



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



January 24th, 2023

**January 2023 Theme:
 Rotary
 Awareness/Vocational
 Service**

**Program Chairs:
 Jim Blackburn
 and Walt
 Pawlovich**

Date	Rotana Editor	Attendance	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Jan 31	Norm Woodcock	Peggy Clark	Norm Woodcock	Tanya Baran – The Ukraine Situation	Walt Pawlovich	Asit Sarkar

OPENING

President Candace welcomed all members to the Parktown and reminded us that we are on Treaty 6 territory and land of the Metis.

Jim Gillis led the singing of our national anthem and the new misplaced clap 4 Way Test song.

Candace then welcomed guests Louise Rochon, Illa Sarkar, Bill Christensen, Edward Ermine(SIMFC) and member transfer Zibah Salaudeen (from Nigeria).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Candace and several members volunteered at the foodbank warehouse this AM and packed 325 boxes. There will be a club volunteer work crew working at the same location on the 31st. Let Candace know if you are interested
- Jim Blackburn visited Harold Chapman(106) at Sherbrooke and reported he was as sharp as usual.
- Karol mentioned the planned Fireside Chats will be held the week of March 26th.
- Candace encouraged members volunteer to help for the District Conference scheduled for May 11th to 14th.

PROGRAM.

Jim Gillis introduced our speakers from the Saskatoon Indian Metis Friendship Centre(SIMFC). Bill Dupre has been at SIMFC for three years. Prior to that he worked in the Prince Albert area for First Nations and First Nations affiliated groups. Edward Ermine will coordinate the food security facilities construction for SIMFC. Bill is a member of the Laronge Cree First Nation.

Bill spoke to the club about two recent initiatives by SIMFC, Food Security and Transitional Housing.

Food Security

SIMFC has leased land from the Meewasin Valley Authority on Valley Road. This property will be the location of two 23' x 49' greenhouses. The purpose is to grow produce for use in the SIMFC kitchen and as a learning opportunity for learn by clients. There will also be a opportunity on the property to observe indigenous plants and learn of their use. An additional component will be the construction of smaller greenhouses by SIMFC clients to be located adjacent to the downtown building. The clients will learn new skills and the produce will be used in the kitchen.

Transitional Housing

SIMFC has obtained 3 houses from the Saskatoon Housing Authority for us by the homeless so they may transition into a more permanent housing arrangement. Details of this programme may be seen in the attached pdf.

Bill also thanked the club for their donation of winter clothing for SIMFC clients. The need is continuous so there will always be a need, no one is turned away. SIMFC also provides winter and summer survival packs to select clients to help their clients survive the elements.

Dorothy thanked Bill on behalf of the club.

CHEER CAPTAIN

Asit asked questions about monthly themes for February and fined everyone for wrong answers. Happy/Sad dollars which were contributed by Asit, Walt, Karol, Betty Ann, Peggy, Jack\, Jim G., Dorothy and Candace.

The next meeting is January 31st at the Parktown.

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