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October - Fall has arrived. This month opens in a few short days with Thanksgiving, at least here in Canada! This is a time when many families and friends come together and give thanks for what they have. While we celebrate, we should pause and think of the many in our society who have little or nothing for which to give thanks. As we know we have many in our District who are living in poverty, especially children. Let us think of them and how we have been helping them and how we can expand our efforts, our projects to further that help and help more of them. Perhaps those among us who are business owners may be able to provide employment for some who are unemployed. Others may be able to act as mentors or teachers to help some who have little or no education or training to attain literacy/education or training. Let us do what we can for the less fortunate.

These efforts would support the Rotary International theme for this month:

Economic and Community Development.

There are great articles elsewhere in this newsletter that provide support for the theme in various ways.

World Polio Day, October 24 – Protecting the health of children, allowing them to lead full lives free of this debilitating disease. This year, to date, there have been only 2 confirmed cases of polio due to the wild polio virus!

Pledge to Support Rotary's 7th Area of Focus - the Environment

Zone Project - "Teach a mother to teach the world" - Amarok Society



The three initiatives above all contribute to benefit *Economic, Health, Youth and Community Development.*

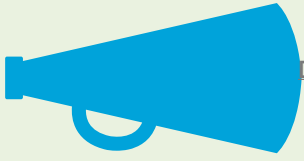
The youth theme of this message ends this month with Hallowe'en.



To all the kids out there, young and old(er), Happy Hallowe'en!

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RESOURCE LINKS



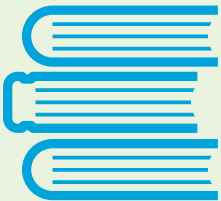
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COMMON ACRONYMS & abbreviations used in our organization

AG - Assistant Governor (formerly ADG)

APF - Annual Program Fund

COL - Council on Legislation

DDF - District Designated Fund

DG - District Governor

DGE - District Governor Elect

DGN - District Governor Nominee

DGND - District Governor Nominee Designate

DLS - District Leadership Seminar (was PETS)

EREY - Every Rotarian Every Year

FRP - Foundation Recognition Points

GRF - Golden Rainbow Fund

INTERACT - Rotary clubs for ages 14 to 18

MOP - Manual of Procedure

MUNA - Model United Nations Assembly

PDG - Past District Governor

PETS - President-Elect Training Seminar

RFE - Rotary Friendship Exchange

PHF - Paul Harris Fellow

PHF+ - Paul Harris Fellow Multiple Recognition

PROBUS - Professional and Business (Club)

RI - Rotary International

ROTARACT - Rotary clubs for age 18+

ROTEX - Rotary Exchange returned students

Rtn - Rotarian

RC - Rotary Club

RCWW - Rotary Club of Winnipeg West

RFSM - Rotary Foundation Supporting Member

RI - Rotary International

RIP - Rotary International President (*gotcha*)

PRIP - Past Rotary International President

RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards summer

TRF - The Rotary Foundation

VLTT - Vocational Leadership Training Team (or VTT)

WCS - World Community Service

YEP - Youth Exchange Program

PLAN AHEAD

October 4

DG Team Chats

October 7

**District Talk Show
'Our Image Matters'**

October 13

District Board Meeting

October 18

DG Team Chats

October 24

World Polio Day



ROTARY minute

You are invited to the **October 7 Talk Show**. The format is a little different this time.

At **7:30 PM CDT (6:30 PM Sask.)**, we will open chat rooms for fellowship. At 6:50 PM, we will ask you to discuss and make notes on two questions regarding District Conference 2023: 1. In Person, Virtual or Hybrid? 2. How long a conference is best for you?

At **8 PM (7 PM Sask.)** District PI members Ken Singer and Ron Nordstrom will present on "**Our Image Matters**"

Ken Singer's presentation will deal with (a) the importance of and (b) the guidelines for using our Rotary visual branding correctly and consistently.

Ron Nordstrom's presentation is titled "Tools for Creating Visuals". He will give an overview of a few different tools available to create visuals, then focus on gathering assets and organizing color schemes for quick retrieval. Lastly, he will give an overview of Canva, one of the most popular online tools for creating visuals. (Please note, this is NOT a Canva tutorial.) This is just an overview of what Canva has to offer.

You **MUST** register in advance for this meeting. Here is the link to register. (You may have to copy and paste this into your browser)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcud-GtrjksHNbksoAWVsLmtmUVSMlkHkmO>

(This link will NOT get you into the meeting. After you register, you will receive a link to access the meeting)

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October's theme is:



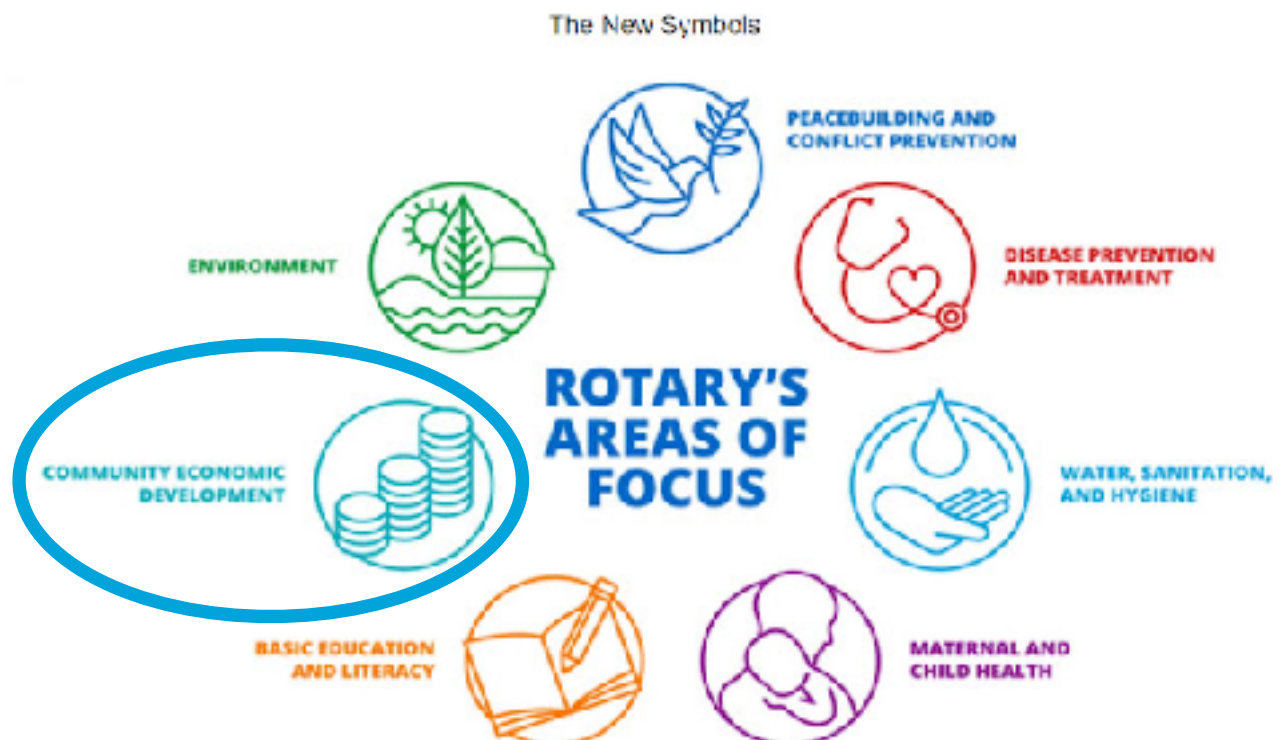
190 million people are funding their business endeavours through microfinance

BUT...

1.4 billion people — nearly half of them employed — live on less than \$1.25 a day

Economic and Community Development is one area of focus that Rotary has asked all clubs to focus on, especially in October.

What is your club doing?



Environment 1



The United Nation's [IPCC Report](#) bluntly states we are in a "Code Red for Humanity" right now. Our environment is being assaulted from every angle – arctic sea ice loss, glacial melt, permafrost loss, shifting ocean currents, boreal forest shifts, rainforest dieback, shifting monsoons, coral reef die-off – all leading to massive extinction events for wildlife and threatening humankind.

Those most unprotected, those with the least ability to be safeguarded, those whom we serve as Rotarians, these are the people who are and will be impacted the most. We cannot continue to say "Service Above Self" without committing to take action at this existential tipping point! Rotary is perfectly positioned to act: we are trusted, we have influence, and we can bring people and communities together.

As a leader in your district and in Rotary, please take this opportunity to voice your support for climate action. Sign the [Global Climate Pledge](#). Join the over 400 Rotary clubs and 275,000 individuals who have pledged to take action.

The [Rotary Climate Action Team \(RCAT\) Network](#) is a gathering of concerned Rotary clubs around the world focused on advancing four specific steps:

1. Committing to take action as a club and Rotarian,
2. Advocating for the environment through your local, regional and federal clean energy plans,
3. Undertaking projects that address key climate-specific issues, and
4. Demonstrating individual support through environmental action at home, in our businesses and in our club


The RCAT Network believes that Rotary is perfectly positioned to lead, by bringing clubs together by setting up club Action Teams, educating ourselves through club program speakers, sharing a [Global Forum](#), and supporting each other's projects. We have speakers on the third Thursday of every month and offer special programs as appropriate. In September and October we will be offering one hour webinars on Electric Vehicles ([EV101](#)) to support those interested in what might well be one of the positive tipping points to address the climate crisis.

Please take the [Pledge](#), support our 7th Area of Focus, set up Action Teams in your district clubs, and mobilize Rotary to be the leader amidst this climate crisis.

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For more information on RCAT Network <https://rcatnow.com/>



Supporting the Environment

is not new to many Rotary Clubs

[Watch the Video >](#)

The Environment is Rotary's newest area of focus.

"ESRAG" is the Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group

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
Gayle	Jones	Assiniboia, Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw Wakamow	Moose Jaw Wakamow
Leonard	Klassen	South Eastman, U of M Rotaract, Winnipeg-Charleswood, Winnipeg West	South Eastman
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



Rotary Service and Engagement
Joint service week



Joint Service Week: 10-16 October

Dear Rotary member,

I am excited to announce that Rotary International is partnering with our friends at Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, and Optimist International to increase our collective impact through community service.

[Celebrate Community](#) is a weeklong service event taking place 10-16 October. During this time, Rotary, Rotaract, Kiwanis, Lions, and Optimist clubs are encouraged to collaborate with one another to complete a service project that benefits the community. Work with your fellow service club members to determine how you can best help your community, such as:

- Cleaning up a park, highway, or waterway
- Planting trees
- Collecting nonperishable food for food pantries or clothing for homeless shelters
- Packing meals
- Harvesting a community garden
- Reading to children at the local library
- Volunteering at a local animal shelter

Whatever you choose to do, tell us about it! Tag @Rotary on social media to let us — and your neighbors — know how you're giving back and celebrating community through service.

Use the club finder tool on the [Kiwanis](#), [Lions](#), and [Optimist](#) websites to find a club near you.

I hope this is one of many opportunities for our four organizations to collaborate and serve. We all want to do good in the world, and we can do even more when we do it together.

Sincerely,

John Hewko
General Secretary
Rotary International

[Visit endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org)



Rotary  Join us for World Polio Day

**WORLD
POLIO DAY
IS 24 OCTOBER**

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What is a Major Donor and Arch Klumph Society Member?

Major Donor – The Rotary Foundation recognizes individuals or couples whose combined giving reaches US\$10,000, regardless of the gift designation. This recognition level can be achieved only through personal contributions. Major Donors may elect to receive a crystal recognition piece and pin(s) commemorating the gift at each new recognition level. Since Rotary's Major Donor recognition began there have been over 30,000 Major Donors.

Arch Klumph Society – Donors whose cumulative gifts total US\$250,000 or more are recognized as Arch Klumph Society members. Recognition includes an induction ceremony and your picture and biography in the Arch Klumph Society Interactive gallery at the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. Members also receive invitations to society events, along with membership pins and crystals that commemorate their giving level. Since the society's creation in 2004, there have been over 700 Arch Klumph Society members.

Are you interested in becoming a Major Donor or AKS member?



Key Messages to the District 5550 September 2021

1. HARASSMENT TRAINING

If you are a Director, Assistant Governor, Club President, Club Director or in any Leadership position in Rotary, DG Dan is highly encouraging you to take RI's Harassment training course. The course is online and can be done at your convenience.... Although sooner than later is ideal.

Why would we be encouraging you to take this training? If a harassment complaint is made, it's important that we deal with this promptly and correctly.

Link to My Rotary training course:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/login?destination=https%3A//my-cms.rotary.org/en/secure/application/519%3Fbypass%3Dtrue%26deep-link%3Dhttps%253A//learn.rotary.org/members/learn/course/575/preventing-and-addressing-harassment>

2. ROTARY & ELIMINATING THE EXISTENTIAL THREAT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

A Press Release provided by World Peace Partners Board of Director David Newman to encourage clubs to forward to their local media to publish. The media contact information for David is newman@pitblado.com

3. NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are fundamental values of Rotary International, Rotary District 5550 and likely your own club. As a Rotarian and your local club are encouraged to draw your local resident's attention to the national day for Truth and Reconciliation including Orange Shirt Day on Thursday, Sept 30/21.

The day has been created to give everyone an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools which more than 150,000 First Nations, Metis and Inuit children were forced to attend between the 1870s and 1997.



EMPOWERING GIRLS

One of Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's key initiatives during the 2021-22 Rotary Year is Empowering Girls. Zone 28's Carol Tichelman (IPDG - District 5050) and Zone 32's Mary Shackleton (IPDG - District 7230) have agreed to help me promote and implement this worthy initiative as Zone Ambassadors.

This initiative focuses on the empowerment of girls through club and district events and service activities, as well as through RI-sponsored events such as the Rotary International Convention, Rotary Day at the United Nations, presidential conferences, and Rotary Days of Service. Carol and Mary have provided further details regarding the initiative in their recent articles for Beyond Borders.

Carol, Mary, and their team are planning an exciting event for our Zones to celebrate the upcoming International Day of the Girl Child on 11 October. They will be reaching out in the coming weeks about the event, and how you, your District, and your clubs can increase the impact of our work together empowering girls. As the People of Action Campaign reminds us, **TOGETHER WE EMPOWER.**

[THIS BROCHURE \(click to view/download\)](#) provide an overview of the Initiative. Please do share it with others.



Youth to Youth Engagement



REGISTER FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!

We are very excited to be able to provide these high quality experiences for youth. If you are a high school student interested in expanding your cultural awareness, supporting good land stewardship and learning about traditional teachings, register for the events below!

OCTOBER 9, 2021 – Anishinaabe Plant Medicines Talk

Location: Live Online

Cost: FREE

Participants: Open to all youth Grades 9 – 11 across Canada

Register: <https://bit.ly/3BSnOvU>

Join Joseph Pitiwanakwat and Beedahbin Peltier for a virtual plant medicine walk! You'll hear about some key plants of the region, learn these plant names in Anishinaabemowin and have the opportunity to ask Joseph and Beedahbin questions about their work as traditional medicine knowledge holders.

SPRING 2022 – Spring Land-based Education Event

Location: TBA (Pending COVID Conditions)

Cost: FREE

Participants: Open to Youth Grades 9 – 11

Registration: To be announced

Join us this Spring for another opportunity to learn about Indigenous knowledge and how it connects back to the land. Exact topic and date to be announced.

Fall 2022 – In-Person Y2Y Camp

Location: Camp Kawartha (in-person)

Cost: FREE

Participants: Open to Regional Youth Grades 9 – 11, applications are invited and sponsorship is required

Attendance: Limited to 50 youth.

Requirement: Successful completion of Indigenous Awareness & Reconciliation Dialogue for Youth
(Preference will be given to those who attend pre-events listed above)

Registration: <https://honouringindigenouspeoples.com/reconcili-action>

This three day programs will provide participants with traditional Indigenous teachings from Elders and Knowledge Keepers within the Williams Treaty Territory. Youth will learn:

- Understanding treaties
- Harvesting local foods & medicines
- Local Indigenous culture & heritage

Zone TRF Gala 2022

Hi all;

Just a quick message to a few leaders in each district to ask for your help getting the word out:

(1) Please let your Rotarians know to **“Save-the-Date”** for our fundraising Gala **Wednesday 23 February 2022**. It will be similar to last year, with \$110 USD fee to participate that includes a fully-credited \$100 USD donation to the Foundation (75% Annual Fund / 25% PolioPlus). If Rotarians do not want to donate more than \$100, please ask them to consider waiting for the marketing launch in mid-November so that their donation will also get them admission.

(2) As event coordinator I would like at least one **District Gala Rep**, a contact person for each district who will receive regular updates and help promote the fundraiser within your own District. Please send me a name (or a few) and email when able.

(3) We have a fun kick-off planned for this year's event. Last year RI President-Elect Jennifer Jones hosted a “Red Carpet” where she chatted with many of the stars and dignitaries who were to be part of the show later. This year we will be opening with **“Rotary Tours the Zone”**, where a host will drop in LIVE on venues from Alaska to Bermuda, and points between! We will take applications from Rotarians all over and select as many as we can fit in this fun tour of our Zone. Any “hybrid” venue with 10+ attendees (all of whom will be registered for the Gala) will be eligible, from private homes to meeting rooms to banquet halls! More details will be provided to your Gala Rep when I have their contact info.

Attached a promotional graphic for the event that you may use in your district communications. Thanks for your help, let me know if you have any questions or you would like to help.

Regards
Peter

Peter Schultz, PhD
Rotary District 5060 Governor 2019-2020



Digital Literacy Project

“Teach a mother to teach the world” - Amarok Society

I first learned of this initiative during a presentation to my Rotary club by founders Dr. Tanyss and Gem Munro, who packed up their children in 2005 and moved from Vancouver, Canada to the slums of Bangladesh to improve the education of children. They quickly realized the key was to teach the mothers to teach their children. “If you teach a mother, she invests that learning back into her community. She'll use her empowerment to stand up for women's rights, children's rights, peace, and equality. She'll use her success to improve life for everyone in the slum.”

The last 18 months have shown us that fast-advancing digital technologies are transforming ways in which people work, live, and learn, and are generating new skill demands and lifelong learning needs. They are also influencing ways in which education and learning are organized and managed.

I recently had the opportunity to sit down with PRIP Wilf Wilkinson to discuss a new literacy program. In Wilf's presidential year of 2007 he added literacy as an area of focus for all clubs. He is now leading the effort to support a new literacy initiative to teach anyone with a digital device and Wi-Fi to learn to read. This new method is being adopted by the Amarok Society as they continue to teach the mothers to teach the children.

If your club or district is interested in learning more and supporting this critical program, please reach out to Sharon McConnell, Literacy Chair of the Rotary Club of Belleville, sharonmcconnell50@gmail.com

Valerie Wafer

Rotary International Director





Please help us promote the 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston!

[CLICK HERE](#) for the first Zone 28-32 newsletter promoting next year's convention. Please download and forward the newsletter to your club leaders, include in your district newsletter, and share with all of the Rotarians in your district. Please contact us if you need any additional materials or have questions

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