



Saskatoon Nutana  
**Rotary**  
 Club



June 15, 2021

Editor: Jim Blackburn

**June 2021 Theme: Rotary Fellowship**

**Program Chair:  
 Peggy Clark**

Date	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
June 29	Norm Woodcock	Stan Garchinski	Farewell to Lorne – Passing of the Torch	Michael Gramiak	Not Applicable
July 6	NO MEETING				
July 13	TBD				
July 20	NO MEETING				

**Announcements & Program Highlights**

President Lorne called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed all members and guests present. Lorne thanked all the members contributing to the meeting this afternoon. He was pleased to welcome Sharon Ashton from the Rotary Club of Addis Ababa but she was at her home in Toronto. Sharon owns an ophthalmology clinic in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and is a Rotary member of that club. She was very supportive of Betty Ann during her time in Ethiopia.

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

Betty Ann played “O Canada” and our 4 Way Test Song.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**STARTING IN JULY, we are only meeting every second week!**

Lorne encouraged all members to make a donation to Shelterbox during the month of June. Bob indicated we had raised \$900 and asked if there were any more donations that could total another \$300 so we could buy 1 complete Shelterbox totaling \$1200 Cnd. Please let Bob M. know asap.

Monday June 21st marked National Indigenous Peoples Day. As Rotarians and Canadians we recognize and celebrate the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit and Metis Indigenous peoples of Canada.

The Meewasin Rotary Club has a 50/50 draw this coming Saturday in support of EGADZ youth outreach and you may purchase your ticket from their website at [meewasinrotary5050.ca](http://meewasinrotary5050.ca).

The Project Committee and Nutana Board is recommending we begin a new Legacy Project by committing \$20,000 per year over a 5 year period (\$100,000) to the St. Francis Cree Bilingual Program that will focus on cultural teaching in the performing arts. This support will be similar in scope to what we provided to the Haiti School Project but has some added benefits. For one, this project supports education and culture right here in Saskatoon and will be a visible demonstration of Rotary serving our city. Secondly, Nutana Rotary will build lasting relationships within the St. Frances School community and this is what the Truth and Reconciliation report asks. We are to build friendship, trust and respect between aboriginal and non-aboriginal peoples. The MOU signing ceremony will take place on Friday June 25th.

Candace announced that two students graduating from Oskayak High School (Noah Kishayinew and Mikayla Littlepine) have been awarded \$1000 scholarships to support post-secondary education. They will receive their money in the fall when they provide proof of attendance.

She also announced that Grant Devine has recently published a new book on his political career in Saskatchewan. It is titled "So Much More We Can Be".

### **Guest Speaker – Kayleigh Lafontaine**

Peggy introduced Kayleigh Lafontaine, the Executive Director of the Elizabeth Fry Society. Kayleigh originally hails from The Pas, MB and spent 12 years in Corrections in both Manitoba and Saskatchewan before joining the Elizabeth Fry Society in 2020 and she became Executive Director in 2021. The Bridges featured a lead article on Kayleigh just recently.

The Elizabeth Fry Society opened its doors in 1981 and is dedicated to giving a voice on behalf of women within the prison and court systems. All programs are free of charge. Elizabeth Fry was a well-known English Quaker who advocated for women in the court system in the 1800's. The programs are dedicated to helping both girls and women before, during and after they encounter the judicial system. They are also now focusing in on LGBT as well as a truth and reconciliation approach. Kayleigh made reference to her excellent team working with her in Saskatoon. Services provided include court working services; legal advice clinic; women's in-reach services at both Pinegrove Correctional Services in PA and the Women's Reintegration Unit in Saskatoon. The programs include Inspired Minds and for mothers and daughter at Christmas: Storybook. They also have a variety of outreach programs and have regional advocates to visit federal institutions on a regular basis to monitor conditions of confinement, institutional and human rights issues. They are closely connected to the Catholic Family Services and support women throughout the province who are in the community on bail, probation or parole; at Pine Grove or the women's reintegration unit; federal half-way house; Regional Psych. Centre; the healing lodge in Maple Creek or the Edmonton Institution for Women.

There are numerous barriers to success including access to health care, high remand rates, security classification among others. Big issues after getting out include affordable housing, wait times for social services and family reunification among others. There is close to 300 women incarcerated in Saskatchewan – the staff annually travel over 2500 km to visit them.

Will Grant expressed the club's appreciation for a most informative presentation and thanked the Society for the excellent work they are accomplishing!

Cheer Captain – Mike Gramiak

Mike asked a question to all of us – What are you most excited about with advent of re-opening?

Bob D – getting together with family; Betty Ann – getting together with the full band; Jim G – all things mentioned; Joe – continue to be in position; Kim – able to visit; Jim B – “on the road again”; Karol – finally see SK & BarBQ; Bob MacG – get out of SK; Lorne – have a nice meal out with friends; Mike – moving into his first house & celebrate with family; Candace – happy to have Ethiopia visitor, Sharon and sad \$ for loss of a friend; Sharon – happy that we have 4 way test song and for Candace, Jim and Betty attending their Ethiopia meeting. (sorry if I missed someone).

Lorne closed the meeting with a quote by Nelson Mandela “The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.”

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