



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



Jan 06 th, 2026

**January 2026 Theme:
 Vocational Service**

**Program
 Chair:
 TBA**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Jan 20	Norm Woodcock	Candace Odishaw	Walt Pawlovich	TBA		Jack Scott

OPENING

President Kim Horan called the meeting to order and thanked Derek and Karol. for helping out at the meeting.

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

Our guests today were: Guests of Jim Blackburn.; Brady Blackburn, (Our speaker); David and Lariene Blackburn(Pa and Ma); Laurie Dmytryshyn(Auntie); Laurence and Chris Bertram; Andy Pawlovich, guest of Walt Pawlovich.

Jim G.and 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 Winnipeg has organized the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) every year since the first MUNA was held in Winnipeg in April of 1957. MUNA 2026, which will be hosted at the Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) in Winnipeg on May 1st and 2nd of 2026. Local clubs are requested to sponsor teams and contact the local high schools.
- Lorne received a thank you note from Angela, the Salvation Army Kettle Co-ordinator, for the clubs participation this year.
- The District Governor will be in Saskatoon on Feb 5 to meet with local clubs. Our club will meet with the North Club at their Feb 5th meeting to hear the Governor. Our Feb 2nd meeting will be shifted to Feb 5. There will be no club meeting on Feb 2.
- The Rotary Club of Neepawa is announcing the launch of their website for 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.

PROGRAM

Jim Blackburn introduced his Grandson Brady. Brady finished his senior year at Aden Bowman 1.5 years ago. He was an excellent student as well as Captain of the football and basketball teams. Brady wanted to realize his potential in football fully, so he went to American scouting combines in Texas and Arizona to display his talents. Athleticism is in his DNA as his Mom, Lariene excelled in track and his Dad was a sure handed, moderately fast receiver for the football Huskies.



In his freshman year Brady played in 7 games, last year, his sophomore year, Brady played in all the games. He recorded 5 TDS and 728 yds in receptions. At year end Brady was selected as the All Ivy League 2nd team wide receiver.

Brady proceeded to tell us his journey.

At the football camps Grady caught the eye of the Harvard scouts and was pursued. The whole process of recruiting was delayed and complicated by the hiring of a new coach by Harvard. Eventually Brady and his family had a visit from the Coach and in return visited the Harvard campus in Boston. After a nerve wracking wait he was notified he was a member of the Harvard football team.

Brady is studying Math in addition to playing football. Student athletes at Harvard get no special breaks at Harvard and are mostly ignored by the other student body. There are a wide variety of students at Harvard from different countries and ethnicities. Other

Canucks at Harvard include Mark Carney's daughter. There is obvious wealth on display. Brady caught a ride with a friend and was dismayed to see the Aston Martin being treated like a beater car.

Attendance at football games varies widely depending on the quality of the opponent but an average attendance would be 20,000. The highlight for the 2026 season will be the game against Yale which will be held in Fenway Park. The home game team dresses about 100 players and the travelling squad dresses 75.

The student body comprises 8,000 undergrads and 15,000 post graduates.

After many questions and answers and the Harvard fight song, Brady was thanked by Jim Gillis.

CHEER CAPTAIN

Karol Komar was our Cheer Captain and tested everyone with entertaining Xmas and New Years trivia and a math problem. Fine yourselves, be honest, you know nothing.

Karol received Happy/Sad Dollars from Jack, Peggy, Jim B.,Walt, Joe, Grant, Betty Ann, Kim. Candace, Stan, Derek, Jim G. Karol and Norm.

The next meeting at Sports on Tap is on January 20th, 2026.

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