



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



Jan 28, 2025

**February 2025 Theme:
 Peace Building and
 Conflict Prevention**

**Program Chair:
 Dorothy Hudson**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Feb 11	Norm Woodcock	Preet Jain	Dorothy Hudson	Gordon Taylor Salvation Army Homelessness	Dorothy Hudson	Arif Islam
Feb 28	Norm Woodcock	Derek Kerr	Karol Komar	Will Grant Meeting at St. Edward School;	Dorothy Hudson	Bob MacGillivray

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: Stan, Derek, Kim and Candace.

Our guest today is Jasleen Kuar, our speaker. A special welcome was given to member Zibah Salaudeen

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Peggy announced the passing of Neil Buechler, former member of the Saskatoon Club. Obituary will be in Saturday's paper.

-Asit announced that the Global Grant for the Ghana water project has been approved. The \$81,000 US project will provide potable water for 5400 residents and also provide 80 micro flush toilets. Local clubs, clubs from Michigan and Ghana and RI are providing funding. Good work Asit!

- Walt announced that the St. John Therapy Dog program had just certified several dogs and handlers so that they could work with children.

PAUL HARRIS

Peggy presented Kim Horan with his Paul Harris pin with two rubies

PROGRAM



Betty Ann introduced Jasleen Kuar, Program Director at Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre. She has been working with the food bank for over three years now and loves every minute of her work in the community and is passionate about the food bank deepening its impact in the community. She is an educator and trainer at heart. She has three university degrees and is a believer of lifelong learning, continuous improvement, open and growth-oriented mindset.

She has been a Saskatoon resident for 20 years.

Jasleen told us the Food Bank and Learning Centre is more than a source for emergency food supplies for those in need. There are many programs that aim to provide educational opportunities that promote self sufficiency for their clients. Jasleen gave an overview of this programming.

- Creating Opportunities- This programme provides 15 weeks of training; help in getting and maintaining a job and/or short workshops on a variety of topics.

- Community Volunteer Income Tax Programme- Over 5,000 individuals helped and about \$17,000,000 returned to the community

- Food Bank Programme – Usage keeps increasing, piloting an appointment system for pickups to avoid line ups, especially in cold weather.

-Clothing Depot- Clients allowed to select items for a nominal fee.

-Urban Agriculture – 1.5 acre Garden Patch provides 20,000 lbs of produce a year for the Food Bank hamper program.

Nutrition Programme – Cooking classes, food literacy and fitness

Volunteer Programme – Each month the Food Bank receives over 1500 hrs of volunteer service from the community.

Donations of food, clothing and funds are welcomed.

Kim Horan thanked Jasleen for her presentation.

CHEER CAPTAIN

Derek was a recent visitor to one of the Disney theme parks. In addition to enjoying the rides he lost and found his wallet (twice) and got trivia questions to ask the members about Disney. None were answered correctly.

Happy/Sad \$ were given by Derek, Asit, Candace, Dorothy, Betty Ann, Kim, Jack, Walt and Jim B.

The next meeting at Sports on Tap is on February 11th, 2025.

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