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## June 2020 Theme: Rotary Fellowships Month

**Program Chair:  
Stan Garchinski**

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
<b>Jun 23</b>	Boris Kishchuk	Randy Kutcher	Bryan Tastad	Bob MacGillivray	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Jun 30</b>	Peggy Clark	Michael Gramiak	Bryan Tastad	NA	Candace Odishaw <i>My Year as President</i>	TBA	TBA

### Announcements

- The club is meeting by video conference on Tuesdays at the regular time of 12 noon. If you have not been receiving the video conference invitations and would like to, please email [President Candace](#).
- President Candace reported that our first Scavenger Hunt fundraiser will be held on Sunday, June 21. Candace has arranged prize sponsorships from Battleford Furniture, Taverna and Venice House. Click here to see the full [rules and regulations](#).
- President Elect Lorne Braithwaite announced that we will meet every two weeks over the summer, beginning July 7. The meeting on July 7 will be a club assembly led by Lorne. Asit Sarkar agreed to arrange the program for the meeting on July 21.
- Dues for 2020-21 will be \$250.
- The Rotary Club of Saskatoon Riverside may resume in-person meetings soon. Our club will decide in September.
- Lorne Braithwaite will arrange a barbecue on the August long weekend at which we will be able to thank Candace Odishaw in person for her year as president.

### This Week's Program Highlights

**Chair** - Candace Odishaw

**4 Way Test Song** - Betty Ann Arscott

**Greeter** - We welcomed to the meeting:

- Guest speaker Preet Jain;
- Visiting Rotarian Vikram Jain (Preet's father);
- Daniel DeLury of the satellite club.

### Program - Preet Jain - Welcome to Canada

Stan Garchinski introduced Preet Jain, a young man from India now studying at the U of S. When Preet was planning to come to Canada, he had no contacts to help him get settled. His father Vikram, a Rotarian, emailed Stan, who was then president of our club, for help. Stan met Preet at the airport in January 2019, hosted him for the the first night, oriented him to the city, and maintained contact over the 15 months since he arrived. Preet spoke to the club about his impressions of Canada and the reception he has received. Some of his points were:

- Canadian cars have the driver's seat on the left hand side.
- Canadians are kind. Thanks to Stan for his hospitality!

- Canadians can be rude. They ask "how's your day going?" but don't stop to hear the answer.
- Canadians get their caffeine fixes at Tim Horton's. In India, people go to the tea stalls.
- Canada is almost a cash free society while India still uses mostly cash.
- Canadian buses are very clean and empty compared to those in India. They have no conductor so Preet didn't know how to stop the bus on his first trip.
- In India it is common to know every family in your apartment building but in Canada you may not know any of your neighbors.
- In India young people stay in their family home until they finish their education or get a job but Canadians often move out at a young age.
- Canadians don't care for much spice in their food. Also, many more people in India are vegetarians.
- Canadian health care is amazing!
- No one takes attendance at university in Canada, whereas in India your attendance is counted as part of your grade.
- All countries have different cultures and all should be appreciated!

Following Preet's presentation, his father Vikram talked about his Rotary club's projects which include an annual marathon. He wondered whether our clubs could work together on a water conservation project. President Candace thanked Preet and Vikram on behalf of the club.

**Cheer Captain** - Happy/sad dollars included:

- Several for Preet's presentation.
- Larry Neely for 29 years of retirement from TD Bank.
- Jack Scott for his golf winnings.
- Norm Woodcock for using the same ball for a whole round of golf.
- Randy Kutcher because he may be allowed to get back in the lab soon.
- President Candace for the upcoming Scavenger Hunt.

## Board and Executive

### Officers

President - Candace Odishaw  
 President-Elect - Lorne Braithwaite  
 Vice-President - Michael Gramiak  
 Past President - Stan Garchinski  
 Secretary - Jack Scott  
 Treasurer - Bob MacGillivray

### Board members

Administration-  
 Membership - Betty Ann Arscott  
 Projects- Randy Kutcher  
 Rotary Foundation- Asit Sarkar  
 Community Grants - Lorne Braithwaite, Peggy Clark  
 New Generations - Michael Gramiak

### Rotary International

RI President - Mark Maloney  
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