



Saskatoon Nutana  
**Rotary**  
 Club



April 27, 2021

Editor: Jim Blackburn

**May 2021 Theme: Youth Services**

**Program Chair:  
 Ravi Chibbar**

Date	Rotana Editor	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
<b>May 11</b>	Jim Blackburn	Walt Pawlovich	Dr. Merle Massie – First Year Research Experience (FYRE) Program at U of S	Ravi Chibbar	Bpb Devrome
<b>May 18</b>	Jim Blackburn	Asit Sarkar	Cheque Presentation from President Lorne to SIMFC and St. Frances	Ravi Chibbar	Joe Dierker
<b>May 25</b>	Jim Blackburn	Jack Scott	Anita Brukell – 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. Scott Adams and returning guest, Karol Komar.

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

Betty Ann played “O Canada”, the Rotary 4 Way Test Song and Happy Birthday to those Rotarians celebrating a birthday this month. Those included: Betty Ann Arscott, May 7, Joe Dierker, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Stan Garchinski, May 16 ( # 60 ), Ed Larkai, May 30<sup>th</sup> and Norm Woodcock, May 12.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lorne thanked all the members contributing to the meeting. He also extended Mother’s Day greetings to all mothers and grandmothers.

If anyone wishes to telephone greetings to Harold Chapman, the phone number is (306) 955-5452.

Betty was in contact with Khysar Pasha he sent warm greetings to all our club members.

Candace indicated that 34 years ago on May 4, a Supreme Court ruling allowed women to join Rotary for the first time ever.

A reminder that last week Candace forwarded an email to let everyone know about the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin's upcoming event Lobsterfest. It is being held May 28, 29 and 30th. You will register online for your lobsters and go and pick them up at Smiley's for an in home meal. Here is the link to their information on the rotarysaskatoon.ca website, which in turn will link you to their registration page. <http://rotarysaskatoon.ca/event/lobsterfest/> You better register quickly as the Saturday is already sold out!

A reminder that the District Conference will be held via Zoom on May 13 – 15. We need to register on the District 5050 website (see below).

### **Guest Speaker**

Ravi introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Scott Adams who spoke on “Science Fairs: Empowering the Next Generation of Researchers and Innovators”. Ravi first met Scott when he was a grade 10 student at Walter Murray Collegiate. He came to his office and wanted to do a science project in microbiology. What a start that was – his project won the top prize in the Saskatoon Fair, the Saskatchewan Science Fair and the Canada-wide Science Fair!! He went on to represent Canada in the International Event. He subsequently went on to obtain his B.Sc. in cellular biology, his MD degree and is currently a Resident in Radiology. He is also completing his PhD in diagnostic radiology on a Vanier Scholarship and plans to have his thesis defence in late June. Next is postdoctoral studies at Harvard University. As a sideline, he is also Chair of the Regional Science Fairs of Saskatchewan and he has musical talents.

He described how exciting it was to work with Ravi on his first project looking at antisense ODN technology for silencing starch biosynthesis genes in wheat, which was the project that won him international acclaim. His current focus is to examine new techniques to permit access to medical imaging for underserved areas in northern, remote and indigenous communities. His group has been developing telerobotic approaches for providing ultrasound in these areas. They have applied these approaches to three northern Saskatchewan communities during the Covid pandemic with excellent results.

He discussed the Sanofi Biogenius Canada program which supports science fairs throughout Canada. Four to 6 students in Grades 7 - 11 from Saskatchewan advance to the Canada-wide competition. The 2021 national competition will have 6 students representing Saskatoon with a wide range of projects.

Scott outlined the benefits of the science fair’s program. In his case, it made him decide early (grade 10) that he wanted a research career. Students need intrinsic and extrinsic motivation to pursue a career goal. It is a transformative experience that positively influences their attitudes and provides increased understanding and it also encourages equity for all contestants, regardless of gender, race and family education level.

These programs inspire an interest in science and encourage a sense of achievement. There were 60 students entered in the Saskatoon Science Fair and now First Nations science fairs are being held to provide this experience in settings where students previously did not have an opportunity to participate.

Peggy thanked Scott for his outstanding presentation and career and wished him much success at Harvard.

## Cheer Captain – Candace

The theme of questions today revolved around Mothers and Children for Mother's Day. The questions were great and a fantastic learning experience for club members and we definitely needed it!! All club members contributed \$ 2.00 whether they were correct or not.

Happy/sad dollars were provided by: Jack – golfing this afternoon; Joe – 85<sup>th</sup> birthday & retiring this week; Betty Ann – sons were vaccinated; Bob M for living in SK & not AB; Ravi – for Scott's presentation; Asit; Stan; Peggy & Candace.

Karol Komar had \$20 Happy Dollars to share with the members for a Great Speaker and a tribute to Mother's Day....even in the animal kingdom! Today from his pickup he caught on camera two moose (cow and calf) in the scrub bushes beside his driveway. Yesterday he saw two mule deer cows and their calves by his barn.



Lorne closed the meeting with a quote by Abraham Lincoln : *“All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my mother”*.

Have a great week!!

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