# 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 <u>'Magical Mystery</u> <u>Tour'</u> and meet the people with the <u>'Magic Touch'</u>.

# Welcome from District Governor Peter Tonge

I'm genuinely excited to share my journey as the new District Governor for Rotary District 5550 with all of you. Starting in July 2024 and throughout my year, you can stay tuned for insightful reflections, shared experiences, and the core of Rotary magic! In fact, that is the theme this year — The Magic of Rotary.

There is something magical about the impact of volunteering with Rotary. I've witnessed the transformative power and the positive impact it has on communities, both local and international, and I'm excited to have this space to bring you along.

Looking forward to engaging with you all and hearing from you about the ways Rotary has impacted your world. You can visit my District Governor website at www.rotarypeterdistrict5550.org to follow along!

-Peter Tonge



### MONTHLY FEATURE:

- Welcome from District Governor Peter Tonge
- A New Year Begins!
- Dauphin Welcomes Stephanie Urchick



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

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# A New Year Begins!

The Rotary year doesn't begin on July 1 for the incoming District Governor and the District Leadership Team. In the past few months, you may have chatted with the team and me at the District Leadership Seminar in Russell, the District Conference in Moose Jaw, or the centenary celebration in Estevan, each event in preparation for our new roles.

Now that the new year has begun, I am excited to work with all of you and your Clubs across the District. Together, we can positively impact our communities and expand our reach to areas where we have not worked before. Of course, Rotary is not all work. The best parts are the friendship and fellowship, like sharing an ice cream with Halifax Rotarian Louisa Horne.

As the new Rotary year gets underway, more travel is being planned. To learn more, watch this space!



Picture of Louisa Horne and Peter Tonge eating ice cream while sitting beside each other, looking happy.

### **District Meetings**

Check the calendar at <u>www.rotary5550.org</u> 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.



## The Magic Touch



Picture of Stephanie Urchick. She has blonde hair, a navy blazer and is smiling.

#### Dauphin Welcomes Stephanie Urchick

Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick will visit Dauphin, Manitoba, on August 5 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Dauphin. I am proud to welcome her to our District.

Stephanie Urchick is a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania. A Rotary member since 1991, Urchick has travelled to Vietnam to help build a primary a primary school and to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. She studies several Slavic languages, has mentored new Rotarians in Ukraine, and has coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant project in Poland.

Activities are planned for the day, including trail rides and city tours. The celebration dinner ends the day. For more information or to purchase tickets, please email dauphinrotary100@gmail.com.