



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



March 30, 2021

Editor: Jim Blackburn

April 2021 Theme: Maternal and Child Health

Program Chair: Mike Gramiak

Date	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
April 6	Jim Blackburn	Boris Kischuk	TBA	Mike Gramiak	Jack Scott
April 13	Jim Blackburn	Ed Larkai	Agnes Allen – Saskatoon Tribal Council programs for mothers and children	Mike Gramiak	Betty Anne Arscott
April 20	Jim Blackburn	Robert MacGillivray	Sarah Pannel – “Healthy Mother, Healthy Baby”	Mike Gramiak	Jim Blackburn
April 27	Jim Blackburn	Larry Neely	TBA	Mike Gramiak	Ravi Chibbar

Announcements & Program Highlights

President Elect Michael called the meeting to order at 12 Noon, welcoming all members and Guest Speaker Rob Maguire and Saskatoon Rotarian Mike Leclair.

“WE LIVE ON TREATY 6 TERRITORY, HOMELAND OF THE METIS”. Betty Arscott was absent at beginning of meeting so we played and sang “O Canada” and the Rotary 4-Way Test song from the computer. Seems we had an old version of O Canada.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Candace thanked all the volunteers and indicated she would see them all on Saturday to pick up the Easter eggs and posters and then see them on Sunday.

Guest Speaker – Rob Maguire

Jim Gillis introduced Rob, who at the time of his retirement in 2018 was Associate Regional Director, Saskatchewan First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. Rob had over 32 years of public service with the vast majority serving in the indigenous relation field with stops in various areas of the country including Toronto and British Columbia. He has been a Saskatoon North Club member and is active with the District 5550 Honoring Indigenous People Committee (HIP). Rob has two adult children.

Rob started by describing where we need to go with honoring indigenous people. We need to form a relationship and encourage the communities to link to a Rotary goal or program as well as find the communities vision that links to a Rotary project. HIP now has a national board representing indigenous communities and Rotary clubs throughout Canada with the goal to work together to change attitudes and behavior.

In 2016, there were 175,000 self-identified indigenous people in Saskatchewan, including 65% status and 33 % Metis. Forty-five % were under the age of 19 and 47 % resided on reserves (70 in province). There are also 54 urban reserves. Eight water advisories still are in place in the province.

In 2020, nationally ten-year grants became available to provide the necessary funding for major programs in the indigenous world. Over \$400 million was provided for health issues and \$278 million for education.

HIP

In 2014, a small group of Rotarians from several southern Ontario Rotary clubs got together to talk about creating a country wide organization to work in partnership with Indigenous Peoples. Since then, they have taken huge steps forward including increasing our board to 20 members selected from communities stretching from coast-to-coast. As Indigenous and Non-Indigenous partners, they have refined the focus with an emphasis on relationship building with continuing the education and awareness activities including supporting the next generation of leaders.

The District 5550 Honoring Indigenous People Committee is an active component of HIP national and seeks all clubs to join in this effort. Asit identified the various areas of activity that our club is involved with including: Bob Devrome being responsible for Peace and Reconciliation; introduction of a welcome by an elder in our Citizen Court Ceremonies; our focus on education through Oskayak High School and St. Francis School; Will Grant is a most valued member of our club and represents the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre which is a Corporate Member of our Club. Mike Leclair requested we consider ways to bring all Saskatoon Clubs together to have a central focus. Asit thanked Rob for an excellent presentation and indicated our tradition is to make a presentation to Read Saskatoon on his behalf. Rob indicated this was most appropriate as he is a volunteer with READ Saskatoon!

CHEER CAPTAIN – Dorothy Hudson

Cheer Captain Dorothy asked a series of questions about Easter to all Club members present and only 2 had the correct answer (Jim Gillis and Candace). Fines were levied for all the others and happy dollars included: Peggy who had to leave early; Jack for questions being too hard; Larry for being born on Easter Sunday 84 years ago; Bob; Candace; Betty Ann; Jim Gillis and probably missed a few others! Dorothy thanked everyone for their generosity and Mike wished everyone a great Easter weekend!

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New Generations - Michael Gramiak

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