



February 28, 2017

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**March 2017 Theme:  
Water and Sanitation**

**Program Chair:  
Lorne Braithwaite**

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Sgt-at-Arms	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Mar 7	Bill Christensen	Peggy Clark	Bryan Tastad	Asit Sarkar	TBA	TBA	TBA
Mar 14	Bob Devrome	Joe Dierker	Bryan Tastad	Stan Garchinski	TBA	TBA	TBA
Mar 21	Jim Gillis	John Hanlin	Bryan Tastad	Bryan Harvey	TBA	TBA	TBA
Mar 28	Eileen Harvey	Kim Horan	Bryan Tastad	Dorothy Hudson	TBA	TBA	TBA

**Announcements**

- President Peggy thanked Betty Ann Arscott for filling in as chair last week when Peggy was away in Mexico.
- Peggy advised us to be on alert for the ransomware computer virus.
- Betty Ann Arscott announced that RAP and the Saskatoon Council on Aging were partnering on a Seniors Tech Buddies program. Sessions will be held March 6 and 13 at Holy Cross and March 7 and 13 at Bethlehem high schools.
- 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 or online through Picatic.
- The District 5550 Conference will be held in Kenora on May 25-28. If there is enough interest a bus will be chartered.
- The Rotary Club of Saskatoon is planning a 100th anniversary event for August 2017. They have invited all city clubs to participate in order to make it a celebration of 100 years of Rotary in Saskatoon. The RI President will come for a dinner on August 17 and the club hopes to fund construction of a gazebo in Rotary Park. If you would like to be on the planning committee, please let Peggy know.
- Bill Sinnett has \$100 Co-op gift cards available.
- 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:  
 March - Lorne Braithwaite  
 April - Bryan Harvey  
 May - Asit Sarkar  
 June - Candace Odishaw

## This Week's Program Highlights

**Prelude** - Larry Neely

**Chair** – Peggy Clark

**Desk** – Betty Ann Arscott

**Rotary Dollars and Co-op Cards** – Bill Sinnett

**O Canada and Rotary Grace** – Betty Ann Arscott, followed by *Far Way Places*

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

**Visitors** – Greeter Jack Scott welcomed:

- Guest speaker Hassanali Vatanparast
- Former member Keith Downey

### Program - Hassanali Vatanparast - Health of Newcomer Families



Asit Sarkar introduced Hassanali Vatanparast, Associate Professor in the Department of Public Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan. Hassanali spoke about his research into the health of newcomer families, both immigrants and refugees. Surprisingly, the health of newcomers often declines after their arrival. Barriers to good health include level of familiarity with the health care system, gender issues, cost and language. Acculturation is the key to improving health outcomes and food security is one of the main areas of focus. The three critical paths to helping newcomers enjoy better health outcomes are research, adoption of policies based on sound research, and interventions when required. Walt Pawlovich expressed the club's thanks.

**50/50 Draw** - Lorne Braithwaite organized the 50/50 draw. Bill Christensen won the pot of \$20.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Sergeant-at-Arms Lorne Braithwaite opened with a humorous limerick and followed that with a quiz on Las Vegas. Happy/sad dollars included Ed Larkai for leaving early, Bill Christensen for winning the pot, Betty Ann Arscott for missing out on a new member who is joining the Saskatoon club, Walt Pawlovich for going to Disneyworld with his grandchildren. Lorne then auctioned off some chocolate poker chips, which were purchased by Hassanali.

## Board and Executive

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President - Peggy Clark

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Past President - Bob Devrome

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Secretary - Jack Scott

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