



ROTARY:
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DIFFERENCE

May 1, 2018

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Theme: Incoming Officers

Program Chair:
Asit Sarkar

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Sgt-at-Arms	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
May 8	Stan Garchinski	Jim Gillis	Bryan Tastad	Dorothy Hudson	<i>Citizenship Ceremony</i>	TBA	TBA
May 15	Boris Kishchuk	Larry Neely	Bryan Tastad	Ed Pek	Leanne May <i>Child care at Saskatoon Open Door Society</i>	TBA	TBA
May 22	Asit Sarkar	Candace Odishaw	Bryan Tastad	Jack Scott	Rob Norris <i>International Election Observer</i>	TBA	TBA
May 29	Jack Shiffman	Bill Sinnett	Bryan Tastad	Paulina Cholango Martinez	<i>Visit to Oskayak School</i>	TBA	TBA

Announcements

- Our club will host a Citizenship Ceremony on May 8. Please be there on time as the door will be closed at 12 noon when the ceremony begins. Our own Bryan Harvey will preside!
- A funeral mass to celebrate the life of former member Ted Fortosky will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 211 Avenue 0 South, Saskatoon. There will be a luncheon in the parish hall after the funeral, followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.
- Peggy Clark has tickets for the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin's annual Lobsterfest, to be held on June 2. Tickets are \$75, which includes a \$45 charitable donation for which you get a receipt. Lobsterfest is a fundraising opportunity, as our club gets to keep the \$45 charitable portion from every ticket our members sell. The Meewasin club also needs help with staffing the event. Shifts are only 45 minutes long and will include things like cooking and serving steak and lobster and selling tickets. If we help at Lobsterfest, Meewasin members will be sure to help at RibFest.
- So that the meeting doesn't go too long, we are serving the meal at 11:45 a.m. If you have thoughts about this or other means to shorten the meeting time, please pass them on to Walt or another board member. On May 2 the meeting ended around 1 p.m.!
- Dorothy Hudson has a work commitment that keeps her from attending Tuesday meeting, so she is trying to set up an evening social event for members and partners sometime in May. Watch for more information.
- The district conference will be held in Regina May 24-27.
- We will visit Oskayak School for our May 29 meeting.
- 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:
May - Asit Sarkar
June - Candace Odishaw

This Week's Program Highlights

Chair – Walt Pawlovich

Desk – Jack Scott

Rotary \$ - Bill Sinnett

O Canada and Rotary Grace – Norm Woodcock and Jim Gillis shared responsibility for leading the singing of O Canada and Rotary Grace. We await the return of the piano.

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 Jim Blackburn welcomed:

- May Henderson and Will Grant from the Saskatoon Indian Métis Friendship Centre;
- new member Michael Gramiak;
- Grant Devine.

Program - Bob Devrome - Reconciliation and Rotary



Asit Sarkar introduced our own Bob Devrome.

You can see the full text of Bob's presentation at the end of this newsletter. Kim Horan thanked Bob for his presentation.

50/50 Draw - Lorne Braithwaite coordinated the draw. Bill Sinnett won the pot of \$22.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Sergeant-at-Arms Bryan Tastad paid tribute to the late Jeannie Walters and levied fines related to golfing, biking, loss of past president's pins, and musical instruments. Candace Odishaw auctioned six cookbooks for \$20 each. Happy/sad dollars included Eileen Harvey for Jeannie Walters and Betty Ann Arscott for Bil Christensen conducting Jeannie's service; John Hanlin for the loss and recovery of his name badge; Joe Dierker for his birthday; Jim Gillis for not being able to sing basso profundo; Jack Scott for golfing; Bill Sinnett for his and Gail's 57th anniversary; Candace Odishaw for a trip to Las Vegas; Norm Woodcock for O Canada (sad); and Will Grant for the exuberant welcome.

Board and Executive

Officers

President - Walt Pawlovich
President-Elect – Stan Garchinski
Past President - Peggy Clark
Vice-President –
Secretary - Jack Scott
Treasurer - Bob MacGillivray

Board members

Administration- Peggy Clark
Membership - Candace Odishaw, Betty Ann Arscott
Projects- Randy Kutcher, Bill Christensen
Rotary Foundation- Asit Sarkar, Stan Garchinski
RI President - Ian Riseley
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Other News

May 1, 2018 RECONCILIATION & ROTARY - By R. J. Devrome

Asit asked me to address several different topics, which I will attempt to do ending up with bringing them all into one package that can include the role Rotary can play. In other words how Rotary can get involved.

The topics Asit noted, or questions he asked me to discuss included, one, a description of Reconciliation Saskatoon, provide an overview of the discussion so far, with other clubs about the possible role of Rotary in reconciliation, and provide some ideas on what our club can possibly do on a regular basis.

First of all, Reconciliation Saskatoon, has grown out of an initiative at City Hall, with a strong linkage to the Office of the Treaty Commissioner and currently involves about 58 different organizations in Saskatoon. Those organizations include, but are not limited to, church organizations, the civic, health and police sectors, the Saskatoon Foundation, STC and Metis representation, and residential school survivors Rotary is the only service club represented and active in Recon. Saskatoon.

In terms of organization it is headed by Giles Dorval, from the City of Saskatoon, with support from the OTC. Perhaps you will remember Giles presentation here on January 9th, when he described the activities being promoted by the City, Reconciliation Saskatoon being one they are involved in. Also, it should be remembered that Mayor Clarke has personally taken on responsibility for the Reconciliation portfolio.

Reconciliation Saskatoon is also directly involved in organizing local events like the Aboriginal Day Walk, on June 21st.

The initial effort to support the 94 Calls to Action from the Final Report of the TRC came from our Club in 2016. Following approval by the Nutana Board, the "discussion paper" was taken to President's Council, where it was adopted. The first order of business was a five Club luncheon to introduce the subject of the TRC report and calls to action. Nutana organized that event in early April, 2017, with Rhett Sangster, from the OTC, as our guest speaker. If you remember Rhett is also

a Rotary Peace Scholar.

Rhett gave a description of the Treaty areas in Sask., the state of education, the numbers of Residential schools and how the OTC was working in collaboration with the FSIN, the City and other groups to implement the calls to action of the TRC.

The foundations of the reconciliation framework are best described in the TRC final report as follows:

"A reconciliation framework is one in which Canada's political and legal systems, educational and religious institutions, the corporate sector and civic society function in ways that are consistent with the principles set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which Canada has endorsed. Together, Canadians must do more than just talk about reconciliation: we must learn how to practise reconciliation in our everyday lives - within ourselves and our families, and in our communities, governments, places of worship, schools, and workplaces. To do so constructively, Canadians must remain committed to the ongoing work of establishing and maintaining respectful relationships."

The role of Rotary, and any possible connection it can have to the objectives and intentions of calls to action is probably best described in a discussion paper tabled with civic and OTC representatives on October 31, 2017:

*"In preparation for this gathering we thought that two sources of guidance could focus our discussions and direct our future relationships. The first reference was that of the symbol of the **Seven Flames** portrayed on the cover of the Final Report of The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and how they represent the sacred teachings of truth, humility, honesty, wisdom, respect, courage and love. The second source of guidance came from the objectives, tests and codes of **Rotary International**. The motto of Rotary is 'service above self' and as a method to accomplish that goal Rotary has a Four-Way Test, and those are the questions of the things we think, say, or do: 1) Is it the TRUTH?; 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?; 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?; and 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? Taken together, these teachings and guides can form the foundation, or principles, of a working relationship."*

Asit's final instruction to me was to provide some ideas of what Nutana Rotary can do on a regular basis. Before doing that perhaps it is important to recount the large number of programs and projects that Nutana Rotary and the other four Rotary clubs in Saskatoon have done, and are doing, that very clearly fall within the reconciliation framework I cited earlier. To mention a few, Rotary is currently associated with St. Michael's School, Oskayak High School, Camponi Developments, Princess Alexandra School, St. Mary's School, the Restorative Action Program, Syrian Refugees, the Open Door Society, Prairie Hospice, Citizenship Court and Human Justice Programs, to name a few. And these are just ones that occur at the community level. Also, last fall Nutana Rotary became the first Rotary club to designate one of the Board positions as being responsible for TRC activities. Others, I believe, have since followed.

One of the benefits of partnering in the RAP this year was being able to organize a workshop with Kevin Lamoureux for representatives from the Open Door Society, the SPS, SFD, the health and civic employees and Rotarians. This event was opened by Knowledge Keepers who were introduced with the proper protocols. The proceeds from this venture will be managed by Nutana on behalf of all five clubs and will be used for joint activities associated with reconciliation.

Also, over the past months, in addition to the input from Giles Dorval, we have had Jim Miller speak of his work and writings on reconciliation, Gordon Martell explained to us the new directions being taken by the Greater Saskatoon Roman Catholic Schools and Larry Chartrand, from the Native Law Centre, spoke of the constitutional and regulatory challenges facing the Canadian nation.

Asit must have been psychic, or he was reading my mail, when he asked about what we as Rotary can do on a regular basis to support calls to action in the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. On April 19th, 2018, that's this year, at our Board meeting I put forward for consideration the idea that we "reference all appropriate TRC calls to action for all First Nations/Metis activities supported by and recognized by Nutana Rotary." The outcome is that I will develop a paper on the subject for consideration by the Board. In that paper I will, for example, make specific

reference to C to A #93 for inclusion in our citizenship court presentations. C to A 93 states ... p. 337.

In addition, I will where the information is available include the policies of other institutions that, together with Rotary principles, will strengthen relationships through mutually supportive and collaborative arrangement.

Anyway, that's it! If you have any questions if I can't answer them ask Asit.