



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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Theme: Vocational Service

Program Chair:
Bob Devrome

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Sgt-at-Arms	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Jan 30	Candace Odishaw	Ed Pek	Bryan Tastad	Asit Sarkar	Sean Taylor <i>Saskatoon Search and Rescue</i>	Bill Christensen	Peggy Clark

Announcements

- Peggy Clark announced that a merger proposal will be emailed to members on January 30 for discussion at the meeting on February 6. A vote will be held after the discussion - there will be various means of voting so that all can participate. The proposal has already been presented to the other clubs.
- Candace Odishaw reported that, at the meeting on January 30, \$1,500 cheques will be presented to each of Cheshire Homes, Saskatoon Open Door Society, Dubé Centre, and Prairie Hospice Society. The media will be invited.
- The Badge Shield Star Dinner will be held April 12 at Prairieland. Proceeds support RAP.
- Candace Odishaw prepared the duty roster for January to the end of June which is attached to this newsletter. Please arrange a substitute if you are unable to make your shift.
- Program coordinators for the balance of the year are:
January - Bob Devrome
February - Lorne Braithwaite
March - Jim Gillis
April - Bryan Harvey
May - Asit Sarkar
June - Candace Odishaw

This Week's Program Highlights

Prelude - Larry Neely

Chair - Walt Pawlovich

Desk - Bill Christensen

Rotary \$ and Co-op Cards - Bill Sinnett

O Canada and Rotary Grace - Betty Ann Arscott plus *Flow Gently Sweet Afton*

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

Visitors - Greeter Boris Kishchuk welcomed:

- Guest speaker Jim Miller.

Program - Jim Miller - Steps to Reconciliation



Jim Blackburn introduced Jim Miller, professor of history emeritus at the U of S. Jim specializes in First Nations history. His latest book is *Residential Schools and Reconciliation: Canada Confronts Its History*. Jim explained that we are currently in a "Reconciliation Moment." Similar moments in the past have not resulted in the desired result but there is some reason to hope that this time it will be different. He traced the key steps that have brought us to the current reconciliation moment as follows:

- since the 1980s, we have been grappling with the fallout from residential schools;
- in the period 1986-98, all four religious denominations that participated in the residential schools issued formal apologies;
- the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People on 1992-96 generated lots of information but little action, except for the Aboriginal Healing Council started in 1998;
- an accumulation of litigation by residential school survivors forced the federal government to change its strategy resulting in negotiations for a settlement;
- the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement was reached in 2005-06;
- the Truth and Reconciliation Commission had an initial false start in 2008 but, after being reformed, went on to issue its report and 94 calls to action in 2015.

As a result of this chain of events there is a chance that this reconciliation moment may prove to be lasting. Boris Kishchuk thanked Jim for his presentation.

50/50 Draw - Norm Woodcock coordinated the 50/50 draw. Edwin Larkai won the pot of \$20.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Sergeant-at-Arms Larry Neely conducted a lucrative pop quiz. Happy/sad dollars included Candace Odishaw for a trip to Palm Springs and an upcoming furniture sale; Bryan Tastad for his brother-in-law Tom Molloy being named Saskatchewan's next Lieutenant-Governor; and Jim Blackburn for his annual trip to Arizona.

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