



Saskatoon Nutana  
**Rotary**  
 Club



May 12th, 2026

**May 2026 Theme:  
 Youth Services**

**Program  
 Chair:  
 Candace  
 Odishaw**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
May 26	Norm Woodcock	Peggy Clark	Grant Devine	<b>Cow Plop Review</b>	Candace Odishaw	Joe Dierker

**OPENING**

Kim Horan chaired the meeting and called for order. Kim thanked Betty Ann (Greeter), Candace (Intro the Speaker), Jim (Cheer Captain) and Lorne (Thanks and the Rotana) for helping out at the meeting, Guests at the meeting were the speaker Elya Lam and Dave Garvie. Kim reminded us “We are on Treaty 6 Territory, Homeland of the Metis”. Jim Gillis led the singing of “O Canada” and the “Four Way Test Song”.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Candace was distributing Cow Plop T Shirts and caps for members to wear with pride. She plans to complete a second order so contact her ASAP to get your shirt and cap. Candace also had Cow Plop tickets available for members to sell. Ticket sales will be limited to 1000 with a prize of \$2000. Karol had sign up sheets for the volunteer requirements for the Cow Plop event. Lorne encouraged Rotarians to volunteer to sell tickets at the COOP grocery stores. He had sign up sheets for five dates in May and June. Coop sign up sheets will be also at the next meeting – May 26.



- As incoming President, Karol has asked club members to complete a survey to help him and the board understand what is important to you, the Rotarians of Saskatoon Nutana. Contact Karol for a copy of the survey or complete a survey at the next meeting – May 26.

- The North Rotary Club has a “Fly the Flag” project where they will install a Canada Flag on a homeowner’s front lawn. They are asking for volunteers and those interested are asked to contact the North Club to book a flag for Canada Day.

## PROGRAM

Candace introduced our speaker, Elya Lam. Elya and her family have lived in the Wildwood area for many years. The Wildwood Playground Project goal is to create a safe place for sports and play at the Wildwood school. This K-8 school has 300 students and the Wildwood area includes 8300

residents. This area has five baseball diamonds, a soccer and football field and a very well used park. There are not any facilities for students with physical disabilities. Seventy percent of Wildwood residents do not have a backyard and with plans by Camponi to add more low-income housing the need for better playground facilities is even greater.

The Wildwood Playground Projects vision includes Access, Inclusivity and a Community Focus.

This year plans are underway to build a Gazebo style Outdoor Learning Center. Programs will include land-based learning and aboriginal knowledge and stewardship of the environment.

Plans for 2027 will include building an accessible playground, (fundraising is now ongoing). The following year would add Seniors area and in 2029 a new Sports Court would be build. A



preliminary budget of \$550,000 means that additional sponsors, partnerships and fundraising must occur.

So far, The Wildwood Playground Project has partnerships with the City of Saskatoon, TCU, Camponi Housing, and Saskatoon Public Schools, just to name a few.

Elya asked our club to considering a partnership or donation. Permanent on-site signage will recognize all major sponsors and partner.

After questions, Betty Ann thanked Elya for her excellent presentation.

## **CHEER CAPTAIN**

Jim Blackburn asked sports trivia questions in honour of Canadian teams getting closer to their respective championships. Most members didn't know who or what teams were winning or losing and were justly penalized. ( GO MONTREAL CANADIANS ! ) Happy/Sad Dollars were given by Karol, Jim G., Kim, Grant, Walt, Bob, Betty Ann, Jim B., Jack and Candace.

**The next meeting is at Sports on Tap, Tuesday May 26, 2026.**

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