



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



March 16, 2021

Editor: Jim Blackburn

March 2021 Theme: Water and Sanitation

Program Chair: Jim Gillis

Date	Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
March 23	NA	NA	Jim Blackburn	Kim Horan	Marilyn Poitras	Jim Gillis	Walt Pawlovich
March 30	NA	NA	Jim Blackburn	Dorothy Hudson	Robert McGuire	Jim Gillis	Asit Sarkar

Announcements & Program Highlights

President Lorne called the meeting to order at 12 Noon, welcoming all members as well as guests Sunday Lizu from the Satellite Club; Dawn Dierker, Guest Speaker and Ryan Grieve who works with Dawn Dierker.

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

Betty Arscott played and sang "O Canada" and the Rotary 4-Way Test song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lorne wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and requested a volunteer to gather the names of all our members who had passed away in the last year. Larry reminded us that Past District Governor Clare Thompson has passed away; Clare and his wife were great friends of Larry and Gladys.

Candace encouraged all members to promote the Easter Egg Hunt to everyone with young children and she is still looking for two more volunteers.

Will asked members to notify him if we know of any families who are in need or young people who lack a computer. The Indian and Metis Friendship Centre is willing to provide funding to support families with their rent or for young students who require a computer for doing their classes. If you know of anyone in need, please call Jennifer Whitecap at the Friendship Centre.

Will, that is a fantastic program for those in need in the City!

Guest Speaker – Dawn Dierker

Water and Sanitation is the theme for March and Jim Gillis introduced Dawn Dierker, who has been President of the Western Canada Water Association and happens to be Joe's niece! Dawn has a diploma from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and a Bachelor's degree in Biology from the U of Sask. Dawn has been working in the waste water and water management field for the past 20 years. The process of "Biofiltration" was developed in Saskatchewan under the leadership of Dr. Hans Peterson, who basically lived in a trailer for a year developing the system and making it work! He proposed using good bacteria to get rid of the bad bacteria. He focused his work on Yellow Quill and Saddle Lake area. He added a biofiltration process to the reverse osmosis system where good bacteria and special filters are used to clean contaminated water and also reduce the amount of arsenic, iron, etc. that contaminates the water. The big problem for small communities with the reverse osmosis process without biofiltration was that filters that are supposed to last 7 years become clogged after 6 months.

Currently, there are over 50 water advisories across Canada and 7 are in Saskatchewan with some of them being in effect since 1998. There are also short term advisories and 7 of those are also in Saskatchewan. Every community tends to be unique with different contaminants, so "one size doesn't fit

all" is not practical but biofiltration has caused a change in philosophy when other treatments are not working. They now have perfected the processes by looking at what the contaminants are and design the filtration process to remove whatever needs to be gotten rid of. The other problem in many communities is the distribution on the water from the water plant to the homes in the area as many of the pipes are old and need to be replaced which is another costly process.

Candace thanked Dawn for a most informative presentation and indicated we are making a donation to Read Saskatoon on her behalf.

CHEER CAPTAIN – Asit Sarkar

Cheer Captain Asit indicated that President Biden has selected the first Native American, Deb Haaland to serve as Secretary of State for the Interior. Asit indicated that he received his first vaccine and volunteered everyone who received a Covid vaccine shot should make a contribution. Kim Horan and Jim Gillis made happy dollar donations because "they are so young". Larry gave happy dollars for St Patrick's Day and noted Clare Thompson would have been 90 this year; Jim Gillis had happy dollars for finding out he has Irish in his family; Joe had happy dollars for Dawn's excellent presentation; Mike Gramiak had happy dollars for attending the final two Rotary leadership sessions. He also noted that our Club is getting great publicity for the 4 Way test song & he also donated for the great news that we may be getting a professional soccer team in the city. Stan had happy dollars for taking Candace on a fun sleigh ride and Candace also contributed for that experience. Asit provided sad dollars in memory of Clare Thompson.

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