



Rotary



March 10, 2020

Editor: Bryan Tastad

March 2020 Theme: Water and Sanitation

Program Chair: Betty Ann Arscott/Asit Sarkar

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
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Meetings suspended until further notice due to the Covid-19 virus.

Announcements

- **Message from President Candace: With the current uncertainty of the Covid 19 (Corona Virus), the board has made the decision that it would be safest for our members to suspend all weekly meetings until further notice. I will keep you posted once a decision is made to continue meetings. All club members health and safety come first. Our website will also reflect the cancellation and I will have Bryan post on the site once we are scheduled again. Thank you for your understanding. Be safe and healthy. Hope to see you all soon.**
- Message from Jack Brodsky, President of the Restorative Action Program (RAP): The Badge Shield Star Dinner, RAP's major annual fundraiser, which was scheduled for April 8, , has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. Watch for more information.
- The new 5 club website is up and running at <http://www.rotarysaskatoon.ca>. Check it out and pass it on to your friends and associates.
- Treasurer Bob MacGillivray said we have to decide if we are going to apply for Saskatoon Co-op Gift Cards. We have to pay for the cards up front but make about \$1,000 on their sale (if they all go). Please let Bob know if you wish to buy Co-op gift cards.
- Monthly program chairs volunteered as follows: March - Betty Ann Arscott/Asit Sarkar; April - Michael Gramiak; May - Asit Sarkar; June - Stan Garchinski.
- Candace Odishaw and Lorne Braithwaite plan to attend the District Conference in Kenora, Ont. May 21-24. Why not join them?
- President Candace has complimentary meal cards available for those who want to bring a prospective member to a meeting.

This Week's Program Highlights

Prelude - Larry Neely

Chair - Candace Odishaw

Desk - Candace Odishaw

O Canada and Rotary Grace - Betty Ann Arscott

4 Way Test Song - Betty Ann Arscott, Jim Gillis and Stan Garchinski

Greeter - Bryan Tastad welcomed:

- Visiting Rotarian (Saskatoon Riverside) and Guest Speaker Fulgence Ndagijimana.

Program - Fulgence Ndagijimana - Burundian Refugees in Rwanda



Betty Ann Arscott introduced Fulgence Ndagijimana. Rev. Fulgence is the founder of the Burundian Unitarian Universalist Church and Vice-President of the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists. He founded the first Unitarian Church in Burundi in 2002. In November 2015 during a period of unrest in Burundi, Fulgence was imprisoned for suspected support of opposition parties. He was taken from his church office by members of the intelligence service and detained for nine days. During this time he was physically beaten and thought he would be killed. He was rescued by members of the police force but then was charged with funding criminals and money laundering. He was freed after an international campaign of letter writing and petitions. He now lives and preaches in Canada but continues to support Burundian Unitarians in Burundi and in various refugee camps through international fundraising.

50:50 Draw - Lorne Braithwaite coordinated the 50:50 draw. Asit Sarkar won the pot of \$21.

Cheer Captain - Norm Woodcock conducted a quiz on the Juno Awards. Happy/sad dollars included: Norm Woodcock and Jim Blackburn for the Huskie Women winning the national basketball championship; Larry Neely for meeting Gladys 58 years ago to the day.

Board and Executive

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Vice-President - Michael Gramiak
Past President - Stan Garchinski
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Membership - Betty Ann Arscott
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Rotary Foundation- Asit Sarkar
Community Grants - Lorne Braithwaite, Peggy Clark

New Generations - Michael Gramiak

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District Governor - Fred Wright

Assistant Governor - Asit Sarkar

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