

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:

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- The Magic Touch - Meet Nancy Cosway

Upcoming Virtual District Conference

For many, attending a conference remotely might be a new experience, and that is okay! Virtual events offer an accessible way to connect, learn, and engage without the need to travel. Our Virtual District Conference 2025 is designed to bring Rotarians from across the district together in an online space where you can hear inspiring speakers, participate in meaningful discussions, and celebrate our shared goals. If you have not tried a virtual conference before, this is the perfect chance to see how easy and rewarding it can be.

Joining remotely means you can attend from the comfort of your home or by joining a local watch party, saving time and travel costs while still enjoying the full conference experience.

We hope it will be a great opportunity to meet new people, exchange ideas, and stay connected to your Rotary community.

For more information and to register, visit: [Virtual District Conference 2025](#).

-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.

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120 Years of Rotary

Rotarians and Rotaractors from across Manitoba were welcomed to a reception at Government House in honour of the 120th anniversary of Rotary. Winnipeg holds a special place in the Rotary world, as it was the first club established outside the United States, making Rotary international.

In her remarks, Lieutenant Governor Anita Neville praised Rotary for its many years of work in alleviating poverty and disease, promoting literacy, and championing peace and a clean environment. She cautioned



Photo of Lieutenant Governor with members of the University of Winnipeg Rotaract Club

that in the current climate, where our social, cultural, and political norms are being tested, there will be an even greater need for organizations like Rotary.

I can only echo Her Honour's comments. I celebrate the work we have done together, but there is much more to do.

The Magic Touch - Meet Nancy!

Meet the Membership Chair from the Winnipeg Downtown Club, Nancy Cosway. For many years, Nancy and her husband, Frank, worked on development projects in Ghana. After settling in Winnipeg, they became members of the Winnipeg Downtown Club.

Nancy has held many roles in her club. Her work on membership this year is outstanding, making her club one of the fastest-growing in the District. Using social media and innovative events, Nancy has attracted dedicated, hard-working people to Rotary.

Her impact can be seen beyond her club as well. Nancy initiated the local 120th-anniversary celebration, bringing together clubs from across the city to honour Rotary's legacy and future. She partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to organize bed-building events, ensuring that children in need have a safe and comfortable place to sleep. Her commitment to service extends even further: for several years, she has spearheaded our district's participation in the Winnipeg Pride Parade.

Thank you for all the great work, Nancy!

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.



Photo of Nancy Cosway (left) with members of the Winnipeg Rotary Club.
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