



Saskatoon Nutana  
**Rotary**  
 Club



April 11th, 2023

**April 2023 Theme:  
 Environment**

**Program Chair:  
 Peggy Clark**

Date	Rotana Editor	Attendance	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
April 18	Norm Woodcock	Peggy Clark		Dinner at Sask Polytechnic		
April 25	Norm Woodcock	Peggy Clark	Norm Woodcock	Erin Berger Foodbank	Peggy Clark	Betty Ann Arscott

## OPENING

President Candace welcomed all members to the Parktown, guest of Nuru, Hannah Aboli Enti- Brown, A Rotoractor from Nepal Kayla Bendari and our speaker Prem Sharma.

We were reminded that we are on Treaty 6 territory and land of the Metis.

A video led the singing of O Canada and the 4 Way Test song.

## CLUB BUSINESS

- The Badge and Shield Dinner is being held April 20<sup>th</sup> at Prairieland Park. Profits from the event help fund the RAP program. The evening honours members of the Saskatoon Fire Department, Saskatoon Police Service and Medavie for their service. Guest Speaker will be Russel Merasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan. Members of the public will also be recognized for their contributions to the three services. Tickets are \$125 each with a portion being tax receipted. Candace is the club contact for this event.

- The packing session for the Food Bank was held Tuesday AM with Candace, Kim, Jim G., Joe, Dorothy and four members from the Open Door Society present.

- Peggy has organized a function at Sask Polytechnic for club members and partners. 22 attendees are confirmed. The culinary and hospitality programs are showing off their skills at a five course sit down meal on April 18<sup>th</sup>. This is an evening function and takes place instead of our regular noon meeting. Please arrive at the function between 5:30 and 6:00 PM. Peggy will email further instructions

- Meewasin Club Lobsterfest is on May25th, Save the date.

## **PROGRAM.**

Peggy Clark introduced our speaker Prem Sharma. Prem is a Rotarian from the Saskatoon Club. Prem came to Saskatoon from Nepal in 1999. Prem operated a pharmaceutical business prior to coming to Canada. Prem began work with the City of Saskatoon in 2001 and is a Level 4 Water Treatment Plant operator. The topic of Prem's presentation is "Reaching the Unreachable, Teaching the Unteachable"

Rural and remote Nepal is severely poor and marginalized due to treatment of ethnic and lower caste populations in the past. Annual household income is less than \$1000/family with a school drop out rate approaching 40%

The need for interventions to improve outcomes for the school children is evident. The Saskatoon Rotary club developed a project through World Community Service to strengthen the capacity of community public primary school for basic literacy of marginalized, underprivileged children in a rural/remote village in Nepal.

Through consultation with villagers in Nepal it was determined the interventions were to reduce the dropout rate and to improve the basic literacy.

The actions to achieve these goals were:

- lunch program for children so parents can work more
- encourage older siblings to go to school
- Increase enrolment rate 35%
- Reduce dropout rate.

Through donations from individuals, Rotary Clubs in Saskatoon, personal donations, and partnerships the following outcomes were achieved:

- reduction in dropout rate by up to 35%
- enrolment rate increased up to 40%
- basic literacy for all children
- lasting improvement in their livelihoods
- better working opportunities for parents

The project has been expanded to include funding for additional teachers, other schools, school uniforms and scholarships to upgrade teaching skills.

Some water treatment equipment has to be delivered on foot over very rough terrain. This was something Prem performed on his trips to Nepal.

Prem was thanked for his presentation by Jack.

## **CHEER CAPTAIN**

Asit asked a series of questions about important dates in April such as the birth of Buddha, Earth Day, World Book Day, Nepalese New Year and others. Everyone had to pay for this knowledge.

Happy/Sad Dollars were donated by Jim B.,Peggy, Betty, Norm and Asit. The Foundation thanks you all.

**The next meeting at the Parktown Hotel is on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The meeting for April 18<sup>th</sup> is cancelled due to the social at Sask Polytechnic.**

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