



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
Club



March 5th, 2024

**March 2024 Theme:
Water, Sanitation &
Hygiene**

**Program
Chair: Karol
Komar**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
March 19	Norm Woodcock	Kim Horan	Jim Gillis	Bev Dubois City Councillor		Derek Kerr

OPENING

Co-President Peggy welcomed everyone and reminded us that we were meeting on Treaty 6 Territory and Home of the Metis. Our guests today were Nadera Batori (in person) and Navine Yassa, of Scarborough (zoom), Fruzsina and Mathew DeCloedt (zoom); Nnamdi Wabara (zoom). Other members were watching via zoom including Brin in Morocco.

Peggy thanked those helping out at today's meeting including Stan Garchinski Asit and Karol. Stan led the group in the singing of O Canada and the 4-Way Test song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- District Conference is in Moose Jaw on May 10 and 11. Early Bird discounted registration ends on March 31.

- The club will be hosting an African Night fundraiser on May 3, Club members are requested to find sponsors for the event. An email has been sent to all members with the details and sponsorship packages.

PROGRAM

Asit introduced Navine Yassa as our speaker. Navine spoke to us via zoom and is the President of the Rotary Club of Scarborough. She is a volunteer with Rising Out of The Ashes (ROOTA)

ROOTA is a Canadian Registered Charity committed to uplifting marginalized and impoverished communities.

ROOTA is working with people on the margins in Cairo called the Zabaleen.

The Zabaleen, known as Cairo's informal garbage collectors, play a vital role in the city's waste management system. Originating from upper Egypt and settling in Cairo since the 1940s, the Zabaleen migrated in search of better economic opportunities. With little recognition from the government, they have created a unique recycling ecosystem to sustain their livelihoods.

Comprising 50,000 to 70,000 individuals, the Zabaleen are spread across seven different settlements in Cairo, with the largest settlement, located in Mokattam Mountain near Manshayet Naser, housing approximately 30,000 people. ROOTA serves around 30,000 Zabaleen individuals residing in Manshayet Naser and Tora. Their efforts aim to support and empower these communities

Despite the challenging circumstances, the Zabaleen view garbage as a valuable resource. Every day, they meticulously sort through approximately 33,000 pounds of waste generated by Cairo's 20 million residents. Through their labor-intensive work, they separate recyclable items and sell them to intermediaries or transform them into new products. The community's resourcefulness and dedication have not only contributed to waste reduction but have also provided economic opportunities within their communities. Their innovative recycling practices demonstrate their resilience and their ability to find value where others might see only waste.

The government school in the district cannot support those aspiring to leave this lifestyle due to the poor quality of education training it provides. There is little money for books and school supplies and no funding for private lessons that students rely on to pass their exams and enter college. In most cases, the successful few who find employment opportunities in the city go back to the community. Mothers are illiterate and their children drop out of school at an early age.

The health of the Zabaleen women is jeopardized as they begin in the very early morning separating and sorting the trash collected by the men in the city all night. Due to contamination, there are numerous cases of trachoma, reproductive health issues, malnutrition, anemia, and Hepatitis C.

ROOTA is helping the Zabaleen through food assistance and meal programs, education and educational assistance programs and income generation projects. Rotary Grants have been used for a water supply project among other things.

To find other details of ROOTA work and to determine how to donate go to roota.org.

Karol thanked Navine on behalf of the club.

CHEER CAPTAIN

Dorothy Hudson asked questions related to Guatemala, her recent vacation spot. Those contributing included Peggy, Jack, Karol, Candace and Dorothy

The next meeting at the Parktown is on March 19th at 12 noon.

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