



**MESSAGE FROM THE  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct. 3-9 - Rotary Reconnect Week
- Oct. 6 - District Talk Show @7:30  
“Rotary Dating Game”
- Oct. 11 - District Board Meeting
- Oct. 19 - President’s Meeting



**ROTARY RECONNECT WEEK OCT. 3-9**

Rotary defines its Alumni as persons who have taken part in one or more of the following programs:

- Interact
- Rotaract
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- New Generations Service Exchange
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- Rotary Peace Fellowships
- Rotary Scholarships
- Ambassadorial Scholarships

The goal of Rotary Reconnect Week is to invite alumni to take part in something that your Rotary club hosts — whether it is a club project, a club meeting, a party that celebrates the alumni of the district, or just you having coffee with one alumnus. Many alumni crave a personal connection to Rotary after their program experience ends, so I would encourage you - or your club - to host an event that involves an alumnus - or alumni - in your area.



**ARE NEWSLETTERS RIGHT FOR YOUR CLUB?**

Does your club have a newsletter? It can be used to announce upcoming events, celebrate successes, or educate members. Check out the newsletter created by the Rotary Club of Winnipeg West.

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New member induction at Saskatoon Nutana. Left to right: Carm Michelko, Bryn Campbell, President Candace Odishaw

**SASKATOON NUTANA SUPPORTS EDUCATION**



This cheque presentation is the first of five instalments of \$20,000 each for the new Cree Bilingual School in Saskatoon from the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana. Left to right are: Jim Gilles, Mike Gramiak (both Rotarians from Stoon Nutana) Diane Boykin, Kelly Cardinal and Ashley Petite all from the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools in support of the St Francis Cree Bilingual School.



**NEW MEMBERS AT SASKATOON RIVERSIDE**

The Saskatoon Riverside Club recently inducted a number of new members. Pictured from right to left are: Ruth Marritt (AG), Majak Mapiour, Pankaj Bhowmik, Paragi Shah, Ajay Dalai, Asit Sarkar (past AG), and Venkatesh Meda. Asit has been instrumental in transitioning this club to the university of Saskatchewan.



# DAUPHIN ROTARIANS ARE GETTING NOTICED

About a dozen members of the Dauphin Rotary Club showed up at the local Habitat for Humanity to lend their backs to a good cause. According to Club President Christine Harapiak, local Rotarians have made a decision to get involved in community projects or events once a month as a way to support the many “good ideas” that spring up in the community.

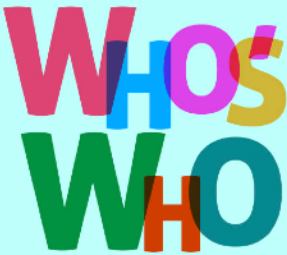


# WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Congratulations to District Governor Nominee, Peter Tonge, who has accepted the appointment to be the District 5550 District Diversity Equity and Inclusion champion.

# WE ARE ALL WELCOME

- All ages
- All sizes
- All races
- All abilities
- All religions
- All ethnicities
- All nationalities
- All sexual orientations
- All immigration statuses
- All socio-economic backgrounds
- All gender expressions & identities



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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# 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.**

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   |
| 3:45-4:30   | Putting the pieces together; what are we taking away to our clubs and the district team? |





# ROTARY SPOTLIGHT ON BOB DURSTON - EXEMPLARY PERSON OF ACTION



Bob Durston is a member of the Rotary Club of Neepawa since being invited in 1976. Bob graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the U of M, then joined Manitoba Agriculture as Agriculture Representative at Shoal Lake, then Pilot Mound and retired after 28 years serving Neepawa and area. Bob’s club involvement included 2 separate terms as club president, was elected as secretary in 2002 and continues as club secretary today.

Bob & Carolyn were married in 1968 and were blessed with 3 children, Chris, Jeff, and Sara. Bob’s foray into District programs began after their 3

children became alumni of the Long-Term Exchange Program. Bob was asked by the District Youth Chair to take over as Chair of the Short-Term Youth Exchange program in 1997 and ran the successful program for 11 years. Upon handing over the program to a new chair, Bob was then invited to accept the role of Assistant Governor which carried on for 7 years until asked to become Chair of the District Rotary Foundation Committee when DRFC Eva Vida was asked to assume the Zone 28 role in Foundation. Bob is completing 9 years as Foundation Chair and has accepted another 3-year term beginning July 1, 2023. Most Rotarians know Bob as the District Grants Administer.

Bob is a Major Donor Level 1 and a Benefactor. Bob has participated in over 24 District Conferences with Carolyn participating in 10 as the Conference pianist playing National Anthems, Parade of Flags and conducting/playing for the Youth Exchange program songs.

During Bob’s career he was involved in many organizations besides Rotary and was Neepawa Town Councillor for 21 years, then elected Mayor for 2 terms.

Bob is thankful to everyone for their support, especially Carolyn and has been recognized within Rotary with several certificates and plaques as well as receiving the University of Manitoba Certificate of Merit recognizing his “outstanding contribution to the agricultural industry and public at large”.



## 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)



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

September 30th

Every Child Matters

District 5550

October Membership Newsletter

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WORLD POLIO DAY

IS 24 OCTOBER

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WHO WILL BE THE NEXT DISTRICT 5550 GOVERNOR?

Please send nominations to [Fred Wright](#) by Nov. 1