



April 23, 2019

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**April 2019
Theme: Maternal and Child Health**

**Program Chair:
Peggy Clark**

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Apr 30	Larry Neely	Candace Odishaw	Bryan Tastad	Walt Pawlovich	<i>Adventures in Technology</i>	TBA	TBA

Announcements

- Adventures in Technology is taking place April 28th to May 3rd. The students will join our meeting on April 30. Please make sure to attend and make them feel welcome.
- Joe Dierker is sending out with this week's newsletter a questionnaire related to liquor sales at RibFest. All Rotarians who will be working at RibFest and asked to read and understand the responses to the questionnaire.
- Exchange Student Ludovica's fundraising Italy Night will be held on May 11. More information to follow.
- Thanks to Norm Woodcock for polishing the club's bell.
- Asit Sarkar circulated a signup sheet for the 5 Club Citizenship Ceremony to be held at the Travelodge on May 13. The ceremony will start at 5:15 p.m., with dinner to follow at 6:30. Cost will be \$25 per person. Potentially 75 new citizens will be sworn on that date. There will be no regular club meeting on May 14 to encourage attendance at the May 13 event.
- Jack Scott circulated an order form for new Rotary golf shirts and vests. Please let him know if you are interested in buying one or more.
- Will Grant announced that June 21 will be National Aboriginal Day. Our club's president, or designate, is asked to form part of the Honor Guard and all are invited to attend. Also, the Saskatoon Indian Métis Friendship Centre is seeking donations of coffee mugs.
- Soem members may have been receiving spam emails from what appears to be Bob MacGillivray's account. These are not coming from Bob and should be deleted.
- Candace Odishaw has complimentary meal cards available for those who want to bring a prospective member to a meeting. Every member is asked to bring one prospect to a meeting in the next month.
- Please approach prospective businesses for RibFest sponsorships. The sponsorship package is sent out with this newsletter. Please forward it to prospective sponsors. Please let Bryan Tastad know of any contacts you make so that we don't approach the same groups twice.
- Candace Odishaw prepared a new duty roster for January 1 - June 30, 2019 that is delivered with this newsletter. Please check your spots and arrange a replacement if you can't attend that day.

This Week's Program Highlights

Prelude - Larry Neely

Chair - Stan Garchinski

Desk - Randy Kutcher

Make Ups - None recorded

O Canada and Rotary Grace - Larry Neely plus *Red River Valley*

Greeter - Bob MacGillivray welcomed:

- New Rotarian and guest speaker Ajay Dalai and his partner Mita Dalai.

4 Way Test Song - Jim Gillis and Larry Neely

Program - Ajay Dalai - Biofuels Research



Following an introduction by Asit Sarkar, Candace Odishaw and President Stan formally inducted Ajay Dalai as our newest member. Ajay is Professor and Canada Research Chair in Bioenergy and Environmental Friendly Chemical Processes at the University of Saskatchewan College of Engineering. He first came to the university as a graduate student in 1986, then returned as a faculty member in 1996. He became a full professor in 2002.

Following his induction as a member, Ajay spoke about his work in the area of bioenergy production. Each year, Canada consumes some 40 billion litres of diesel - a fuel with high sulphur content that produces significant greenhouse gas emissions. However, the push to reduce the sulphur content in diesel fuels has its problems as a green solution: the removal process is energy-intensive, and the resulting fuel works poorly in a diesel engine. Ajay is developing new alternatives, including an environmentally friendly diesel fuel substitute from organic compounds. Working with low-grade canola, sunflower, rapeseed and linseed, he uses vegetable oils, alcohols and catalysts to produce biodiesel, which will be tested for its properties as a lubricant. Using low-grade oils like those from weather-damaged canola and mustard seeds, the technology will provide additional income to oilseed farmers and create a local processing industry in Saskatchewan. Ajay is also working on ways to create liquid fuel from waste products, to improve gasoline and diesel using environmentally friendly solids as catalysts, and to remove nitrogen and sulphur pollutants from petroleum fuels through a process called "hydrotreating." His work offers solutions that may prove critical to Canada's ability to meet its climate change targets. President Stan thanked Ajay for his presentation.

50:50 Draw - Lorne Braithwaite coordinated the 50:50 draw. Walt Pawlovich won the pot of \$23.

Cheer Captain Will Grant - After a brief and mostly impossible quiz, Captain Will called for happy and sad dollars.

Happy/Sad: Asit Sarkar for Ajay joining the club and also for a trip to the U.K. to see his ailing brother; Peggy Clark because an elderly patient drove through the window at the dental clinic; Larry Neely for the anniversary of surgery to remove a tumor from his thigh and for being cancer free ever since; Ed Pek for the lack of support for the RAP dinner; Bryan Harvey for Ajay joining the club and for the upcoming Citizenship Ceremony.

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