within District 5550 are making a difference wherever they go! So, join me on the website or monthly through this newsletter to keep up on our ['Magical Mystery Tour'](#) and meet the people with the ['Magic Touch'](#).



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

MONTHLY FEATURE:

- Singing Your Praises
- Music to Warm our Hearts
- The Magic Touch - Meet Eva Vida

Singing Your Praises

As District Governor, one of the greatest privileges I have is sharing the incredible work happening across our Rotary clubs. It often feels like all I need to do is shine a light on the dedication and generosity already in motion—stories of service, impact, and collaboration in perfect harmony.

Everywhere I look, Rotary is working in concert—people, clubs, and causes coming together to build a better world. Whether through creative fundraising, hands-on community service or lifelong leadership,

Rotarians are making a difference. Their passion, generosity, and commitment build on each other, creating something greater than the sum of its parts. Each act of service, big or small, strengthens our impact and brings people together in meaningful ways.

With so much good work happening, sharing your successes is both a privilege and a joy. Keep up the amazing work!

-Peter Tonge



Picture of Peter Tonge, smiling. He is seated in a wheelchair and has a bald head and a black and white shirt on.

Contact:

Web:

www.rotarypeterdistrict5550.org

Email:

rotarypeter@shaw.ca

Music to Warm Our Hearts

I'm always amazed by the creative ways Rotary clubs raise funds—dinners, wine tastings, fun runs, and raffles. Recently, I joined the Rotary Club of Winnipeg Satellite for a night of celebratory music.



Photo of Kristina Ellis

The event was in support of The Oak Table. The Winnipeg charity provides hospitality support and advocacy for people who are homeless, income insecure, on social assistance, living with mental health issues, physical disabilities, or addictions. Each year, they serve thousands of meals and provide showers in a safe, welcoming space.

I had a front-row seat to Humberto Datas and The Ecco Singers with Kristina Ellis. All are dedicated to making a meaningful impact by supporting causes like this one.

On a cold winter evening, generosity and music warmed our hearts.

The Magic Touch

Many of us know Eva Vida as a dedicated Rotarian. A member of the Winnipeg Rotary Club for over 26 years, she has served in many roles, including Club President and District Governor, making a lasting impact on both local and global initiatives.



Photo of Eva Vida

Eva's passion for service has been deeply rooted in world community service and the Rotary Foundation. She has held key leadership positions, including her Club's Foundation Chair, District World Community Service Chair, District Foundation Chair, Zone 28 Foundation Chair, and now, President of Rotary Foundation Canada.

Her dedication to Rotary and the Foundation has strengthened countless projects, benefiting communities locally, nationally, and internationally. Her leadership, vision, and tireless efforts have inspired many within Rotary and beyond.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions, I had the honor of presenting Eva with the Rotary's

Listen Now:

[I'm A Rotarian Podcast Season 10 EP.20](#) with District Governor Peter Tonge

District Meetings

Check 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 the Province of Saskatchewan.



'Citation for Meritorious Service' at a recent ceremony in Winnipeg.

Eva's commitment exemplifies the spirit of Rotary—service above self. Her work continues to make a lasting impact, and we are grateful for her dedication. Congratulations, Eva, on this well-deserved recognition!