



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



April 19, 2022

**April 2022 Theme:
 Maternal and Child
 Health Month**

**Program Chair:
 Peggy Clark**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Desk	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
April 26	Norm Woodcock			Kim Horan	Carol Cooley, Jana Sampson New Public Library	Peggy Clark	Betty Ann Arscott

OPENING

President Michael called the meeting to order at 12:04 by acknowledgement that WE LIVE ON TREATY 6 TERRITORY, HOMELAND OF THE METIS” and welcomed all members and guest. Mike also thanked all those who directly contributed to the meeting today.

We were led in “O Canada” and our “4 Way Test Song” by youtube videos

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mike announced that there will be no ribfest this year due to the unavailability of rib vendors.
- Nominations are open for new board directors. If you are interested contact Mike or Lorne.

PROGRAM



Dorothy Hudson introduced Andrew Allsop, Vice President of NASHI as our guest speaker.

In 2004 two women from Saskatoon heard a presentation about human trafficking in Edmonton They were disturbed by what they had heard and were determined to do something about this problem. Along with several friends they formed a group named NASHI (pronounced “Nawshi”) which is the Ukrainian word for OURS.

NASHI is an entirely volunteer non-profit organization who is addressing the issue of human trafficking locally and globally. NASHI is a Canadian Registered Charity (#853912194RR0001). NASHI has 2 primary goals. The first is to educate people about human trafficking by providing forums and workshops nationally and internationally. The second goal was the building of

a safehouse for at risk young girls in Ukraine. The Maple Leaf House is a live-in facility that provides shelter, food and a home environment for up to 20 girls. NASHI is committed to educate these girls until they can become productive members of their society.

NASHI'S MOTTO IS: DO SOMETHING

NASHI continues to be completely volunteer based, with no salaried employees or directors. All the work is done by a small non-salaried Board plus a core of members and volunteers. As the Maple Leaf House grows to it's capacity of 20 girls, continued fundraising to covers the operating and maintenance costs, as well as to provide post-secondary education for the girls. Just like our own children, these girls are NASHI's responsibility until they are employed and able to care for themselves. There are girls ranging from 5 to 16 years old, so some will be NASHI's responsibility for more than 15 years. The annual Perogy Paradise will continue to act as the main fund raising event, with 40% of the proceeds covering operating expenses. The remaining 60% of proceeds and 100% of all donations continue to be directed to the projects. Sustainability via monthly giving initiatives need your involvement.

At the beginning of the war in the Ukraine it was decided to move the girls under NASHI care away from the war zone. This was accomplished and the girls are now in Poland in school and under care at another facility. Maple Leaf House is being used as a resting place for women and children refugees who are fleeing the war zone.

NASHI's current annual budget is \$95,000 which is all obtained through donations and fund raising activities.

In the Ukraine there are 750 orphanages housing approximately 105,000 children. This is not sustainable and the facilities are all currently under funded. The war exacerbates the situation and NASHI's efforts and similar programs are very much needed.

Andrew said that worthwhile organizations for donations to help in the Ukraine are Stream of Hopes, World Kitchen and NASHI. Donations can be made through the respective websites or CANADA HELPS.

Asit Sarkar thanked Andrew on behalf of the club. The club will be making a donation to Read Saskatoon to mark this presentation.

CHEER CAPTAIN

Bob MacGillivray asked numerous questions related to the current Jeopardy continuing series with a Canadian winner. Fines were self assessed based on whether or not one watches Jeopardy. The fine total was substantial.

Happy/Sad \$ were given by Candace, Asit, Jim G. Peggy, Boris, Jim B., Karol, Mike, Lorne, Norm.

Next meeting is **April 26, 2022 on Zoom.**

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