

<div><div><div>ROTANA</div><div>Saskatoon Nutana</div><div>Rotary</div><div>Club</div></div><div></div></div>				<div><div>CREATE HOPE in the WORLD</div></div>		
May 7th, 2024						
May 2024 Theme: Youth Services				Program Chair: Candace Odishaw		
Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
May 21	Norm Woodcock	Jim Blackburn	Norm Woodcock	District Leadership Seminar Nuru Nyoni and Hannah Enti-Brown	Candace Odishaw	Brynn Campbell

## OPENING

Co-President Peggy welcomed everyone and reminded us that we were meeting on Treaty 6 Territory and Homeland of the Metis.

Our guests today were: Olu Gbenga, Walts Guests: Ben Carey, Yasamin Mahman, Jill Carey; Zubin Raynah and Francis Meyer from Open Door Society/Women's Business Hub; Nuru's Guest: Carvil Richards; Ahmed Tamzeed and Nnamdi Wabara joining by zoom.

.Norm led the singing of O Canada and the 4 -Way Test song.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Candace reported the African Heritage Fundraising Night was a great evening of food and entertainment. She thanked



the organizing committee and all of the workers.



- Asit advised of the Nutana Club sponsoring a Citizenship Ceremony set for the Western Development Museum on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM.

## PROGRAM



Candace indicated that our Speaker Nadera Batori would be telling her life story and would not need an introduction.

Nadera arrived in Canada as a refugee from Afghanistan in August of 2022. She is a member of the Hazari ethnic group. The Hazari have been marginalized by the rest of the population. Nadera's village was destroyed by a group of nomads called the Kochi and the Hazari had to relocate to safety in Merefat. It was in Merefat that

Nadera was able to continue her education and start to realize her dreams of a career in the medical sciences. Then her father passed away suddenly and Nadera had to discontinue her education so she could work to help support the family.



On August 15, 2021 the Taliban took control of Afghanistan and installed their government. The Taliban were particularly repressive towards women by restricting their rights for an education and requiring the wearing of a hijab while in public. Nadera couldn't tolerate these conditions and decided to escape from Afghanistan.

After many delays and harrowing experiences she arrived in Canada in August 2022. She left behind her Mother and siblings and is working toward bringing her family to Canada to reunite.

Asit advised that the Mennonite Central Committee(MCC) is the sponsor for the Batori family and will only be a sponsor for a group of 3. MCC has created a Trust Fund for depositing donations for the family to be used for their first year of residence in Canada. MCC is seeking \$53,000 Cdn for support of the family.

Lorne Braithwaite thanked the speaker for her presentation and courage.

## **CHEER CAPTAIN**

Zubin from the Open Door Society was Cheer Captain. Peggy said that all funds raised today would be donated to the MCC Trust Fund in aid of Nadera's family. Zubin quizzed the club with pop culture questions which were all answered because the club is so old and wise. Donations were made by Peggy, Jim B., Betty Ann, Walt, Jack, Dorothy, Norm, Lorne, Candace, Bill and others.

**The next meeting is at Sports on Tap on May 21st at 12 noon.**

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