



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



Feb 17th, 2026

**March 2026 Theme:
 Water, Sanitation &
 Hygiene**

**Program
 Chair:
 Karol Komar**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Mar. 03	Norm Woodcock	Joe Dierker	Stan Garchinski	General Assembly		Jim Gillies
Mar. 17	Norm Woodcock	Arif Islam	Dorothy Hudson	TBA		Derek Kerr
Mar. 31				St. Edwards School		

OPENING

President Kim Horan called for order and thanked Candace, Betty Ann and Jack, for helping out at the meeting.

Kim reminded us “We are on Treaty 6 Territory, Homeland of the Metis”.

Our guests today were Zach Dilli, Michelle King and a number of Rotarians from other city clubs.

Stan led the singing of “O Canada” and the “Four Way Test Song”..

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The District Leadership Conference is on March 27.

-The Rotary Club of Neepawa is hosting the 2026 Rotary District 5550 Conference” We Are All Canadian”. The conference is May 8-9, 2026 at Neepawa. Website: d5550conference26.weebly.com

- The club meeting on March 31 will be at St. Edwards School.

- Karol Komar reminded members of the club fund raiser in June, Cow Plop Bingo.

PROGRAM

President Kim introduced Michelle King who is the Executive Director of the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre (IMFC). Michelle has a B.Ed and MBA from Usask. She became Executive Director of IMFC in November 2024. Currently she is a sessional lecturer in Indigenous Studies at Usask, serves as Mayor of Clavet and is Vice Chair of the Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership Board.



The Saskatoon IMFC is at 168 Wall St. It has been in Saskatoon since 1968 and is part of the Canada wide network of Friendship Centres. The purpose of IMFC is to uplift the lives of indigenous people in the province.

The building is used for programming, funerals, weddings and for two winters a 6 PM to 11 PM warming space.

Michelle provided numerous anecdotes about experiences while working at IMFC and how it affected staff when it was being used as a warming centre. Staff have to deal with people who are destitute and unhoused. While there are cases of clients in extreme stress, most of the clients are well behaved and grateful. All of the staff are trained to use naloxone and could encounter up to 6 drug overdoses per shift.

Michelle thinks many of the societal issues surrounding poverty could be solved if all people could be properly housed. Housing is a provincial responsibility. Michelle observed that the numbers of unhoused skyrocketed when the Social Welfare payments for housing (\$475/mo) were directed to the client rather than the landlord.

This past year the IMFC developed its own Christmas program for the needy. Hampers included food, gifts and tickets for activities during the school break. This was successful and IMFC plans to t

c continue the program with more donors and sponsors. After a lengthily Q&A Michelle was thanked b Priscilla Mah from the North Club.

CHEER CAPTAIN

Betty Ann was our Cheer Captain and asked Rotary related questions from the Rotary magazine.. Betty Ann was astounded by the number of incorrect answers.

Happy/Sad Dollars were donated by Jack, Kim, Betty Ann, Jim Coulter, Karol and Norm. The Rotary Foundation thanks you.

The next meeting is at Sports on Tap on Tuesday March 3, 2026.

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