



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



February 28th, 2023

**March 2023 Theme:
 Water and Sanitation**

**Program Chair:
 Betty Ann
 Arscott**

Date	Rotana Editor	Attendance	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Mar 7	Norm Woodcock	Peggy Clark	James Gillis	Principal Oskayak High School Update (At Oskayak)		Mike Gramiak
Mar 14	Norm Woodcock	Peggy Clark	Dorothy Hudson	TBA		Derek Kerr
Mar 21	Norm Woodcock	Peggy Clark	Karol Komar	Claire Ochitwa YWCA Crisis Shelter and Residence		Bob McGillivray
Mar 28	Norm Woodcock	Peggy Clark	Candace Odishaw	Maureen Torr Joy's Centre		Nuru Nyoni

OPENING

President Candace welcomed all members to the Parktown and our guest speaker Dr. Amin Babaeghazvini. We were reminded that we are on Treaty 6 territory and land of the Metis.

Norm led the singing of our national anthem and the 4 Way Test song.

CLUB BUSINESS

- A 5 Club mixer has been arranged for March 25th at the Saskatoon Bridge Club at 3:30 PM. Bring \$10 and a potlatch item. Guests and partners welcome.

- Several members packed food hampers at the Food Bank on Feb 28th. A new record was set with 476 boxes packed. The next packing session is scheduled for March 28th at the Jasper Avenue location. Candace will send a reminder to the volunteers close to the work date.

- A Fireside chat has been organized for April 2nd at the Karol Komar residence (Blue Roof Acres). Details are attached.

- With sadness Candace noted the deaths of Don Somers, Rotarian from the Saskatoon Club and Bev Somerville an honorary member of our club.

- Today a cheque for \$1000 was presented to club member Nuru Nyoni for Truly Alive Youth and Family Foundation Inc. in support of their Black History Gala.

-Candace read an email from Brynn detailing Brynn's activities in Morocco. She has connected with two Rotary clubs in Tangiers who appear interested in helping with her projects. She will be staying in Morocco for another 2 months.

PROGRAM.

Asit Sarkar introduced Dr. Amin Babaeghazvini. Dr. Amin Babaeghazvini received his undergraduate degree in Tehran and his Doctorate at the University of Saskatchewan. His post-doctoral research is in bioplastics and the use of biodegradable waste for bioplastics.

The problem with conventional plastics is its proliferation through out the ecosystem and its long life. Conventional plastic is everywhere and only 10% of produced plastic is recycled. This circumstance gives opportunities to explore other alternatives to conventional plastics.

Research by Amin and others has demonstrated that development of bioplastics is feasible. Further research is being done so that the processes can be scaled up for commercial application. The first application that Dr. Amin and his associates have developed is glitter. Since this material is bioplastic it will be edible. There are a myriad of applications for this material.

Joe Dierker thanked Amin for his presentation and invited him back to explore this topic further.

CHEER CAPTAIN

Peggy Clark as cheer captain asked members questions based upon the current issue of the Rotary magazine. Happy/Sad dollars were contributed by Joe, Jack, Asit, Jim B. Nuru, Peggy and Betty Ann.

The next meeting is March 7th at Oskayak High School on Broadway Ave..

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