

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 ['Magical Mystery Tour'](#) and meet the people with the ['Magic Touch'](#).



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

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Wave of Impact

Rotary isn't just about meetings and fundraising; it's about sparking meaningful change in every corner of our communities.

This October, I've had the honour of visiting some inspiring Rotary projects and meeting the passionate people behind them. Each stop has been a reminder of how Rotary's reach extends far beyond the tangible, creating spaces where people can dream, build, and connect.

Rotary connects us not only to each other but to the needs, hopes, and dreams of the communities we serve.

Every small contribution we make creates waves, often reaching farther than we know. I'm excited to share more stories of Rotary projects and the amazing people who make them happen. Thank you for being part of this journey!

-Peter Tonge



Photo of Peter Tonge with group of Rotarians.



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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The Tour Continues

In October, I had the pleasure of visiting a few Rotary Clubs, and it was inspiring to see the breadth and impact of Rotary’s work!

At the Rotary Club of Brandon and the Brandon Sunset Club, we explored the Book Palace—a bustling hub where volunteers sort and organize thousands of books for two annual book sales. These sales raise thousands of dollars for local community projects.

We also stopped by the Creation Nation Makerspace, a fantastic space filled with tools and equipment, where creators can craft high-quality, handmade goods.

Brandon is home to some amazing parks, too! Rotary has helped bring the community a Skateboard Park, a world-class Baseball Park, and the Riverbank Park with a BBQ shelter and accessible playground, making these spots ideal for all ages and abilities.

In Prince Albert, I got to experience the Rotary Trail, a beautiful loop around the city that offers a scenic route for walkers, joggers, and anyone on wheels. I also toured the Rotary Museum of Police and Corrections, as well as three seniors’ centers, all made possible through the generosity of Rotary members.

Seeing these places firsthand really drove home how much Rotary contributes to vibrant, inclusive communities everywhere!

Listen Now:

[I'm A Rotarian Podcast Season 10 EP.20](#) with District Governor Peter Tonge

District Meetings

Check the calendar at www.rotary5550.org 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

Meet Katrina Casulla, the Makerspace coordinator, who introduced me to an incredible project using Rotary-donated 3D printers to create custom components for adaptive toys.

These toys are designed to be safe and easy to use for kids with disabilities, and they’re a huge hit! Not only do they bring joy to the kids, but they’re also far more affordable than the commercial versions, which is a big relief for parents.

The Creation Nation Makerspace is a fantastic initiative that offers affordable access to a woodshop, apparel design tools, laser cutters, music recording equipment, and more.



Photo of Katrina Casulla showing a 3D adaptive toy.

And Brandon Rotary Club played its part! Seeing the tools we helped provide being used to make accessible toys for kids? That’s the kind of impact that hits home. (I’m not crying, you’re crying!)



Photo of Peter on an adaptive playground.



Photo of the Police and Correction Museum Sign

