



Saskatoon Nutana  
**Rotary**  
Club



**CREATE  
LASTING  
IMPACT**  
Rotary

July 07, 2026

**July 2026 Theme:  
Maternal and Child  
Health**

**Program Chair:**

| Date    | Rotana Editor | Greeter       | Cheer Captain | Speaker/Topic                                          | Intro | Club Thanks        |
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| July 21 | Norm Woodcock | Jim Blackburn | Norm Woodcock | <b>Frances Meyer</b><br>Saskatoon Community Foundation | TBA   | Betty Ann Arcscott |

## OPENING

Karol Komar chaired the meeting and called for order. This is Karol's first meeting as our new President. There is a new Sheriff in town! Karol thanked those helping out at the meeting, Bob, Walt and Jack. . Guest at the meeting was Heba Ahmed, our speaker. Karol reminded us "We are on Treaty 6 Territory, Homeland of the Metis". Jim Gillis led the singing of "O Canada" and the "Four Way Test Song".

Karol gave special recognition to Kim Horan for his outstanding leadership during the past Rotary year. Kim's vision, dedication and commitment to our club and community have made an impact on us as Rotarians. Karol baked a special cake to commemorate this occasion.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Karol was recognized for his July Birthday
- Membership dues are payable to Bob MacGillivray effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Membership fees are \$250/year. The meal charge is \$25. Parking remains free.
- The Dolly Parton reading event was held at the Alice Turner Library on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Members who attended said it was an enjoyable event. Candace warrants special thanks for all her work associated with organizing the event.
- Karol announced the resurrection of the club bell and flag stand. There is no distracting glare from the bell.
- Karol will reveal the results of the membership questionnaire at the next meeting.
- The Peace Plaza Event is being held Sept 22. Dorothy Hudson is the champion of the event and has

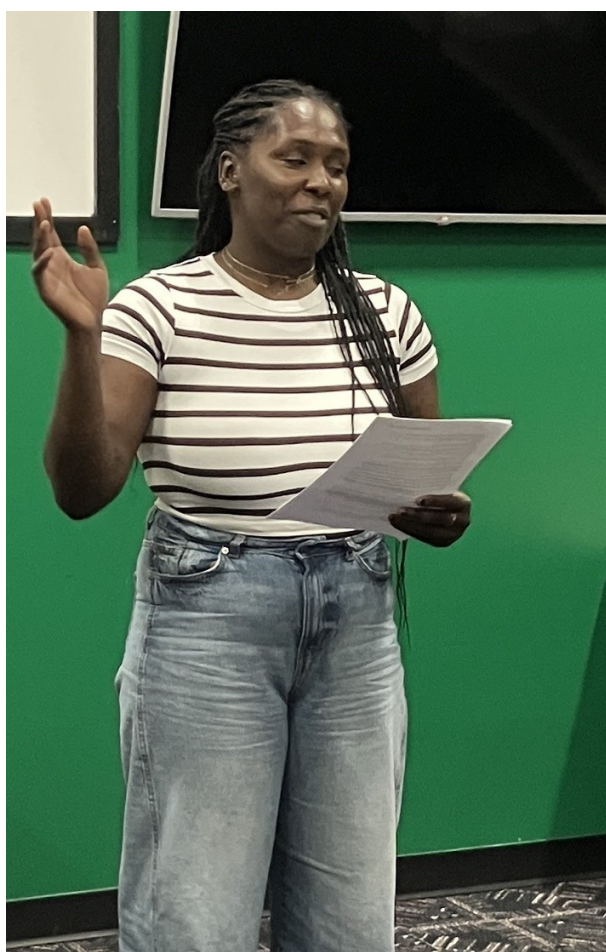
done many of the preliminary contacts. Club assistance is needed for many items so please help when Dorothy asks.

-Rotary Ripple Effect Motorcycle Ride -July 25<sup>th</sup>. This is the final ride. Go to the District 5550 website for details.

- A new Member Information package has been developed. Karol will be sharing this with the appropriate individuals.

## **PROGRAM**

Dorothy introduced our speaker from Global Gathering Place, Heba Ahmed. Dorothy met Heba at World Refugee Day where Heba was Master of Ceremonies. Dorothy was impressed and invited Heba to present to our club.



Heba is tri-racial, Syrian, Palestinian and Sudanese. She was born and raised in Lebanon and came to Canada as a refugee in 2014 after a 10 year wait for approvals. Heba found comfort in writing from an early age. Today she uses story telling as a way to foster understanding about identity, displacement and belonging.

Through her work and writing she hopes to build empathy and inspire meaningful dialogue.

Heba explained that refugees only legal documentation designates them as a “refugee”. No nationality, no home country and it makes them feel shame and less than a person.

A refugee has seen violence, loss of family, loss of loved one but carry on. They have hope and find a way to succeed. Because of these attributes they should have pride in being a refugee and dignity.

Heba related that when she first entered Canada she felt that she was being treated as a human again.

After questions and answers Jack thanked Heba on behalf of the club.

## **CHEER CAPTAIN**

The Cheer Captain was Walt Pawlovich. In recognition of Canada Day Walt questioned members on their knowledge of Canada.

Happy/Sad dollars were provided by Peggy, Jack, Betty Ann, Jim B., Kim, Jim G., Norm and Karol.

**The next meeting is at Sports on Tap, Tuesday July 21, 2026.**

### **Officers**

President -Karol Komar

President Elect–TBA

Secretary – Jack Scott

Treasurer – Bob MacGillivray

### **Board members**

Club Administration- Candace Odishaw

Membership Betty Ann Arscott

Major Projects- Jim Gillis

Service – Dorothy Hudson

Rotary Foundation- Asit Sarkar

Youth – Candace Odishaw, Hannah Enti-Brown

Image Committee/Communication– Candace Odishaw

### **Rotary International**

RI President – Yinka Babalola

District Governor – Warren Thompson

District Leadership Team – TBA

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### **Links**

District 5550 <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/home.aspx?did=5550>

Rotary International [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)