



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



May 11, 2021

Editor: Jim Blackburn

May 2021 Theme: Youth Services

**Program Chair:
 Ravi Chibbar**

Date	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
May 18	Jim Blackburn	Asit Sarkar	Cheque Presentation from President Lorne to SIMFC and St. Frances	Ravi Chibbar	Joe Dierker
May 25	Jim Blackburn	Jack Scott	Anita Brukeell - Early Learning Centres	Ravi Chibbar	Stan Garchinski

Announcements & Program Highlights

President Lorne called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed all members present as well as guest speaker Dr. Merle Massie, and returning guest, Karol Komar.

Lorne thanked all the members contributing to the meeting this afternoon.

“WE LIVE ON TREATY 6 TERRITORY, HOMELAND OF THE METIS”. Betty Ann played “O Canada” and our 4 Way test Song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lorne reminded Board members of the meeting following next week’s Rotary meeting.

The District Conference will be held via Zoom on May 13 – 15 (this Thursday to Saturday). We need to register on the District 5050 website (see below).

Betty indicated she has the SHA forms for Ribfest and it stated the event is subject to the provincial re-open plan.

Stan reminded us of his Birthday Celebration on Sunday at 7:30 PM. Here is a link to his Facebook 60th birthday concert. If you are on Facebook, just click

here: <https://www.facebook.com/591945990/posts/10158989926365991/?d=n>

Guest Speaker

Ravi introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Merle Massie, an award-winning Saskatchewan historian, author and adjunct professor with the School of Environment and Sustainability. She is the coordinator, Undergraduate Research Initiatives at the University of Saskatchewan, working to support undergraduate students to develop their research, scholarly and artistic skills. She heads up the First Year Research Experience Program at the University (FYRE). In addition to the above, she also farms with her husband in west central Saskatchewan. She is the author of 4 books, the most recent, an account of the life of Dr. Sylvia Fedoruk which is now available at McNally Robinson.

Merle explained that FYRE has the goal for each first-year student to have a research, scholarly or artistic experience during the program. FYRE is offered in 24 first year classes throughout the various Colleges. It is a way for students to learn research by actually being involved in a project. They move from consuming knowledge to becoming critical users, to actually creating knowledge. They develop a research question; investigate the question using tools of the discipline and then share their findings with individuals beyond the Professor. In so doing they learn to explain their research findings. They have research coaches to work with the students. The students develop research and scholarly skills including: not being afraid to question assumptions and have skepticism; persistence and grit; being able to manage change and embrace uncertainty; analysis and synthesis; collaboration as students may work in groups; being able to understand the project and having the ability to report on it. Merle reported that the students with the best grades in other classes are not necessarily the best students in FYRE.

Merle provided examples of three classes: English 113 - they are connecting with a University of Madrid class to create on-line podcasts; Geology 130 - they have an opportunity to present community level research projects; Nutrition 230 – they conduct a real time nutrition survey and they present their findings in the province and also nationally. In cases like the Nutrition research, they have to submit the project for ethics review. Over 17,000 students have enrolled in the FYRE courses with the U of S being unique in setting it up for the first year students. This program has developed throughout the world.

Bob Devrome thanked Merle for the presentation and for spearheading this program at the University of Saskatchewan.

Cheer Captain – Walt Pawlovich

Walt began by indicating all members are to try to answer the questions and everyone is assessed \$2.00 as a starting point. Walt's wide-ranging questions of an historical nature confounded almost everyone and I think Norm had the only right answer! I couldn't keep up with recording the questions much less the answers!!

Happy-Sad dollars were provided by: Joe – sad dollars for anti-vaxers and Maxine Bernier; Peggy – she had to sign off for work; Jack – for the hard questions; Asit -for wanting to know the number of questions (20); Jim G. – for the Habs having been kicked out of so many home stadiums; Norm – for his 80th birthday; Candace – for Merle's talk; Betty Ann – for leaving early; Ravi – for the presentation and the U of S support for the FYRE program; Walt – for making the hard questions; Karol – happy for the weather but sad for the lack of rain; Stan – for his 60th birthday; Jim B – for a wish to be 60 again; Bob D for the presentation; Larry – happy dollars for Stan and Norm's birthdays.

Walt thanked everyone for their generous donations.

Lorne closed the meeting with a John Wooden quote:

“It is what you learn after you know it all that counts”.

Have a great week!!

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