



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



Aug. 2, 2022

Editor: Jim Blackburn

August 2022 Theme: Membership & Extension

Program Chairs: Jack Scott and Karol Komar

Date	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Aug. 16	Jim Blackburn	Jack Scott	TBD		Peggy Clark
Aug. 30	Jim Blackburn	Bob Devrome	Michiko Igarash Former Exchange Student Returns		Joe Dierker

Announcements & Program Highlights

President Candace called the meeting to order at 12:02 at Smiley’s Buffet and welcomed all members and thanked the members contributing to the meeting this afternoon. She played the computer edition of O Canada and the 4 way test song

“WE LIVE ON TREATY 6 TERRITORY, HOMELAND OF THE METIS”.

Candace noted that Boris Kishchuk has now been a member of our club for 55 years! Congratulations, Boris!!! Happy birthday to Jim Gilles and Ravi Chibbar celebrating birthdays in August.

Jack introduced our guest speakers: Doug Richardson, who has been a key supporter of VIDO over the years and has played a major role in the effort to make VIDO the internationally recognized research vaccine organization; and Dr. Trina Racine, the Director of Vaccine Development and a key leader in the organization. Prior to joining VIDO, Dr. Racine had extensive experience with Special Pathogen programs, the Ebola outbreak and other Public Health activities and organizations.

The expansion and growth of VIDO over the last few years has been outstanding with the largest containment laboratory (CL 3 AG Facility), housing for both small and large animal test facility. The VIDO Board of Directors is composed of outstanding research leaders from all parts of the world. VIDO is able to focus on research on all kinds of diseases, product development including an in house licensed GMP manufacturing, contract research with 100 small companies as well as knowledge sharing and training with facilities throughout the world. It focuses on human health and animal health including wildlife diseases, specifically chronic wasting disease. During the past 5 years, they have developed two new vaccines, received five major research and development awards and shared their expertise with 250 partners.

Their future goals include developing “variant proof vaccines” and their goal is to bring all aspects of this research “in-house”! They have put in a \$140 million investment in the past 2 years and they are actively mounting a fund raising campaign for a new level 4 containment facility. They welcome all Rotary organizations that may wish to support this venture. They have raised 8 of the 20 million dollars they are now seeking.

Lorne expressed the Club’s thanks for an outstanding presentation by Tina and Doug.

Jack and Karol described five service activities for consideration by our club:

- Saskatoon Food Bank food drum project
- Ukrainian Day in the Park Aug. 27
- Friendship Inn – serving breakfast or lunch
- Ronald McDonald House volunteering (needs some lead time)

Because of the lateness of the meeting Happy-Sad Dollars were provided by the two Jims, Kim, Peggy, Lorne, Jack, Bill and Dorothy. The balance of members were asked to provide \$3 as a minimum.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK. Please email Jack and Karol with your preferred service project(s) for August.

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