



Saskatoon Nutana  
**Rotary**  
 Club



May 31, 2022

**June 2022 Theme:  
 Rotary Fellowships  
 Month**

**Program Chair:  
 Jim Blackburn**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Desk	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
<b>June 7</b>	Norm Woodcock			Bob MacGillivray	Shirley Isbister <b>Round Prairie Elders' Lodge</b>	Dorothy Hudson	Jim Blackburn
<b>June 14</b>	Norm Woodcock			Carm Michalenko	Mayor Charlie Clark	Mike Gramiak	Joe Dierker
<b>June 21</b>	Norm Woodcock			Candace Odishaw	Kayla DeMong <b>Saskatoon Harm Reduction Centre</b>	Dorothy Hudson	Jim Blackburn
<b>June 26 (Sunday)</b>	Norm Woodcock			Asit Sarkar	<b>Presidents Event</b> At the residence of Ravi and Rajni Chibbar 11:30 am to 3 pm		

## OPENING

Past President Lorne called the meeting to order at 12:00 and welcomed all members and thanked the members contributing to the meeting this afternoon.

Betty led in "O Canada" and 4 Way Test Song.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

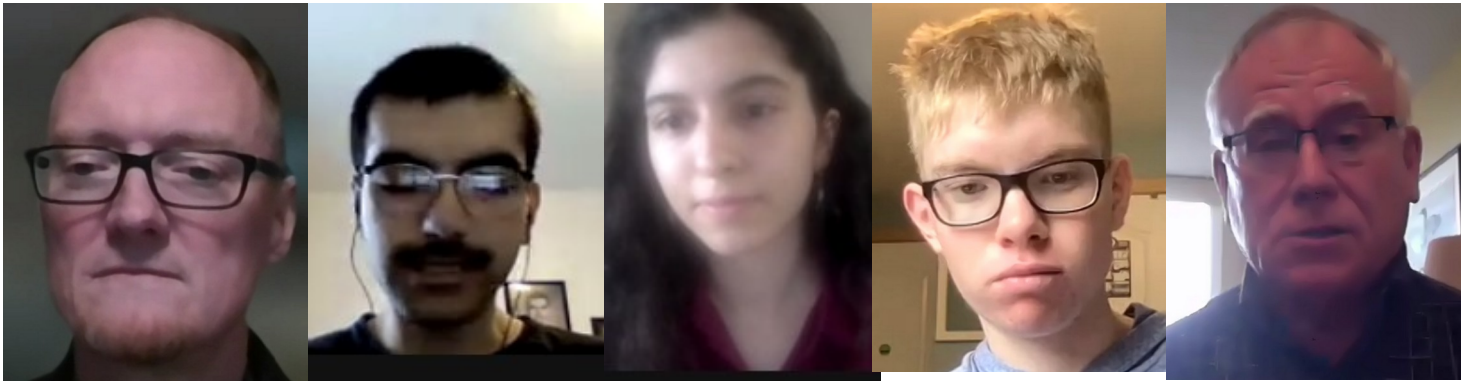
- A reminder that the Presidents Appreciation event will be held June 26<sup>th</sup> at Ravi's residence. Please note this is a Sunday.

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

## PROGRAM

Dorothy Hudson introduced our scheduled speaker Darren Swanson who is Chair of the Organizing Committee for the District 5550 Model United Nations Assembly(MUNA). Darren is a native of North Battleford and has a degree from the University of Saskatchewan. He is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg. Darren works for the UN as a consultant in the area of sustainability.

Darren introduced other members of the organizing committee. Three of the members are past participants in MUNA sessions and will take leading roles in the 2023 MUNA. In order of presentation these were Avinash Singh, Farajah Farhanghi and Wells Mayes. Also presenting was Jerry Storie, (a past speaker of the Manitoba legislature) who ensures that all protocols are being observed during MUNA.



Darren Swanson

Avinash Singh

Farajah Farhanghi

Wells Mayes

Jerry Storie

In the Model UN program, young people get a valuable opportunity to learn about the workings of the United Nations in a realistic simulation of its operation. It also helps them develop an understanding of foreign affairs in general, and may even spark the interest of some students to pursue careers in government service, economic development, politics, foreign trade or diplomacy.

Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, a former Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and who is a graduate of our very first Winnipeg MUNA, said of his experience "I believe participating in the Model UN was one of the formative experiences of my youth."

It is fitting that the Rotary Club of Winnipeg should sponsor this MUNA program. Rotary, which encompasses all religions, cultures, sexes and creeds, was founded in the United States of America in 1905 with the objective to develop friendship and goodwill, to maintain the highest ethical standards in business, to render service above self in the community, and to advance international understanding.

Then, in 1910, the Rotary Club of Winnipeg was established, the very first Club outside the USA, thereby making Rotary international. (Today there are Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries).

Subsequently, Rotary played an important role in finalizing the United Nations Charter in 1945; and then in 1957, the Rotary Club of Winnipeg became the first Rotary Club to sponsor a Model UN Assembly.

As Rotarians, we believe this program will be a valuable experience and an enjoyable event for your students. It is an opportunity for students to

- learn about and be heard on topical foreign affairs issues,
- practice the concepts of respectful discourse,
- challenge their public speaking skills, and
- develop friendships with students of similar interests.

The last in person Assembly was held in 2019. The Assembly's of 2021 and 2022 were held virtually.

High schools participating were from Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, North Dakota and Minnesota. There are two delegates per High School that are to represent a selected country for the Assembly. The delegates then debate, discuss and vote on two resolutions over the two day session. Sample resolutions from 2022 are as follows:



## MUNA 2022 Resolutions

### Resolution 1:

*A framework for regulating social networking companies regarding data storage, usage, transparency, and terms of use to safeguard democracy*

During informal consultations, sub-groups drafted two operative action statements relating to each of the following topics:

- **international cooperation and Internet Governance**
- **addressing the rights of children and youth**
- **combating misinformation and safeguarding democracy**
- **creating a regulatory framework and designating future steps**
- **monitoring, reporting, and meetings**



## MUNA 2022 Resolutions

### Resolution 2:

*Building a post-COVID-19 circular world economy for mitigating and enhancing resilience to future climate change*

During informal consultations, sub-groups drafted two operative action statements relating to each of the following topics:

- **reducing waste and pollution**
- **responsible consumption and production**
- **regenerating nature**
- **finance and investment**
- **monitoring, reporting, and meetings**

Karol thanked the group for their presentation and encouraged the club to find a way to participate in the program again.

## **CHEER CAPTAIN**

**Lorne, (substituting for Stan Garchinski)** asked for Happy and Sad \$

Contributions came from Joe, Jack, Darren Swanson, Asit, Betty Ann, Candace, Jim B., Karol, Norm and Lorne.

Lorne adjourned the meeting with a quote from Albert Einstein-”Blind obedience to authority is the greatest enemy of truth”. *(I don't know about you Lorne but my Mom wouldn't have liked this-ed)*

Next meeting is **June 7, 2022 on Zoom** at 12 noon.

### **Officers**

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