

			Saskatoon Nutana <b>Rotary</b> Club 			
July 17, 2025						
<b>August 2025 Theme: Membership &amp; Extension</b>					<b>Program Chair: Candace</b>	
Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
August 19	Norm Woodcock	Jim Blackburn	Lorn Braithwaite	TBA	TBA	Stan Garchinski

## OPENING

Our new President, Kim Horan called the meeting to order and welcomed our guest, Janet MacGillivray and all Rotarians to the meeting.

Kim reminded us “We are on Treaty 6 Territory, Homeland of the Metis”.

The theme for this new Rotary Year is “Unite For Good”.



## PROGRAM

President Horan introduced Derek Kerr, our speaker for today.

Derek is the Captain of the Salvation Army in Saskatoon and a member of Nutana Rotary. Today he will speak about their backpack program.

Last year the Salvation Army here in Saskatoon donated 2000 backpacks including school supplies to low-income students throughout Saskatoon. The overall cost of this program is \$60,000 and the Salvation Army is blessed to have a major donor who contributes \$30,000. Funds are raised every year for the balance.

To receive a backpack a student must register online. Once through a selection process the student then is told when and where to pick up

their backpack. The online registration opens August 1, 2025 at [www.salvationarmysaskatoon.org](http://www.salvationarmysaskatoon.org)

Derek explained how this successful program opens doors to helping other schools and students in Saskatoon. St. Frances Cree Bilingual School now has students receiving backpacks. At the nearby Greystone School, Derek approached the principal with some backpacks and his offer to fill any other needs at the school. Soon, Derek created a lunch program.

Another program developed was a “Pantry program”. At St. Frances School the need for more food support was clear so Derek made snacks and drinks available throughout the day.

A “Weekend nutrition” program made available backpacks with foods to help students who go hungry during the weekend.

The Salvation Army has also partnered with Nutrien to supply over 1300 bag lunches to Saskatoon schools in 2024.

**THESE FOOD PROGRAMS “SET STUDENTS UP FOR SUCCESS”.**

Another program created by The Salvation Army is a mobile feeding truck. Derek explained we now realize that the need for feeding children is all across Saskatoon and not just in the inner city.

With forest fires raging in Northern Saskatchewan the Salvation Army provided organizational support to the over 10,000 evacuees staying in hotels here in Saskatoon.

Kim Horan thanked our speaker.

### **CHEER CAPTAIN**

Bob MacGillivray was our Cheer Captain for today and he stumped many of us asking who made these famous quotes. He also received Happy Dollars from Jack, Peggy, Walt, Betty Ann, Jim, Asit, Karol, Candace, Dorothy, Lorne and Bob.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- It was suggested that since Jack Scott still has burgers in his freezer that we should have another BBQ later in August. TBA.

- Asit attended the talk given by Ralph Williams, a Tanzanian Rotarian visiting Saskatoon. Ralph was promoting a rainwater collection project. He hopes to win a Global Grant and would like large and small partners to help fund this project.

- Candace spoke about using Facebook. When you go on Facebook, click on Nutana Rotary and click “Like” on various articles. Also, please “Share” those articles with your friends and comments about why you found the article interesting and why your friends might like this info too.

President Horan adjourned the meeting with a saying: “God promised man that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the world. Then He made the world round and then God laughed and laughed.”

Thanks to Lorne for notes and photo.

**The next meeting at Sports on Tap is on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

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