



MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2-3 - Beyond Net Zero - Human Trafficking Symposium
April 6 - District Talk Show
April 11 - District Board Meeting
April 19 - President's Meeting

PICTURES FROM THE DISTRICT LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

We did have fun at DLS after a long day of learning sessions. Past District Governor Gailmarie knows how to drag people out of their shells.



MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Idea to Keep Communications Following in the club.

- A club from Western Canada recently asked each member of their club "What do you get out of Rotary"? This reminds us all of why we joined and the difference we are making.
- The Kenora Club did 2 minutes interviews of why members joined Rotary. The interviews were then posted to their club facebook page.

HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Honouring Indigenous People in partnership with Rotary District 5550 and the Rotary Club of Selkirk hosted a Youth to Youth (Y2Y) event from March 25 to April 1 in Winnipeg and Selkirk. There were 50 Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth participating in the event with 25 volunteer chaperones.

There were 100 Y2Y participants, chaperones, leaders and Rotary Club of Selkirk members present for dinner on Monday evening. After dinner they were treated to entertainment by Brenton Thorvaldson.

Many of the students were impressed with the Winnipeg Art Gallery that they visited on Sunday.

This is an amazing program which is building a foundation for reconciliation with our youth, as they learn team building and leadership skills. Kudos to the Rotary Club of Selkirk for stepping up as host Club and a huge shout out to John Currie and the HIP team for their inspiration and execution in bringing this event to fruition. The schedule of events below demonstrates the interesting workshops participants attended.






Elders & Knowledge Keepers spoke about the importance of the land & connecting to the land at Turtle Lodge.



The students learned how to skin a rabbit.



Brenton Thorvaldson (Brenton David) performs for conference participants. Learn more about this Indigenous multi-instrumentalist singer/songwriter here: <https://www.indigenousmusic.ca/brentondavid>

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:30 AM	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Bus Leaves for Turtle Lodge	Bus Leaves for Turtle Lodge	Bus Leaves for Turtle Lodge	Bus Leaves for Turtle Lodge	Bus Leaves for Canadian Museum for Human Rights
9:00 AM	Begin each morning in Ceremony	Begin each morning in Ceremony	Begin each morning in Ceremony	Begin each morning in Ceremony	Isha Khan, CMHR CEO Welcome
10:00 AM	Elders & Knowledge Keepers speak about importance of the land & connecting to the land.	Elders & Knowledge Keepers speak about importance of the land & connecting to the land.	Elders & Knowledge Keepers speak about importance of the land & connecting to the land.	Elders & Knowledge Keepers speak about importance of the land & connecting to the land.	Kaila Johnson, NCTR, Brenda Gunn, Guest Speaker, David A. Robertson, Guest Speaker
12:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 PM	Leadership Games + Cleaning, Skinning, Cooking of Rabbits	Fire/Shelter/Tipi making + Medicine Pouch Making	Fish Cleaning/Cooking + Language and the Land: Elders	Sharing Circle + Closing Reflections + Giveaway	CHRM - Being an "Upstander" program & Sharing Circle
4:00 PM	Bus Leaves for Hotel	Bus Leaves for Hotel	Bus Leaves for Hotel	Bus Leaves for Hotel	Ray "Coco" Stevenson
5:00 PM	Selkirk Golf & Country Club Dinner	Dinner with Chaperones	Presbyterian Church Dinner.	Selkirk Friendship Centre Dinner	Dinner with Chaperones - Return to hotel by 8:30 pm
11:00 PM	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out

GRATITUDE IS A GREAT ATTITUDE by Fred Wright, District Governor

Please consider sending me your kudos and we will publish them in this newsletter.

Thank you to our District Learning and Development Team for creating an excellent District Leadership Seminar: Gailmarie Anderson, Jorrel Camuyong, Susan Reany Iskra, Jo-Anne Dalton and Wayne Jacobsen. Also a special thank to Former District Rotarians Ken Thiessen and Signe Holstein for inspiring a plan for us to succeed. PDG Peter Neufeldt and Joanne Meisner built the foundation for us years ago.

From Jim Tram: I would like to thank everyone involved in the organization of DLS for a very enjoyable as well as informative time.

From Al Moulin: Thanks very much for your work and energy during the District Leadership Seminar. I really appreciate your dedication and devotion to Rotary. Hopefully I can implement some of what I learned at the seminar.

From Cheryl Winger: Thanks so much Fred! I needed to hear your delegation presentation. It's true there's always more to learn even when you think you know something well.

From George Carson: I thank you and all the others in the education team for a valuable instructive and fun weekend about Rotary leadership. I am sure I will do a better job as president of our club because of it.

From Gailmarie Anderson: Thanks to everyone for a great DLS weekend.

From Andreas Kottschoth: I enjoyed the weekend (DLS); I believe this weekend was better than the 2022 edition.

From Prabh Dhinman: I will like to congratulate you for successful organization of DLS at Russell. It was nicely planned and organised function. It was very informative also. The fellowship events organised were excellent and entertaining.

From Mona Graham: Was a good weekend (DLS). Thanks for your work.

Thank you to Chris Clinton, District Secretary, for being up in the middle of the night in the UK to record the minutes of our District Board meeting.

Thank you to Allen Hillsden for continuing to record the District Membership Team minutes. Allen has been devoted District service for many, many years.

From David Thorne re HIP Y2Y: My sincere thanks to District Governor Fred Wright for joining us at the Y2Y event. As always, you represent Rotary perfectly. The mere fact you drive 4 hours round trip shows your dedication and your passion. This is not to be taken lightly and I appreciate your support as District Governor. With the world focusing on all the negatives, I proudly support the Rotary HIP Y2Y, in hopes it makes a more positive difference with our future generation. I would also like to note the support from Patty Vann and Bob Durston from the District as well. With Patty's infectious passion for Youth and Bob's continued leadership of the Foundation, it sure makes me feel supported at the Club level. You folks ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. Thank you on behalf of the Rotary Club of Selkirk.

What are YOU thankful for?

ONE OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Pictured are, left to right: Rotary Kenora President Ron, newest member Donna, Donna's sponsor and Kenora's second newest member, Lois.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 2 & 3
CANADIAN MUSEUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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ROTARY SPOTLIGHT ON BRENDA BANBURY



Brenda was born and raised on a farm near Wolseley, the eldest of 6 children. Growing up on a farm was a great experience but not one she wanted as an adult. Brenda attended the U of Manitoba and received her diploma (no degrees at that time) in Physiotherapy, married, had 2 children, divorced and moved on to her next life.

The ‘next life’ started in Prince Albert where she got involved in politics on a volunteer basis. It was in Prince Albert that Brenda was invited to become a Rotarian. She said yes as she had great respect for the business woman who issued the invitation. Brenda knew nothing about Rotary then but acknowledges now it was the catalyst to change her life. Brenda moved to Saskatoon in 1990 and

started a career in Financial Planning and transferred her Rotary membership to the Rotary Club of Saskatoon North. While working she was active in the North Club taking on leadership roles in the Youth Exchange Program – city wide and club level, International Service & Conference Co-chair 2007-08.

In 2008, Brenda started her 3rd life – one of retirement! In retirement she has been President twice, participated in 2 Friendship Exchanges, continues with International Service and Foundation Chair. In 2009 Brenda attended the West Africa Project Fair in Cotonou, Benin. It was here she administered the two life saving drops of polio vaccine. Upon returning to Saskatoon she became the Polio Chair for the district for 10 years. It was in her final year as Polio Chair (2018-19) she issued the “tattoo challenge” to which Rotarians responded with enthusiasm. The C\$75,000 goal was quickly achieved, the TOTAL raised was US\$155,499 (includes \$17,424 District DDF). She wears the tattoo proudly. Rotary – locally and internationally - continues to be a big part of Brenda’s life.

At a District WASH Symposium in Uganda in 2016 Brenda was introduced to Days for Girls, an International organization who make washable, reusable menstrual kits. Once again, she took action once she returned to Saskatoon, by starting the Saskatoon South Chapter, mobilizing volunteers to make kits. Under Brenda’s leadership, the Saskatoon South Days for Girls, celebrated their 7th Anniversary in November. The group has made and distributed over \$7,000 kits. Brenda is very proud of the DfG team in Saskatoon. It is interesting to note **all** Rotary Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) projects must address menstrual hygiene management.

In 2017 Brenda discovered the joys and challenges of doing solo self-guided walks in Europe. She has done 2 in Italy, 2 in Spain and one in France. Now the pandemic has passed she has another planned another in Provence, France (home of Chateaufort-du-Pape) in June. Sante!



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

DISTRICT CONFERENCE EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 31

ImaginAction District Conference 2023 registration is still open. Join us May 11-14th 2023 in Saskatoon at the Travelodge for the District’s most unique conference **EVER!**
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