



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



April 6, 2021

Editor: Jim Blackburn

April 2021 Theme: Maternal and Child Health

**Program Chair:
 Mike Gramiak**

Date	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
April 13	Jim Blackburn	Ed Larkai	Agnes Allen – Saskatoon Tribal Council programs for mothers and children	Mike Gramiak	Betty Anne Arscott
April 20	Jim Blackburn	Robert MacGillivray	Sarah Pannel – “Healthy Mother, Healthy Baby”	Mike Gramiak	Jim Blackburn
April 27	Jim Blackburn	Larry Neely	Lindsay May – District Governor of District 9685 in Australia	Mike Gramiak	Ravi Chibbar

Announcements & Program Highlights

President Lorne called the meeting to order at Noon and welcomed all members present as well as guests, Karol Komar and Ulf & Maj Bergman. Karol is a current member of the Rotary Club of Brampton, Heart Lake. Karol has just recently retired to Dundurn with his wife and is looking to join one of the Saskatoon clubs. He read about the Easter egg hunt and was quite interested in our activities and how active we are in the community. Welcome Karol and we hope we can convince you to join us!!!!

Ulf & Maj Bergman are living in Stockholm, Sweden where he is an active Rotarian. Nearly 30 years ago, Shirley and I (Jim B) had the opportunity of living in Stockholm for a year, working on a research project with Ulf.

Lorne thanked all the members contributing to the meeting today.

“WE LIVE ON TREATY 6 TERRITORY, HOMELAND OF THE METIS”. Betty Arscott played and sang “O Canada” and the Rotary 4-Way Test song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Easter Egg Hunt, plus private donations, raised \$2,000 for breakfast programs in the community. We had 46 teams participating and almost 100 bags of chocolate went out. We received good exposure through Global and CTV. We also received great feedback from participants. Candace thanked all those that participated and indicated that she would be developing a sponsor’s page on our website. Battleford Furniture, Candace’s brother’s business, donated \$500.00 and Asit Sarkar donated a \$100.00. Although the first year didn’t raise thousands of

dollars, it got many families out and brought additional exposure to the club being out in the community.

Jack Scott indicated that plans are looking promising for holding a “Ribfest Drive Thru” this summer. Jack and the Ribfest team is working with the Ribbers to get things organized.

Guest Speaker – Mike Gramiak

As our Incoming President, Mike attended the recent District 5550 Leadership Seminar. The seminar focused on the District’s strategic plan; learning from other clubs; how does each club fit in the District’s eyes and how we should build our legacy.

The strategic plan goals include eliminating or decreasing child poverty (every child must have nutritious food, potable water, clothing, good health and education), membership (how do we better engage our current members, maximize each other’s strengths and disguise each other’s weaknesses, how do we ensure people aren’t left out), public image and PR (develop multi-club websites to spread the word, how do we distinguish Rotary from other service clubs) and developing an effective leadership team (how do we identify leaders and encourage new leaders with leadership skills development).

The district needs to enhance opportunities to learn from other club’s successes with more sharing and greater emphasis in developing our future leaders.

Mike commented on how our club is viewed in the District’s eyes. Our 4-way test song has received wide publicity and is being used by clubs across the country. Our Corporate membership category with the inclusion of the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre and satellite club at the University were also highlights. Having a young leader in Mike is probably our biggest step forward!!

Jack thanked Mike for his presentation and how proud we are to have Mike in our leadership role.

CHEER CAPTAIN – Boris

Cheer Captain Boris chose the theme of Nutana Rotary History and asked a series of questions that most members, including Past Presidents did not do too well with (ie. Year we were founded 1961-62; why are we called Nutana? Various fund raising activities – YMCA Walkathon, Exhibition Parking, Beaver Creek, Meewasin Trail, Medical Equipment to the Ukraine, Meals on Wheels, New School built in Haiti, etc. Mike answered the important question – which of our members was president twice – His Grandpa Bill! The following members donated Happy Dollars – Candace, Betty, Jim B, Jack, Jim G, Bob MacG, Mike, Joe, Kim, guest Karol, Larry, Lorne, etc.

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Administration- Peggy Clark

Membership - Betty Ann Arscott Projects- Randy Kutcher

Rotary Foundation- Asit Sarkar

Community Grants - Lorne Braithwaite, Peggy Clark

New Generations - Michael Gramiak

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