

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'](#).



MONTHLY FEATURE:

- Rotary's Holiday Spirit Across the District
- Rotary Club's Impact this Season
- The Magic Touch - Meet Al and Karen Hoeft

Rotary's Holiday Spirit Across the District

Ho, ho, ho! Rotary clubs across our district have been spreading holiday cheer far and wide, channeling their inner elves to brighten the season for so many through acts of generosity, kindness, and community spirit.

From cozy coat drives and cheerful festivals to twinkling parades and thoughtful food hampers, here's a jolly roundup of the festive magic and heartwarming efforts created by our clubs to make the holiday season special for everyone.

-Peter Tonge



Photo of Winnipeg Assiniboine clothing drive



Photo of Moose Jaw Wakamow Club hampers



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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Rotary Club's Impact this Season

Winnipeg Assiniboine: This club collected winter clothing for the Bear Clan Patrol, turning frosty nights into cozy ones.

Weyburn: Weyburn Rotary sponsored the local carol festival, spreading joy with every note.

Saskatoon Nutana: They collected food bank donations, proving nothing warms the heart like a full tummy.

Flin Flon: Flin Flon threw a holiday party for seniors, bringing joy to the golden generation.

Estevan: Estevan lit up the Festival of Lights with a display that truly shined.

Dauphin: Dauphin Rotary packed and delivered food hampers, ensuring no one went hungry this season.

Portage La Prairie: Portage La Prairie's festive float lit up the Santa Claus Parade of Lights.

Melfort: Melfort Rotary sponsored the carol festival, filling the season with song and cheer.

Neepawa: Neepawa's float sparkled bright in the Parade of Lights, dazzling the crowd.

Moose Jaw Wakamow: They delivered food hampers, spreading hope and holiday joy to families in need.

Dryden: Dryden Rotary donated \$20,000 to the food bank—a true gift of holiday cheer!

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[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 Al and Karen Hoeft, a dynamic duo making a difference.

Both are Majors in the Salvation Army, and Al also serves as the President of the Regina Eastview Rotary Club. For them, the holiday season is the busiest time of year.

Throughout November and December, Al and Karen focus on supporting well-known Salvation Army holiday programs. From organizing food hampers for those in need to coordinating Toy Mountain and running the Christmas kettle fundraising campaign, their dedication shines brightly.



Photo of Al and Karen Hoeft

As club president, Al has also championed the relaunch of the Adventures in Agriculture program. The Regina Eastview Club strongly supports Rotary's youth initiatives, including the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and other "adventure" programs like Citizenship, Technology, Human Rights, and the Model United Nations.

Al and Karen embody the true spirit of service, spreading hope and opportunity wherever they go.

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Photo of Candice Odishaw from Saskatoon Nutana Club

*Happy
New Year*