



Saskatoon Nutana  
**Rotary**  
 Club



June 21, 2022

**June 2022 Theme:  
 Rotary Fellowships  
 Month**

**Program Chair:  
 Jim Blackburn**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Desk	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
<b>June 26 (Sunday)</b>	Norm Woodcock				<b>Presidents Event</b> At the residence of Ravi and Rajni Chibbar 11:00 am to 3 pm		
<b>July 5</b>	Norm Woodcock			Asit Sarkar	TBA		Jack Scott
<b>July 19</b>	Norm Woodcock			Norm Woodcock	<b>Club Assembly</b>		Betty Ann Arscott

**OPENING**

**President Mike** called the meeting to order at 12:01 on Zoom and welcomed all members, the guest speakers and new member designate Bryn. He also thanked the members contributing to the meeting this afternoon. Betty played and sang O Canada and the 4-way test song.

“WE LIVE ON TREATY 6 TERRITORY, HOMELAND OF THE METIS”.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- We were reminded that we need to indicate to Candace if we are attending the President’s BarBQ on Sunday, June 26 and indicate if we are bringing a salad, appetizers or dessert. Everyone is looking forward to the music provided by Stan, Jim Gillis and Betty!!

- Bob indicated that in addition to our notification on meeting fees and happy sad \$, he will also be sending out notice for our annual fees of \$ 250.00. Please make separate cheques or deposits for each of those 3 amounts so they can be kept in separate accounts.

**PROGRAM**

**Speaker 1 – Kayla Demong, CEO & Executive Director, Prairie Harm Reduction**

Dorothy introduced Kayla who Kayla has spent the last 16 years providing support to individuals, families and youth in our community focusing on harm reduction and how to better support people who use substances. Along with her work at Prairie Harm Reduction she serves on the board of directors for Quint Development and Station 20 West. She is born and raised in Saskatoon. Prairie Harm Reduction was renamed from AIDS Saskatoon in 2019.

PHR has its office at 1516 20<sup>th</sup> St. W. with a staff of 94, including 4 Directors and 10 at the management level. It is Saskatoon's only non-shelter drop-in centre and serves 500 cups of coffee a day as well as providing employment skills support and emotional assistance.

It is best known for being the first safe drug consumption site but that is only approximately 3 % of what they do (577 individuals utilize this service). They are the Naloxone community distribution site, distributing 4600 kits last year in addition to providing extensive training in its appropriate use. They also have apartment buildings on the other side of St. Paul's Hospital to provide child and family support where they service 109 families in the community and with two semi-independent youth homes. Other services include the HIV Holiday Hamper Program, work with youth to provide educational programs in a variety of ways and community cleanup programs. Their aim is "to catch vulnerable people to prevent them from falling through the cracks". They receive financial support from various levels of government but there is no financial support for the safe injection program so they operate from personal donations to keep the program going.

**Speaker # 2** – Candace then introduced **Kara Kohl, the Guidance Councillor from Oskayak High School**. Candace indicated that she and President Mike will be attending the school graduation next Tuesday and we continue to provide two - \$ 1,000 scholarships to graduates annually. They continue to feature Cree Culture in all components of the program with smudges, sweats and Cree language education as examples. The graduation rate has improved in recent years but they noted an increase in mental health issues during Covid.

Both speakers were thanked for their excellent presentations.

**CHEER CAPTAIN** – Candace had a series of questions relating to our club meetings and programs including checking out other restaurants, once a month having a club hands-on project instead of a meeting, how to encourage membership, bringing perspective members to meetings and increasing corporate memberships.

Happy/sad dollars were provided by Joe, Jim Gillis, Asit, Karol, Ravi, Bob, Betty, Candace and Jim B.

Mike signed off on the last formal meeting of the year and thanked all who had worked with him over the great year in spite of Covid.

Next meeting is **July 5th, 2022 in person** at 12 noon at a location to be determined.

(PS – Special thanks to Jim Blackburn for providing his notes)

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