



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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May 2018
Theme: Incoming Officers

Program Chair:
Asit Sarkar

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Sgt-at-Arms	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
May 29	Jack Shiffman	Bill Sinnett	Bryan Tastad	Paulina Cholango Martinez	<i>Visit to Oskayak School</i>	TBA	TBA

Announcements

- **We will visit Oskayak School for our May 29 meeting.**
- A social night for members and partners will be held on June 15 at 6 p.m. at Manos. Please let Dorothy Hudson know if you and your partner can attend. Email Dorothy at [mailto:Dorothy Hudson \[dhudson1@shaw.ca\]](mailto:DHudson1@shaw.ca).
- The district conference was held in Regina May 24-27. Our club won awards for literacy and Saskatchewan service.
- 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 Kiwanis Club of Saskatoon invites you to join them on Tuesday, June 12 at the Bessborough beginning at 12 noon. His Worship Mayor Charlie Clark will speak about service clubs in Saskatoon. Our regular meeting will go ahead as planned.
- By a show of hands we decided to go back to starting the meal at 12 noon, but will try to start the program earlier so that we finish in good time.
- President Walt read a letter from the Rotary Club of Kyiv, Ukraine, inviting us to join them in a joint project. The club's top project is the Bloodmobile, the vehicle that is delivering blood and plasma to hospitals in the East of Ukraine.
- Nutana Rotarians and family members are invited to attend Boris Kishchuk's launch of his new book – POSSESSIONS: Their role in Anger, Greed, Envy, Jealousy and Death, to be held on Tuesday May 29, 2018 at McNally Robinson Booksellers – 3130 8th St. E at 7:00 PM. Coffee and cookies will be served. Please see article at the end of the newsletter for details.
- 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 – Asit Sarkar

Rotary \$ - Bill Sinnett

O Canada and Rotary Grace – Norm Woodcock

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

Visitors – Greeter Candace Odishaw welcomed:

- Guest speaker Rob Norris.

Program - Rob Norris - Election Observer in Lebanon



Asit Sarkar introduced Rob Norris, former Saskatchewan MLA and cabinet minister and now the U of S's Senior Strategist - Partnerships. Rob spoke about his experience in observing the May 6, 2018 election in Lebanon as part of a team organized by the National Democratic Institute of Washington. Rob had previously served as an observer of the 2014 election in Tunisia and agreed to go to Lebanon with only three weeks' notice. The purpose of international election observers is to help to ensure that elections are conducted fairly, the goal of a secret ballot is observed, and to reassure local voters that their democracy matters to the rest of the world. After landing at the airport, Rob and his team had three days of briefings prior to the election. His team comprised two international observers, a local expert, and a driver familiar with the area. Since Lebanon had not conducted a general election in 10 years, many of the procedures had to be relearned. Rob had a dicey moment when a local leader demanded that Rob delete a picture that he took of an election poster placed near a polling station. Rob complied and the election poster was taken down. In the end his team filed only one report on an irregularity in the area it covered. The Lebanon election was encouraging with voter turnout similar to Saskatchewan and 80 female candidates. Rob said it is important for the world not to turn its back on any region attempting to practice democracy. Michael Gramiak expressed the club's thanks.

50/50 Draw - Lorne Braithwaite coordinated the draw. Jim Blackburn won the pot of \$17.

Sergeant-at-Arms - Sergeant-at-Arms Jack Scott conducted quizzes on the Royal Wedding and Rotarian Magazine. Shamefully, we did a lot better on the Royal Wedding. Happy/sad dollars included Asit Sarkar for being late for desk duties; John Hanlin for his and Alice's 57th wedding anniversary; Candace Odishaw for attending the Fearless Women's Summit; Jim Blackburn for a trip to Emma Lake; and Norm Woodcock for his and Sharon's 53rd anniversary.

Board and Executive

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President - Walt Pawlovich

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Secretary - Jack Scott

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Membership - Candace Odishaw, Betty Ann Arscott
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District 5550 <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/home.aspx?did=5550>
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Other News

McNally Robinson Booksellers and DriverWorks Ink

are pleased to present

Boris W. Kishchuk

launching

Possessions

Their Role in Anger, Greed, Envy, Jealousy, and Death

Tuesday, May 29th at 7pm

Travel Alcove

Celebrate the Saskatoon launch of Possessions with Boris W. Kishchuk.

Basic possessions such as food, shelter, and clothing are essential to our daily well-being. Possessions posits that when we attain more than the essentials, life becomes complicated and there is more room for harmful behaviours to arise. Author Boris Kishchuk examines how possession, in its various forms, affects people and society, particularly in the negative sense. The interplay between possessions and anger, greed, envy, jealousy, and conflict is examined by way of historical examples, including those of murder and war caused by the pursuit of more possessions or territory.

Boris Kishchuk was born and grew up in small-town Saskatchewan and attended the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. His first three books – Long Term Care in Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Crown Corporations, and Connecting with Ukraine – are centered on his home province. This book, Possessions, is more reflective in nature, exploring why we do things that are destructive to ourselves and to others. Boris lives in Saskatoon with his wife Marie.