



October 2, 2018

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**October 2018**  
**Theme: Community Development**

**Program Chair:**  
**Ed Pek**

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
<b>Oct 9</b>	Bryan Tastad	Lorne Braithwaite	Bryan Tastad	Indian Métis Friendship Centre	Kevin Waugh <i>MP Report</i>	TBA	TBA
<b>Oct 16</b>	Peggy Clark	Kent Creelman	Bryan Tastad	Bob Devrome	<i>Club Assembly - RibFest</i>	TBA	TBA
<b>Oct 23</b>	Joe Dierker	Jim Gillis	Bryan Tastad	Michael Gramiak	<i>St. Frances School</i>	TBA	TBA
<b>Oct 30</b>	John Hanlin	Bryan Harvey	Bryan Tastad	Kim Horan	TBA	TBA	TBA

**Announcements**

- Peggy Clark reported that the merger committee recommends the proposal to merge Saskatoon's five Rotary clubs be deferred at this time. See the full report under Other Business at the end of this newsletter.
- President Stan thanked Ed Pek and Grant Devine for volunteering to serve on the 5 club Public Information Committee; and Norm Woodcock on the Pavilion Committee. Stan is still looking for a volunteer to serve on the 5 Club Adventures in Technology Committee. It will be our club's turn to lead the AIT program in 2021.
- Will Grant invited members to attend the Soup Cook-off to be held at the Saskatoon Indian Métis Friendship Centre on October 25. You will be able to sample all the soups for only \$5, with funds raised going to the centre's supper program.
- The RAP AGM and 15th anniversary dinner will be held on November 22 at The Glen at Crossmount (south on Hwy 219). All Rotary clubs are asked to cancel their regular meetings for that week to encourage attendance. The AGM will begin at 5 p.m. with the dinner to follow at 6 p.m. There is no cost for the AGM. Dinner tickets cost \$50.
- Jack Scott asked for volunteers to help work at the Enchanted Forest, which will run from the end of November to early January. The club receives \$5,000 for operating the entrance gate.
- Candace Odishaw prepared a new duty roster that is delivered with this newsletter. Please check your spots and arrange a replacement if you can't attend that day.

**This Week's Program Highlights**

**Prelude** - Betty Ann Arscott

**Chair** - Stan Garchinski

**Desk** - Jim Blackburn

**Rotary \$** - Bill Sinnett

**O Canada and Rotary Grace** - Betty Ann Arscott plus *Autumn Leaves*

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

**4 Way Test Song** - Jim Gillis and Betty Ann Arscott (Jim's song is now spreading to other clubs!)

**Visitors** - Greeter Norm Woodcock had no guests to welcome but we sang for Bill Sinnett who had been away for a while due to illness.



*Candace Odishaw and President Stan inducted Grant Devine as the club's newest member.*

**Program - Grant Devine - This is My Life**



Ed Pek introduced Grant Devine, the club's newest member.

Grant said he grew up in an atmosphere where his grandparents voted CCF provincially and Progressive Conservative federally and his brother ran for the Liberals. He despairs when he sees how vicious politics is becoming, especially in the United States but to some extent in Canada as well. Grant received a B.Sc. in Agriculture degree specializing in Agricultural Economics in 1967 from the University of Saskatchewan, an M.Sc. specializing in Agricultural Economics in 1969 from the University of Alberta, an M.B.A. from the University of Alberta in 1970, and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Ohio State University in 1976. He returned to the U of S as a professor in the 1970s before entering politics. Grant's experience meeting with farmers across the province led him to believe that Saskatchewan was missing the boat - that it could add value to its abundant resources and become much more than an exporter of raw materials. He took these views into the political arena, becoming leader of the provincial PCs in 1979 and serving as Premier from 1982 to 1991. Grant counts among his government's achievements the Saferco fertilizer plant, Canada's first two heavy oil upgraders, the Prince Albert paper mill, the new Agriculture Building at the U of S, Ag West Bio, the agreement for treaty land entitlement, and the creation of PotashCorp, Cameco and Wascana Energy. He is one of only two non-aboriginal Saskatchewan people to be made Honorary Chief. Walt Pawlovich thanked Grant for his presentation.

**50/50 Draw** - Jim Blackburn coordinated the draw. Jim Blackburn won the pot of \$16.

**Cheer Captain** - Betty Ann Arscott quizzed us on the latest issue of Rotarian Magazine. Happy/sad dollars included Betty Ann for donated computer equipment making it to Ethiopia; Asit Sarkar for missing the next four Rotary meetings as he visits Bangladesh and India; Ed Pek for moving into his

new condo and his house not selling yet; John Hanlin because he couldn't find St. Anne School; Joe Dierker because his son-in-law in Ohio was seriously injured by a falling tree; and Kent Creelman for becoming a grandpa and for his wife's family in Indonesia being safe from the earthquake and tsunami.

## Board and Executive

### Officers

President - Stan Garchinski  
President-Elect - Candace Odishaw  
Past President - Walt Pawlovich  
Secretary - Jack Scott  
Treasurer - Bob MacGillivray

### Board members

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

### Rotary International

RI President - Barry Rassin  
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### Links

District 5550 <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/home.aspx?did=5550>  
Rotary International [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## Other News

### STATUS OF PROPOSAL TO MERGE SASKATOON ROTARY CLUBS

Work on a proposal to merge the five Saskatoon Rotary clubs has been ongoing since 2017. As you know, the initiative was undertaken by the Past Presidents and volunteers from each of the clubs who were concerned about the long-term viability of Rotary in Saskatoon. The proposal addressed the issues of governance and administration; member retention and recruitment; and the public image of Rotary.

Saskatoon Rotarians were provided an opportunity to vote on the concept of the proposal, and each club voted in favour of further developing the details of the merger concept. To gain additional input, a survey was conducted asking for comments and suggestions on the proposed merger structure.

In June of this year, Presidents' Council scheduled a strategic planning session for September 15<sup>th</sup> that all Saskatoon Rotarians were invited to attend. As a result of the then upcoming planning session, the Merger Committee informed the Presidents' Council that the Committee would await the results of the planning session to determine the next steps in the merger process.

The Merger Committee has recently met. Following examination and discussions of various options

for proceeding further with the merger proposal, the Committee decided to defer the proposal at this time, while the individual clubs pursue, develop and implement the suggestions discussed at the strategic planning session and endorsed by the Presidents' Council.

This was not an easy decision for the Merger Committee who has worked hard over the past couple of years in developing a structure that addresses governance issues and the issues of public image and membership. The members of the Committee are committed to the future of Rotary and ask that every Rotarian become engaged in working with their clubs to grow and strengthen Rotary in Saskatoon.

However, with the Merger Proposal being deferred for now, there are several legal matters that all clubs should address. These have been researched extensively by Joe Dierker and he made the following comments:

As it is uncertain of whether the proposed merger structure, or any merger structure for the five Rotary clubs will proceed shortly, I would recommend that attention be given to three broad areas for continued and focused review.

1. Have in place a process to review the structure by way each of the five clubs is organized and governed. There is significantly deficiency in both the charters and bylaws of the clubs and many are significantly out of date and not being followed. This may not seem important to members, but remember, both the activities and the governance of many of the clubs can be legally challenged.
2. Except for Nutana Rotary which is incorporated, the remainder of the Saskatoon Rotary Clubs are associational. This results in each member of each of those clubs holding personal liability for each of the projects engaged in by that Rotary club. During the course of the review, several of the clubs have responded by saying it has never been a difficulty, so why are we worried? Of course, you really only have to worry when you have the problem. In the case of the Saskatoon Club, it does own a subsidiary that was established that would permit it to have a legal structure around its projects. However, in practice, the subsidiary is not used. My understanding from my work with RI in this project is that RI is in fact recommending (for new clubs) incorporation under non-profit legislation.
3. Charitable funds. The Saskatoon Club and the Meewasin Club have incorporated charitable funds with the broadest of legal registration with CRA. Nutana has a contractual fund with limited capacity purpose and limited CRA registration. The North Club and the Riverside Club have no charitable fund structures. This can restrict the fund-raising activities of these clubs. The Saskatoon Fund has a corporate structure and bylaw that is significantly out of date and in fact, is legally limiting the governance of that fund. It would be useful that there be some report to the clubs of the work done to review these matters. The Meewasin Fund may or may not have bylaws, none were available for review. It is incumbent on every individual Rotarian to actively participate in the initiatives that strengthen and grow Rotary in Saskatoon.

Merger Committee Members