



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
Club



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IMPACT**
Rotary

August 18, 2026

**September 2026
Theme:
Basic Education and
Literacy**

Program Chair:

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Sept 01	Norm Woodcock	Kim Horan	Dorothy Hudson	Club Assembly The Year Ahead		Preet Jain
Sept 15	Norm Woodcock	Derek Kerr	Bob MacGillivray	Al Hiebert Glass Blowing		Candace Odishaw
Sept 22				Rotary Peace Plaza Peace Prize Brick Dedication		
Sept 29	Norm Woodcock	Walt Pawlovich	Jack Scott	TBA		Norm Woodcock

OPENING

Kim Horan chaired the meeting and called for order. Kim thanked those helping out at the meeting, Candace, Norm, Jim G. and Candace. Guests at the meeting were Vanessa O'Malley, our speaker and Tejal Damani, Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Bayview. Kim reminded us "We are on Treaty 6 Territory, Homeland of the Metis". Jim G. led the singing of "O Canada" and the "Four Way Test Song".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Candace circulated a sign up sheet to help out with stuffing back packs for the Salvation Army on Sept 25th.

- Membership dues are payable to Bob MacGillivray effective July 1st. Membership fees are \$250/year. The meal charge is \$25.
- Karol will speak to the results of the membership questionnaire at the Club Assembly on Sept 01..
- The Peace Plaza Event is being held Sept 22. Dorothy Hudson is the champion of the event and has done many of the preliminary contacts. Club assistance is needed for many items so please help when Dorothy asks.
- A sheet was circulated for people to seek speakers for the rest of the meetings in 2026.
- Board Meeting 10:30 AM, September 01.,

PROGRAM

Dorothy introduced Vanessa O'Malley. Vanessa is a English as an Additional Language Specialist Teacher with the Saskatoon Public School Board at Nutana Collegiate. She has a Bachelors of Education from USask and a Masters Degree in Education from Murdoch University.



Vanessa's presentation was titled "Breaking Down Barriers to Literacy"

The purpose of the english literacy program is to help people become self-sustaining citizens of Saskatoon, Learning english, english literature and all of the nuances are keys to acquiring a well rounded education.

The students in the Nunavut literacy course are ethnically, culturally and linguistically diverse. They are primarily learning english as a secondary language and are completing their Gd 12. While they are primarily immigrants and refugees they are a highly motivated, capable and intelligent group of young people.

Learning english is difficult for people from a different culture and different language due to the many idiosyncrasies of the english language.

To facilitate learning, Vanessa is seeking funding for e-readers. The benefits of e-readers are: instant dictionary, translation support, vocabulary collection, annotation, adjustable font size, and highlighting.

Vanessa is seeking funding of \$1500 for the purchase of 5 e-readers and accesories

After questions and answers Vanessa was thanked by Jim Gillis on behalf of the club.

CHEER CAPTAIN

Deputy Cheer Captain Candace asked for Happy and Sad dollars. which were provided by Kim,, Walt, Candace, Jim G., Norm, Jim B., Bob and Betty Ann.

The next meeting is at Sports on Tap, Tuesday August 18, 2026.

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