



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



May 17, 2022

**May 2022 Theme:
 Youth Service Month**

**Program Chair:
 Dorothy Hudson**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Desk	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
May 24	Norm Woodcock			Joe Dierker	Saskatoon Police Dept. Drop Gangs	Dorothy Hudson	Kim Horan
May 31	Norm Woodcock			Stan Garchinski	Darren Swanson Winnipeg Rotary MUNA	Dorothy Hudson	Karol Komar

OPENING

President Mike called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed all members and thanked the members contributing to the meeting this afternoon. Stan led his famous CLAP for each individual!!

We struggled through “O Canada” and our 4 Way Test Song.

“WE LIVE ON TREATY 6 TERRITORY, HOMELAND OF THE METIS”.

Our 2 guests, Speaker Don Ewles and Bill Christensen were greeted by the Welcome Song (Jim B. thinks we need a practice before doing it again)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Mike presented Asit with his most recent Paul Harris pin and congratulated Asit for his service and commitment to Rotary International.

- The President’s windup will be held at Ravi’s on June 26 and more details will be forthcoming.

- The Meewasin club is holding their Lobsterfest June 9th and 10th. The link to purchase tickets is <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-rotary-club-of-saskatoon-meewasin-presents-lobsterfest-2022-tickets-319072764227>

PROGRAM

Peggy introduced our Speaker, Don Ewles, Grants Manager at the Saskatoon Community Foundation. Don has an MA in English and taught at both the U of S and University of Regina prior to an extensive career in community support organizations. Our new inductee, Carm Michalenko, CEO was to participate in the presentation but due to a family health situation, she was not able to be present.

Don distributed the SCF's Saskatoon's Vital Signs 2021 which represents a snapshot of the data about Saskatoon which assists in understanding our community and offers a path for addressing community needs.

He emphasized that collaboration is necessary to serve vulnerable people. They are focussing on homelessness and the realization that there is an inability to live on the minimum wage (\$2519 per month) and they require \$ 3700 per month. Almost 30% of children live in poverty and 85 % of homeless people are indigenous.

The charity sector was hit really hard during Covid and we have to worry about sustainability of the sector at this time. What are the important things that need to be done now: - Request presentations from charity groups

- Answer your own call to ***truth and reconciliation***
- Reach out to equity seeking groups
- Engage with organizations that matter to you
- Donate
- Volunteer

As Don mentioned “**the story never ends!!!**”

CHEER CAPTAIN

Dorothy Hudson started off with questions regarding Queen Victoria and we did not achieve appropriate expectations. (became Queen when 18 years old, reigned for 63 years, Victoria Day became a holiday in 1901, Prince Albert named after her husband, never visited Canada, etc, etc.

Happy/sad dollars were provided by Jack, Joe, Bill, Karol, Candace, Walt, Ravi, Betty, John, Lorne, Jim B and Kim.

It was great to see Phillip Asea!

Next meeting is **May 24, 2022 on Zoom** at 12 noon.

Special thanks to Jim Blackburn for taking notes.

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