



Saskatoon Nutana  
**Rotary**  
 Club



June 8, 2021

Editor: Jim Blackburn

**June 2021 Theme: Rotary Fellowship**

**Program Chair:  
 Peggy Clark**

Date	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
June 15	Norm Woodcock	Bob Devrome	Club Assembly	Peggy Clark	Kim Horan
June 22	Norm Woodcock	Ravi Chibbar	Kayleigh Lafontaine – Exec. Director at Elizabeth Fry Society	Peggy Clark	Will Grant
June 29	Norm Woodcock	Stan Garchinski	Farewell to Lorne – Passing of the Torch	Michael Gramiak	Not Applicable

**Announcements & Program Highlights**

President Lorne called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed all members present as well as guest speaker Karol Komar, guests from the Heart Lake Rotary Club in Barrie, Ont – Fiona Ferguson, President; Bob Kaye, President Elect; Carol McMurchy, charter Past President and Meli Colucci. Rotarian Ulf & Maj Bergman from Stockholm, Sweden were also present. Lorne thanked all the members contributing to the meeting this afternoon.

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

In Betty Ann’s absence, Mike played “O Canada” and our 4 Way test Song via YouTube.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Lorne noted that there will be a Board meeting immediately following next week’s meeting and he again encouraged all members to make a donation to Shelterbox during the month of June.

Norm remains in hospital as they are dealing with his second infection.

**Guest Speaker - Karol Komar**

Peggy introduced our “about to be newest member”, Karol Komar. Karol was born in Timmins, Ontario in 1959 and the family moved to Barrie where two brothers were born. He became a very good young hockey player and played in St. Catherines. He went to the University of Western Ontario and purchased his 1<sup>st</sup> automobile – a Volkswagen fastback for \$300. After receiving his undergrad degree, he moved to Alberta, working in the oil patch until the crash. He then moved back to Ontario and to Carleton University as well as becoming a caregiver for his mother. During the summers he worked in the following locations – 1978 – La Ronge; 1979 – Northern Ont ; 1980 – northern BC & Yukon Territories and 1981 – Ellesmere Island. He was married in 1985 and they were blessed with a son and a daughter. Unfortunately, their son passed away from cancer in 2001. Karol joined Rotary in that year and worked initially for Cascade and then moved to Hitachi where he worked until his retirement earlier this year. His daughter moved to Saskatchewan and

was married in Saskatoon in 2018. That was definitely the impetus to consider retirement in Saskatchewan! He retired in February, 2021 and moved in March to a farm property with 30 acres of land just south of Dundurn. Karol calls his new home “Blue Roof Acres” referring to the blue metal roofs on the buildings. As his Heart Lake Rotarians present attested to, he had leadership roles in all aspects of the club’s activities, including fund raising events for cancer, girl’s softball teams, Rotary cruises as well as going through the executive roles.

He is looking forward to becoming a grandfather this summer, so the two of them will be readily available to spoil the grandchild!

During question period the Heart Lakes club members were asked what they will miss about Karol and they indicated his enthusiasm, his wacky sense of humor, his leadership, “the top 10 things that make us laugh” as well as his tools and his truck!

Karol has had to slow down due to his heart situation with no old timer hockey to look forward to, but he is excited about getting into sheep farming (main reason- he hates cutting grass so the sheep will remedy that situation).

Mike thanked Karol for his great presentation and indicated we are all excited to have him along with all his Rotary experience in our Club!

Cheer Captain Jim required everyone to provide the most memorable life time experience: Candace – travel to 38 countries; Mike – to return to Saskatoon; Will – graduating twice from the U of S and “the best is yet to come”; Ulf – met his wife Maj; Lorne – owning a gift store in Regina for many years; Stan – his 1983 *Up with People* travels to 17 nations including Sweden and performing with Bob Hope; Fiona – becoming a mother for the first time; Jim G – moving to Saskatoon from the East; Boris – receiving his Rotary award in the 1980’s; Joe – went through two life threatening events – at 14 nearly drowned and years later the family built a cabin and installed a propane tank that leaked and the whole family came very close to perishing; Larry – met his wife in Moose Jaw in 1962; started work at the TD Bank; retirement in Dryden in 1991 and the day he was declared cancer free in 2014; Bob Kaye – being a Dale Carnegie instructor. Time required that the session end so we still have several members who need a chance to express their best days at a future meeting. Each speaker was asked to provide a \$10 assessment for their presentations.

Lorne closed the meeting with an Albert Einstein quotation  
*“ Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile”*

Have a great week!!

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