



January 12, 2021

Editor: Norm Woodcock

January 2021 Theme: Vocational Service

Program Chair: Jim Blackburn

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Jan.19	na	na	Norm Woodcock	Ravi Chibbar	Scott Flory, Head Coach, U of S Huskies Football Team	Jim Blackburn	Jack Scott
Jan 26	na	na	Norm Woodcock	Peggy Clark	President Peter Stoicheff, University of Saskatchewan	Jim Blackburn	Asit Sarkar

Announcements

- Jack Scott reported that the Enchanted Forest had a record year in terms of number of vehicles going through the display, number of individuals viewing the display and total income. Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation and the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation share in the proceeds.
- President Lorne announced a Zoom board meeting on Jan 19 immediately after the regular noon meeting.
- Joe Dierker thanked Peggy Clark for her diligence in providing cleaning supplies and personal protective gear for those working the gate at the Enchanted Forest. This was an important but heretofore unacknowledged contribution. Good Job Peggy!!

This Week's Program Highlights

Chair –President Lorne Braithwaite opened the meeting by thanking everyone for signing on, thanking the various meeting helpers, giving special recognition our speaker Darren Fradette and acknowledging that we are meeting on Treaty 6 land and home of the Metis’.

Music –Betty Ann Arscott provided the vocal and piano accompaniment for O Canada and the 4-Way Test song. Betty Ann also accompanied those present for Happy Birthday for those members celebrating the anniversary of their birth in January, Bill Christensen, John Hanlin and Bob McGillivray.

Program – Darren Fradette, Principal, St. Frances School

Boris Kishchuk provided an introduction for Darren Fradette. Darren has earned degrees from the U of S; B.Ed, B.A. and a Masters of Education Administration. He has been employed by the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Board for the past 23 years and has been the Principal of St. Frances School for the past 6 years. As part of the introduction Boris reviewed Nutana Rotary Club involvement with St. Frances School over the past several years. Our club provided \$100,000 for the purchase of tablets to enhance the learning experience for the students at St. Frances.



Darren gave an overview of the changes at the school necessitated by the pandemic. St Frances is a two campus school with Gds 8 and 9 at the campus on Bateman Cres and K to Gd 6 being at the campus on McPherson. There are 580 students on site on any given day, many who arrive by one of the 20 buses. The safety protocols require strict separation of the various cohorts by bus and classroom throughout the day. There are designated washrooms, designated play areas and designated escorts. Many activities are on pause but they are still able to have field trips to school owned facilities and Beaver Creek. Many cultural activities have been cancelled and the only people allowed into the school are students and staff. The enforcement of the protocols has been very effective with only two positive tests since the onset of the pandemic. This necessitated the closure of the school for two weeks and online learning. There have been no instances of community transmission. Currently 150 students have opted for online learning.

Darren provided an update about the construction of a new St. Frances School. The project is currently in the design phase. This will be the first school designed around the Cree culture and Cree language. It will be a three story building located at Grosvenor and 7th Street. The facility will be designed for 700 students and is scheduled for completion in 3 years.

Darren noted, with great appreciation, that our club honored our commitment to them in spite of the pandemic and the lack of fund raising opportunities. The use of the tablets is especially important during the pandemic. St Frances has 300 tablets with about 80 being provided by Nutana Rotary funding.

Bob McGillivray thanked Darren on behalf of the club.

Cheer Captain –Walt Pawlovich cheered us up by asking a number of “easy” trivia questions. Easy for some, not so much for others

Happy and Sad \$ were paid by Bob McGillivray, Jack Scott, Jim Blackburn, Lorne Braithwaite, Stan Garchinski(brag \$), Asit Sarkar, Ravi Chibbar, Kim Horan, Larry Neely, Candace Odishaw, Jim Gillis, Mike Gramiak, Peggy Clark and Eileen Harvey.

The Nutana Rotary Foundation thanks you.

Next Meeting January 19^h 2021, Zoom style .

Thought for the Week: Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'

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