



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



March 9, 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 16	NA	NA	Jim Blackburn	Eileen Harvey	Dawn Dierker	Jim Gillis	Candace Odishaw
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 including Norm Woodcock, Preet Jain and guest speaker, Jeff Lindgren. He thanked all the members participating in the meeting.

"WE LIVE ON TREATY 6 TERRITORY, HOMELAND OF THE METIS". Betty Arscott was "missing in action" so we had the video of the Rotary 4-way Test song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Lorne reminded us that yesterday was International Women's Day and recognized our Lady members: Candace, Betty, Peggy, Eileen and Dorothy for all the work they do for our club activities. Candace indicated the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt are all ready to go and more sponsors are being obtained. We still require 3 Rotarians volunteer at the Easter Egg stations. You will be needed 12-4 on April 4, 2021. There will be either an Easter garden stake and/or Rotary poster for each location. We have 3 volunteers plus Candace whom will meet at Rotary Park at 4:15 for prize draws. We will have a table set up there with bins for each sponsor prize. Participants that have received a sponsor logo will come to the park and we will make draws at 4:30. We should be all done by 5.

Candace will represent us at the 5 club web site meeting.

Guest Speaker – Jeff Lindgren

Jim Gillis introduced Jeff Lindgren, the Chair of the Saskatoon Zoo Society. Jeff also happens to be Jim's Son-in-Law as well as the father of the World's Greatest Grandson (Norm – pay attention!!). Jeff is originally from North Battleford and has an urban planning and economics background as well as being a past Chair of the Foodbank. The focus of the Society is education and conservation related to zoo issues. City employees provide the service and maintenance functions. The foundation focuses on capital projects and also operates the cafeteria and gift shop. With Covid, the past year has necessitated changes to the in-class educational programs in schools as well as in-person Easter and summer camps, along with general education programs for the public. They have switched to on-line school education programs and completed 60 programs for school classes.

Since the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Zoo is the only accredited program in Saskatchewan, it was an optimum time to focus on outreach to the different areas of the province, particularly from an education sense. Although Covid, had a hit on the budget, they are coming out of it not too badly as they reached 25,000 people last year. They are hoping for a return to in-person camps this summer but to also continue with the zoom and on-line programs as well.

Larry thanked Jeff for a very informative presentation on a program that we are so fortunate to have in Saskatoon.

CHEER CAPTAIN – Will Grant

Cheer Captain Will assessed a donation to all members in celebration of International Women's Day. He then conducted a 5 question quiz that a few older people were able to answer. (answers included Haley Wickenheiser, Celine Dion and Pacman & Pacwoman). The toughest one and the one no one answered was "What agency in the 1960's was developed by 3 inspiring women? The answer was the Saskatoon Indian Metis Friendship Centre which was developed in 1968 and it was started on 20th St. and Ave. I.

I THINK THE FIRST QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK'S CHEER CAPTAIN SHOULD BE: WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF THOSE REMARKABLE LADIES? Will, will you support me on this???

Happy and sad dollars were contributed by: Jim G., Asit; Peggy; Jack; Joe; Bob; Eileen; Ravi; Candace; Walt; Jim B.; Larry.

Will, on behalf of Saskatoon Indian Metis Friendship Centre has donated a \$ 100 gift card to Save On Foods for the Scavenger Hunt along with 5 Covid masks.

Lorne concluded the meeting with:

***This year's theme for International Women's Day : Equality and Rights for Women!
Be safe and have a great week!!***

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