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The Rotary theme for this month is **Water and Sanitation**

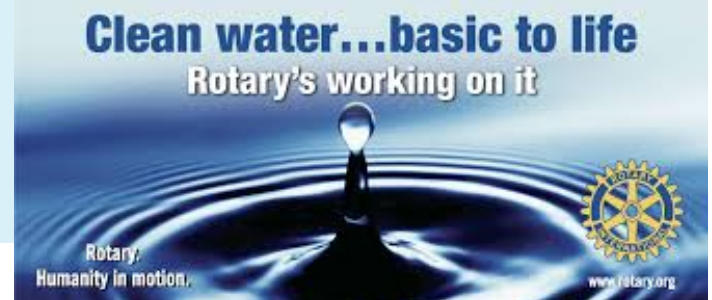
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Both Water and sanitation fit well with the two themes of his year's District Conference: **Youth Poverty and The Environment**.

The conference committee has been working hard to put together a program of great presenters, opportunity for Clubs to showcase their projects relating to the Conference themes and fellowship with a smidgeon of fun that may, just may, have something to do with a sporting rivalry between two of the Provinces in our District. I can't say more on this topic as, by virtue of my position as District governor, I must be impartial. You can get a feeling for what's coming by checking out page 2.

The great work that District Clubs have been doing to help youth out of poverty is inspiring. Sadly, we must acknowledge that the road to eliminating child poverty in our District is a long road. This is not unlike the effort of eliminating Polio worldwide, which is almost a reality! If it takes getting one child out of poverty at a time, then that is what we should do. We have to try. There are also great environmental projects being conducted in our District. It is not too late to turn around the long decades of debilitation that humans have caused to the environment worldwide. Much of the damage was not caused by intent but by lack of information about what or how new processes would affect the environment. Technology has allowed the gathering and interpretation of data detailing the What and the How that some processes have damaged the environment. Knowing how the damage is caused allows for planning how to reverse the damages. This effort is also like the effort to eliminate Polio from the world. There is no quick fix, but if we start now, the generations that follow ours will have a world with a healthier environment. It may not be pristine, but it will be healthier. Our Clubs efforts on these issues will...

**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**



Banjo Bowl *in May??*

Attention all Rotarians:

The **District 5550 Conference**,
"Our Youth, Our Future",
will be virtual, by Zoom, over 2 evenings this year

We will host two informative and interactive sessions, on Thursday evenings, May 5th and May 12th

May 5, 2022

Session #1 *"Reducing Child Poverty"*

7:00pm "Kick Off" to the conference

with Troy Westwood and Andrew Greene,
"Football and the Community" and featuring KidSport.

7:30 - 8:30pm Speakers

- Niigaan Sinclair PhD, Native Studies, U of M
- Shauna MacKinnon PhD, Chair Urban Studies, U of W;
"Born into poverty in the Canadian context: What does it take to break the cycle?"
- Dorota Blumczyńska, CEO, Manitoba Museum
- Q and A session for speakers

8:45 - 9:45pm Showcase of Projects by Rotarians

May 12, 2022

Session #2 *"Saving the Environment for Our Youth"*

7:00pm - Special Entertainment

7:30 - 8:30pm Speakers

- Alex Crawford, PhD, Centre for Earth Observation Science, U of M, "Climate Change in Canada: Research at the Centre for Earth Observation Sciences, U of M"
- Laura Cameron and Izabella Robak, Prairie Climate Research Centre, U of W
- John Dove, MD, CM, Dryden, ON, "Electric Vehicles: Coming of Age in a Changing Climate"
- Q and A session for speakers

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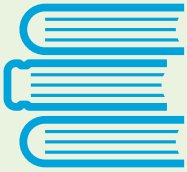
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RESOURCES

RESOURCE LINKS


[DISTRICT FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING](#)

[ZONE 28 & 32 BEYOND BORDERS FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER](#)

[ARCHIVED NEWSLETTERS](#)

PLAN AHEAD

March 7**DG Team Chats****March 8****District Board Meeting****March 18-20****District Leadership Seminar 2022 (PETS)****March 21****DG Team Chats**

2021-2022 Assistant Governors

		Mandate Clubs	Home Rotary Club
Art	Beselt	Estevan, Weyburn	Estevan
Carole	Bryant	Regina, Regina Eastview, Regina Industrial Parks	Regina
Prabh	Dhiman	Portage la Prairie, Winnipeg-Assiniboine, Winnipeg-Transcona	Winnipeg-Assiniboine
Kirk	Drew	Dryden, Kenora, Sioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout
Bob	Durston	Brandon, Brandon Sunset, Minnedosa, Neepawa	Neepawa
Mark	Fenny	Winnipeg East AM, Winnipeg-Fort Garry, Winnipeg-St Boniface-St Vital	Winnipeg - Fort Garry
Mona	Graham	Hudson Bay, Melfort, Nipawin, Prince Albert	Melfort
Jean-Louis	Guillas	Dauphin, Swan Valley, Yorkton	Dauphin
TBA		Assiniboia, Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw Wakamow	
Doug	McKenzie	South Eastman, U of M Rotaract, Winnipeg-Charleswood, Winnipeg West	Charleswood
Ruth	Marritt	Saskatoon Meewasin, Saskatoon Riverside, Watrous	Saskatoon North
Bill	Pauley	Flin Flon, The Pas, Thompson	Flin Flon
Asit	Sarkar	Saskatoon, Saskatoon North, Saskatoon Nutana	Saskatoon Nutana
Richard	Taylor	Regina Auxillium Rotaract, Regina Oskaya, Regina South	Regina Oskaya
Rob	Tisdale	Gimli, Selkirk, Winnipeg Downtown	Winnipeg Downtown

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

District 5550 Board Meeting Highlights

Feb 8, 2022

A. District Strategic Plan

- Sonja Susut is leading this committee and they are making great progress on updating the plan. Their next meeting will be the first week in March.

D. Strategic Thinking

- Different perspectives on clubs working together will be expressed
- A "Club Central" to centralize the paperwork and administration of clubs might be something of interest

E. District Meetings upcoming

- Saturday, May 14th will be the date for the District AGM. More details to be issued directly to each district Rotary members in mid-March.
- The Annual District conference will be held on two Thursday evenings in May – May 5th and 12th. Check Key Messages in the DG newsletter for more details.

F. Planning for our New RI President Visit

- Jennifer Jones will be in Winnipeg on July 6th and morning of July 7th
- Events being planned by organizing committee – agenda to come to all district members in advance. Stay tuned!

Next meeting: March 8/22 – 7:30 PM (CST/CDT)

Key Messages to the District 5550 - February 2022

1. ROTARY DISTRICT 5550 AGM

The 2022 edition of the Annual General Meeting will be Saturday, May 14th, commencing at 8 AM, if you are in CST/ Saskatchewan and 9 AM if you are in CDT/Western Ontario and Manitoba. The meeting will be virtual on Zoom.

The maximum time allowed for the meeting will be 4 hours.

Formal notice of this meeting will be emailed to all district Rotary members directly on March 14/22. Club Presidents will receive a separate email with the Credential Certificate required for any club members voting on behalf of their club at the meeting. Further details will be provided at that time.

In addition to the usual business of the meeting, we are expecting to vote on the revised Rotary District 5550 By-laws and any new Resolutions. The full text of these documents will also be provided to all members on March 14th.

2. ROTARY DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A final year of only a virtual conference? We hope – we miss those Rotary member chats and fellowship!

This year's conference will be held on two Thursday evenings:

May 5th, commencing at 6 PM (CST) or 7 PM (CDT)
ending at 8:40 PM (CST) or 9:40 PM (CDT)

May 12th, commencing at 6:30 PM (CST) or 7:00 PM (CDT)
ending at 8:40 PM (CST) or 9:40 PM (CDT)

3. 75 DAY CHALLENGE

It's not too late to join or support the 75 day Challenge.



MONTHLY THEME



Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.



PEACE

Now Accepting Applications for the 2023 Rotary Peace Fellowship - [Apply Now!](#)

Promoting peace is one of Rotary's main causes. The fully funded [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#), which covers tuition and living expenses, increases the capacity of existing leaders to prevent and resolve conflict by offering academic training, field experience, and professional networking.

Up to 130 fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process based on personal, academic, and professional achievements. Fellows earn either a master's degree or a post-graduate diploma in peace and development studies at one of the seven Rotary Peace Centers, located at leading universities around the world.

Over 1,500 program alumni are working in more than 115 countries as leaders in national governments, nongovernmental organizations, education and research, law enforcement, media and the arts, and international organizations such as the United Nations.

[Master's degree](#)

- 15-24 month program, small-group classroom learning, in fields related to peace and development
- Intended for leaders near the start of their careers
- 50 fellows selected annually to study at one of five Rotary Peace Centers at partner universities, which offer interdisciplinary curricula with research-informed teaching
- 2-3 month field study experience to develop practical skills
- Fellows connect with an international cohort of fellows, thought leaders, and a global network of Rotarians

[Professional development certificate](#)

- Yearlong program for working professionals that blends online learning, in-person classes, and an independent project, based at a Rotary Peace Center in Thailand or Uganda
- Intended for social change leaders with extensive experience working in peace-related fields
- 80 fellows selected annually to earn a post-graduate diploma in peace and development studies
- Interdisciplinary program includes a two-week online preliminary course, 10 weeks of on-site courses with field studies, a nine-month period during which fellows implement a social change initiative (with interactive online sessions), and an on-site capstone seminar

Eligibility: Take the [eligibility quiz](#).

Qualified candidates must:

- Have three years of related work experience for the master's program
- Have five years of related work experience for the certificate program and be able to explain how their plan to promote peace aligns with Rotary's mission (Candidates for Makerere University must either be from Africa, have worked in Africa, or work with African communities or initiatives outside the continent.)
- Be proficient in English
- Have a bachelor's degree
- Demonstrate leadership skills
- Have a strong commitment to cross-cultural understanding and peace

Candidates must have at least three years between the completion of their most recent academic degree program (undergraduate or graduate degree) and their intended start date for the fellowship. Candidates currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program are not eligible to apply.

Applications for the 2023-24 academic term need to be submitted by 15 May 2022. Please write to rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org with questions.

If you know someone who might be a good candidate for this fellowship, please submit a [referral form](#) with their name and email address. We'll contact them with information on how to apply. Thank you for supporting our program.

FOUNDATION

*Zone Rotary Foundation insights***Do Large Grants Ever Take Place in North America?**

Yes! Rotary global grants can have large projects, scholarships and vocational teams all here in the US or in Canada...or in any Rotary region. One of the most amazing aspects of The Rotary Foundation is that there are opportunities for large projects wherever there is need. Criteria must be met, but there have been and will continue to be large-scale projects in "developed" countries. Read about how a Rotary Foundation global grant made a big difference in Detroit, Michigan during the onset of the pandemic. The international sponsor was in India. You can view the article [here](#).

Is there a need in your community?**Words from a Vocational Training Team Chair**

Dan Smith, Rotary District 7090 Vocational Training Team Chair, stated, "We are pleased with the successful Vocational Training Team experience in Brazil, Rotary District 4480, who hosted our team. Our team members were given opportunities to experience the expertise of the Brazilian world-renowned medical facilities and personnel in the areas of cancer, ophthalmology, and coronary procedures. Achieved goals included sharing best practices, research, helping others, and improving the quality of life. This team is currently sharing their many experiences of their Brazil experience with Rotary clubs in our area."

Reach out to your District Grants Chair for more information on Vocational Training Team opportunities.

What is a Rotary Foundation Global Grant for Vocational Training?

Established in 1965-66, the Group Study Exchange Program was an educational program that promoted international understanding through organized travel and personal contact. The program evolved as Rotary updated its grant model and placed this activity within global grants. Vocational training under global grants builds skills within a community by offering local training, by supporting groups of professionals traveling abroad for rigorous study in their profession, or to teach local professionals about a particular field. This type of training is often effective in conjunction with a humanitarian project.

You can volunteer to be a vocational training team leader or nominate a non-Rotarian vocational team member – which will it be?

What are Some Financial Best Practices with Grant Funds?

- Follow your spending plan to distribute and use grant funds for the stated purpose in a timely manner.
- Make project-related expenditures by check or other traceable method.
- If payments are made electronically by one person, maintain a paper trail showing that the payment was approved by both signatories.
- Maintain detailed receipts and record each transaction in a ledger. The ledger should list each transaction, noting the date, amount, and reason for the transaction.
- Make sure to share the information so grants run smoothly and funds are secure.

Thank you for making our grant oversight of the highest quality.

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RIPE VISIT

On July 6, 2022, Jennifer Jones, RI's first woman president, will visit Winnipeg. There is a full day of events planned plus a breakfast on July 7 at the Fort Garry Hotel. Further details will follow.

PDG Eva Vida has arranged a special rate of \$123/night for accommodation at the Fort Garry, but we need to commit to a block of rooms to get it.

Although the initial looking decline has passed, please let me know asap if you wish to stay at the Fort Garry on July 5 and/or July 6, so that we can gauge the number of rooms to block for each night.

Jennifer arrives at 10 AM on July 6 and the first public activity will be in the afternoon, about 2 PM. We will get back to you regarding actually booking your room later.

Thank you,



This is a great time to be part of Rotary!

Fred Wright

TALK SHOW

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Mar 3, 2022 06:30 PM Winnipeg

PDG Peter Schultz is from District 5060 and he has learned how to utilise effective and relatively inexpensive hardware to produce great hybrid meeting experiences. Don't miss this opportunity to put your Club in the forefront of Rotary meetings going forward,

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUoduurrjlpE9l8PQ40sFUXejfAwxdnPvec>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Please note that the above link is ONLY to get you registered. It will NOT get you into the meeting. You need to watch for a link from Zoom that will get you into the meeting. You should receive the link very soon after registering. If you don't receive it right away, please look in your spam folder.

I have attached some links for resources that Peter has shared.

We will open the show at 6:30 PM for fellowship and start the show at 7 PM.

This is a great time to be part of Rotary!

Fred Wright

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Resource Materials for Hybrid Meeting Discussion 2022-03-03

The following have some useful information...

(1) **Hybrid Meeting - Ellensburg Daybreak (8:02)**

Microsoft Engineer Bob Rapp of the Ellensburg Daybreak Rotary Club explains their relatively simple but very successful Hybrid Meeting technical setup (August 2021): <https://vimeo.com/613021161>

(2) **Item List for Hybrid Ellensburg Daybreak** - PDF, full list with prices (USD) for equipment described in video above:

https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050005/en-ca/files/sitepage/hybrid-meetings/hybridrotarymeetingtechguidev5/Hybrid_Rotary_Meeting_Tech_Guide_V5.pdf

(3) **Hybrid_Rotary_Meeting_Tech_Guide_V5** - PDF file, this is a comprehensive Tech overview from basic to complex setups with many recommendations.

https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050005/en-ca/files/sitepage/hybrid-meetings/hybridrotarymeetingtechguidev5/Hybrid_Rotary_Meeting_Tech_Guide_V5.pdf

(4) **Guide-to-hybrid-club-meetings-2.0** - PDF file, District 7780 & 7930 joint document:

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050005/en-ca/files/sitepage/hybrid-meetings/guide-to-hybrid-club-meetings-20/guide-to-hybrid-club-meetings-2.0.pdf>

(5) **Hybrid-meetings-tech-tip** - PDF, District 6440

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050005/en-ca/files/sitepage/hybrid-meetings/hybrid-meetings-tech-tip/hybrid-meetings-tech-tip.pdf>

(6) **Hybrid-meeting-considerations** - Word doc, district 5590.

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050005/en-ca/files/sitepage/hybrid-meetings/hybrid-meeting-considerations/hybrid-meeting-considerations.docx>

After the presentation some of the following may be useful:

PPT Slides for 2022-03-03: <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050005/en-ca/files/sitepage/hybrid-meetings/2021-09-20-hybrid-ppt/2021-09-20-Hybrid.pptx>

Word Doc for Slides: <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050005/en-ca/files/sitepage/hybrid-meetings/a-brief-look-at-hybrid-rotary-meetings/A-Brief-Look-at-Hybrid-Rotary-Meetings.docx>