



April 4, 2017

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**April 2017 Theme:
Maternal and Child Health**

**Program Chair:
Bryan Harvey**

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Sgt-at-Arms	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Apr 11	Larry Neely	Candace Odishaw	Bryan Tastad	Walt Pawlovich	Helen Booker <i>Flax-Cinderella's underrated sister</i>	Bryan Harvey	TBA
Apr 18	Ed Pek	Lorne Richardson	Bryan Tastad	Asit Sarkar	<i>Club Assembly</i>	NA	NA
Apr 25	Jack Scott	Jack Scott	Bryan Tastad	Jack Shiffman	Randy Kutcher <i>Fusarium and you (AIT students)</i>	Bryan Harvey	TBA

Announcements



Welcome back to Banquet Supervisor Keppel Disney who was on the job after being away for several month due to illness.



Congratulations to Bill Sinnett who received his Paul Harris Award from President Peggy and TRF Chair Asit Sarkar.

- The five club electronic membership director has been completed and will be distributed with this newsletter.
- The District 5550 training assembly will be held at the Saskatoon Club on April 8, not the Park Town as previously announced.
- The Badge, Shield and Star Dinner, which supports the Restorative Action Program (RAP), will be held on April 12. Keynote speaker will be Fort McMurray Fire Chief Darby Allen. Tickets are \$125. They can be purchased from Ed Pek.
- Adventures in Technology is being held April 23 to 28. Billets are required for about 22 students from Ont., Man, Sk, Alta and BC. Responsible for initial airport pickup, breakfasts, morning drop offs, evening pickups. Contact Steven Wilson -306-956-3345, sjwlawoffice@shaw.ca. The AIT students will visit our club on April 25.
- On May 2, our club will host a joint meeting of the five Saskatoon clubs for a program related to

the Truth and Reconciliation report.

- On May 9, our club will host a Citizenship Ceremony.
- The District 5550 Conference will be held in Kenora on May 25-28. If there is enough interest a bus or vans will be chartered.
- The Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin will hold its annual Lobsterfest on June 3. Peggy will have tickets soon.
- Harold Chapman will be inducted into the Order of Canada on May 12. A banquet to recognize Harold will be held at McClure United Church on June 4. Reception at 5:30. Dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets \$35.
- The 100 years of Rotary in Saskatoon celebration dinner, featuring RI President Ian Riseley as keynote speaker, will be held on August 15. Tickets cost \$125 and are now available online at <https://www.picatic.com/SaskatoonRotaryCentennial2017>.
- Contact Lorne Richardson at 373-4685 with any information you have about the health and welfare of club members or their families. Lorne will arrange for an appropriate card or visit.
- Program chairs for the balance of the year are:
April - Bryan Harvey
May - Asit Sarkar
June - Candace Odishaw

This Week's Program Highlights

Prelude - Larry Neely

Chair - Peggy Clark

Desk - Boris Kishchuk

Rotary Dollars and Co-op Cards - Bill Sinnett

O Canada and Rotary Grace - Larry Neely plus *April Showers*

Make-ups - (Note: You will only be credited with a make-up if you record it on the make-up sheet.)

Visitors - Greeter Jack Scott welcomed:

- Alice Hanlin, guest of John.

Program - Ravi Chibbar - GMOs



Bryan Harvey introduced our own Ravi Chibbar, eminent scientist and holder of the Canada Research Chair in Molecular Biology for Crop Quality in the U of S College of Agriculture and Bioresources. Ravi's presentation, based on a book by the National Academy of Science, outlined the promises and prospects of genetically modified crops (GMOs). The world needs to increase crop production to feed a population that is growing due to natural birth rate and increasing average life spans. Since the 1990s, genetic engineering of plants has proven to be a useful tool for introducing specific characteristics, such as tolerance to certain herbicides or insecticides. The benefits include both increased yields and reduced use of herbicides and

insecticides. Ravi looked at several studies which show that the increasing use of GMOs has had no adverse impact on human health. In some cases, GMOs have directly benefited human health such as through the introduction of vitamin A into rice. Ravi noted that genetic engineering is just one tool in the effort to increase crop production and that traditional plant breeding techniques are still needed. The regulatory process for new GMOs is very long and expensive, so that only the largest firms can afford to do it. While this assures the public of the safety of GMOs, it also constrains researchers from smaller institutions from achieving the benefits available from genetic engineering. Asit Sarkar thanked Ravi for his presentation.

50/50 Draw - Lorne Braithwaite organized the draw. Kim Horan won the pot of \$24.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Sergeant-at-Arms Bob MacGillivray raised a surprising amount of money with questions related to RibFest. Happy/sad dollars included Ed Pek for seeing Alice Hanlin and because his daughter helped to organize the Juno Awards; Bryan Tastad for a trip to Edmonton; Bob Devrome for reaching the age of 26 in metric measure; and Larry Neely because he only had \$1 left.

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