

# 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:

- Bring Your Family, Bring Your Friends
- Upcoming District Conference
- The Magic Touch - Meet Wayne Jacobson

## Bring Your Family, Bring Your Friends

Rotary is about creating lasting change, and the more people who join us, the more we can accomplish. We encourage you to bring your friends, family, and colleagues to a Rotary meeting or event. It's a great opportunity to show them what Rotary is all about and how they can be part of a global network of individuals making a difference.

Whether they're interested in volunteer opportunities, personal growth, or expanding their professional networks, Rotary has something for everyone.

With your support, we can continue to grow our impact and reach more people who are passionate about making positive change. Our district is always hosting exciting events and initiatives, providing even more opportunities to get involved and make a difference.

Please invite those who might benefit from joining us, and together, we'll build a stronger, more inclusive Rotary community.

*-Peter Tonge*



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

### Contact:

Web:

[www.rotarypeterdistrict5550.org](http://www.rotarypeterdistrict5550.org)

Email:

[rotarypeter@shaw.ca](mailto:rotarypeter@shaw.ca)

## Upcoming District Conference

Please join me online on May 9th and 10th for our District Conference! Our lineup of inspiring, educational, and moving guest presentations will renew your passion for Rotary. Through connection and collaboration, our global network continues to make a difference worldwide, expanding our reach to create lasting change.

We will hear from international speakers, including:

- Christine Etienne – Rotary International Director
- Brian Rusch – Co-chair, Rotary International DEI Task Force
- Sarah Surani – Co-founder, She Is the Universe
- Isha Khan – CEO, Canadian Museum for Human Rights



Photo of Peter Tonge at computer

You can participate from the comfort of your home or by joining a watch party with fellow Rotarians. Many clubs across the District are hosting events. If you are organizing a watch party, please let me know so we can share the details!

For more information and to register, visit: [Virtual District Conference 2025](https://www.rotary5550.org)

## 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](https://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 Wayne!

Meet incoming District Governor Wayne Jacobsen, a proud member of the Rotary Club of Neepawa. Wayne has been involved with Rotary for more than 30 years, serving in nearly every leadership role in his club, including multiple terms as President.

Wayne is dedicated to strengthening our District and has been instrumental in supporting the creation of a satellite club in Neepawa, founded by a dynamic group of young women.

Wayne and his wife, Gwen, are passionate advocates for youth exchange and other Rotary youth programs. They have supported students in cultural exchanges, fostering global understanding and lifelong connections. Their dedication extends to mentoring young Rotarians and promoting opportunities for youth engagement.

As they travel across our District, meeting with clubs and members, please join us in welcoming them warmly!



Photo of Wayne Jacobsen