



Saskatoon Nutana  
**Rotary**  
 Club



Jan 14, 2025

**January 2025 Theme:  
 Vocational Service**

**Program  
 Chair:  
 Betty Ann  
 Arscott**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Jan 28	Norm Woodcock	Stan Garchinski	Jim Gillis	<b>Jasleen Kaur</b> Saskatoon FoodBank and Learning Centre	Betty Ann Arscott	Kim Horan

**OPENING**

Co-President Peggy welcomed everyone and reminded us that we were meeting on Treaty 6 Territory and Homeland of the Metis. Peggy thanked those who helped at the meeting today: Norm, Joe, Walt, Lorne and Candace.

Our guests were Peter Stoicheff, our speaker, and Alexandra Foster, Administrative Assistant to the President.

Stan and Jim G. led the singing of our national anthem and the 4-Way test song.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Peggy announced that the 60 + Hockey League donated \$200 to our club in memory of John Hanlin.

**PROGRAM**



Jim Blackburn introduced Peter Stoicheff, President of the University of Saskatchewan. Peter was a resident of Ottawa and Toronto. He obtained university degrees at Queens and his PhD in English from the University of Toronto. In 1986 he came to the U of S as a faculty member of the College of Arts and Science. He later became Dean of Arts and Science and in 2015 became the President of the University. Peter is in the final year of his Presidency.

Peter feels very fortunate to have been associated with this University since 1986. At that time jobs for people with his expertise were very scarce and there were plentiful candidates. Getting a job at the U of S was a coup.

There are 97 universities in Canada. All have excellent programs but only 15 have a unique combinations of professional colleges and schools, and of research level expertise. The U of S is one of those 15. There are 17 colleges and schools on campus attended by 27,000 students. While tuition has risen, the U of S levels are comparable to other Canadian institutions. A conscious effort is made to keep tuition levels low so as to not limit access to a quality university education.

The U of S has been active on the Reconciliation issue and there are 15% of the students self declared as First Nations versus 18% of the Saskatchewan population.

Eleven Rhodes scholars are awarded annually in Canada. In 2024 two Rhodes scholars were awarded to U of S students. This speaks to the quality of instruction and students at the U of S.

Two world class research facilities are at the U of S. VIDO and the Synchrotron attract world class researchers and significant research funds. These two facilities succeed because they are at a university and have access to diverse interdisciplinary expertise. The U of S is recognized as a powerhouse university in the world as demonstrated in the various university ranking systems.

The U of S is a community university in that it is seen with pride throughout the province. This pride is most evident in the support for the athletic programs and student athletes at Usask.

Joe Dierker and Walt Pawlovich each thanked Peter for his presentation.

## **PAUL HARRIS PINS**

Betty Ann and Peggy presented Paul Harris pins to Betty Ann, Candace, Jim G., Lorne, Dorothy, Asit and Norm

## **CHEER CAPTAIN**

Lorne helped us celebrate the birthdays of Bob MacGillivray and Bill Christensen. Lorne then asked a number of trivia questions about important dates in January; It was silly, fun and nobody had a clue.

Happy/Sad \$ were given by Jim B, Jack, Kim, Peggy, Bob Mac, Joe, Walt, Grant, Jim G., Stan, Betty Ann, Norm and Lorne.

“A smile is a curve that sets the world straight”

**The next meeting at Sports on Tap is on January 28, 2025.**

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