



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



December 5th, 2023

**December 2023 Theme:
 Disease Prevention and
 Treatment**

**Program
 Chair: Jim
 Blackburn**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Dec 19	Norm Woodcock	Derek Kerr	Karol Komar	Christmas Party (Bring Guests)		Dorothy Hudson

OPENING

Club Co-president Peggy introduced Guests Hyunjung Shin (former club member) and Arif Islam Ritu (returning guest).

Peggy followed the welcome with the acknowledgement of Treaty 6 and Homeland of the Metis. Jim Gillis led us in the singing of O Canada and the 4 Way Test song.

CLUB BUSINESS

- Today was “Giving Tuesday”. The designated project for the club is the Ripple Effect. This project aides children in Guatemala in getting an education. All Happy/Sad dollars given today will go to this project.

- Jack thanked everyone for signing up for the Enchanted Forest. He also noted that those who help are entitled to a free car pass to tour the displays. Let Jack know if you need a pass.

- Lorne Braithwaite indicated that all Salvation Army Kettle shifts are filled. One session has been complete with one to go(Dec. 9).

-Peggy noted that our Christmas luncheon will be December 19th for which you can bring guests. Meal will be turkey with desserts. Cost will be \$35. Numbers need to be in by December 12th so let Peggy know.

PROGRAM

Jim Blackburn introduced our speaker.

Prem Sharma is a native of Nepal and a member of the Saskatoon Rotary Club. He began working for the City of Saskatoon in 2001. Presently he is the Level 4 Water Treatment Plant Operator for the City. In Nepal he had multiple jobs and was a Clinical Pharmacist. Prem has volunteered for multiple organizations in the city, you might say he is a Serial Volunteer.

Prem is the Project Leader for a Rotary project in Nepal who's goal is to improve the literacy level for children up to Grade 5. The title for the presentation was "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 put 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 project has been expanded to include funding for additional teachers, other schools, school uniforms and scholarships to upgrade teaching skills.

To ensure sustainability for the projects other programs have been introduced including home grown meals, school supplies for children, lands and labour management, goat farming and land stewardship.

There are multiple revenue sources for the project in addition to Rotary. Notably the local Nepalese municipal government is contributing

Prem provided some pictures that illustrated the beauty of the countryside and the rough terrain encountered when supplying the rural areas.

On behalf of the club, John Hanlin provided an extended thanks to Prem for his presentation.

CHEER CAPTAIN

Kim Horan tested members for knowledge about other seasonal celebrations. Dorothy studied so knew all the answers the rest of us paid. Happy and Sad dollars were donated by Jack, Jim G., Jim B., Joe, Candace, Peggy, Asit, Dorothy and Nuru

The Christmas Party is December 19th at the Parktown at 12 noon.

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