

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:

- The Heart (and Magic) of Rotary
- Kenora Supports the Rotary Foundation
- The Magic Touch - Meet Mike Mahon



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 Heart (and Magic) of Rotary

Rotary thrives on two powerful forces—service and innovation. By recognizing those who lead with compassion and drive meaningful change, we celebrate the spirit of humanitarianism.

Whether through local initiatives or global programs, Rotarians turn ideas into action, strengthening communities and shaping the future. Our collective impact grows when we support and inspire one another, ensuring that service remains at the heart of everything we do.

To continue this impact, join us in Calgary from June 21–25, 2025, at the **Magic All Around International Convention**. This gathering is an opportunity to connect, learn, and celebrate the power of Rotary's service and innovation. Engage with inspiring speakers, collaborate with fellow Rotarians, and explore new ways to create positive change.

Together, we can expand our reach and make an even greater difference. Registration details are at the bottom of this newsletter. See you there!

-Peter Tonge

Kenora Supports The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is Rotary International's charitable arm. Over 100 years, it has provided more than \$4 billion in grants for Rotary projects, funded by Rotarians' contributions. The Paul Harris Fellowship, named after our founder, honors those making significant contributions. Rotary clubs may also recognize community members who exemplify Rotary's ideals. Each fellow receives a lapel pin and certificate.

At Kenora's recent Paul Harris Fellowship evening, I was pleased to present fellowships to Daniel Raynard, a hockey organizer, coach, and former mayor, and Lillian Anderson, a wildlife rescuer and conservationist.



Group Photo from Kenora Rotary Foundation Event



Photo of Former Mayor, Lillian Anderson and Daniel Raynard

The Magic Touch - Meet Mike Mahon

Meet Mike Mahon, a proud member of the Rotary Club of Melfort and Chair of the Rotary District 5550 Youth Exchange Committee.

Mike was recently recognized at the North American Youth Exchange Network (NAYEN) conference in Mexico. The Dr. Abe Kuttathara District Innovation Award honors Rotary Districts whose innovations are unique, exceptional, transformative, and positively impact the Youth Exchange program.

Congratulations to Mike, the committee members, and all our Youth Exchange participating clubs. Your innovative work supports future leaders and strengthens Rotary in our District and around the world.



Photo of NAYEN conference in Mexico

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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.



Have You Registered?

If you haven't registered yet, join us for a transformative, one-of-a-kind event and experience the **Magic All Around 2025** Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada.

You can access all registration information here: [REGISTER](#)