



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



Nov 05, 2024

**November 2024 Theme:
 Rotary Foundation**

**Program
 Chair:
 Nuru**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Nov 19	Norm Woodcock	Bob MacGillivray	Nuru Nyoni	Kirsten Thom Quint Developments		Candace Odishaw

OPENING

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

Thanks were given to those helping at todays meeting: Dorothy, Lorne and Karol.

Our guests were:

Guest Speaker – Zeba Ahmad

Honorary Member – Bill Christensen

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Peggy spoke about the club fundraiser, a dining event at Sask Polytechnic on November 7th. Peggy has provided instructions directly to those attending.

- Bob has the list of contributions required from each member to get to the next level in the Paul Harris ladder. Contact Bob for your suggested contribution.

- The Meewasin Club is having a “Wine and Dine” evening on Dec 12th. Contact their club for tickets.

- There will be a Board meeting prior to the November 19th Meeting.

-Bob MacGillivray is still collecting membership fees. Its getting late.

-Lorne circulated sign up sheets for Salvation Army bell ringing for Nov 23rd and Dec 07/

PROGRAM

Betty Ann introduced our speaker Zeba Ahmad.



Zeba Ahmad, a proud mom of two grown children, is a tireless volunteer locally in Saskatoon, provincially and nationally. Zeba began her professional career as a pharmacist and practiced for over 20 years, before moving on to other professional roles. She currently serves as the CEO for the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation.

She has served on and chaired several boards including Royal University Hospital Foundation and Saskatoon Community Foundation.

For her community involvement Zeba was awarded the 2021 YWCA Woman of Distinction for Community Building and in 2023 was the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal.

The Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation (SPSF) was incorporated in 2008. Its goals are to assist the public schools in improving in the areas of literacy, wellness and innovation. Over the past several years the Foundation has raised \$17m towards the achievement of these goals. The fund raising goal is \$20m.

Studies have shown that every dollar invested in preventative programming will return \$7. A 1% increase in adult literacy could create an annual economic benefit of \$67 B for Canada. Saskatchewan currently has the third lowest rating in Canada for students reading at their level in Grade 3. Currently Saskatchewan has 5000 students annually who do not graduate on time from Grade 12. There is definitely a need for improvement.

Zeba went on to describe the programs that SPSF have promoted or funded to improve the literacy rates in Saskatoon. These include FullDay/EveryDay Kindergarten, Page Turners, Camp Brain Power and the Cheer Crate.

Zeba also pointed out that the additional annual cost of a full kindergarten program in Saskatchewan is \$4.7m. This is equal to a rounding error in the annual provincial budget.

All of this programming is aimed at helping every student reach their full potential.

Karol thanked Zeba for her presentation.

CHEER CAPTAIN

Our Cheer Captain Lorne was filling for Derek. Lorne asked several educational questions about Salvation Army assistance programs.

Happy and Sad \$ were given by Jack, Betty Ann, Jim B., Norm, Kim, Bob, Karol, Peggy, Joe, Walt, Candace and Lorne. The Foundation thanks you.

“There are no mistakes in life, only lessons” -Robin Sharma

The next meeting is on November 19th at Sports on Tap at 12 noon.

DINING EVENT – Text and photos courtesy Lorne Braithwaite

Dinner and fellowship at SK Polytech last Thursday November 7th.

The event was well attended. I was pleased to see and chat with some Rotarians I had not seen for a while. (Eileen and Brian Harvey, Earle Newton and many more.)

"Le Menu" was as follows:

SOUP -- Butternut Squash, Caramelized Apples, Pickled Red Onions with Parmesan Tuille.

SALAD -- Artisanal Greens, Shallot, Cucumber, Radish, Goat cheese with Honey Vinaigrette.

Fish – Icelandic Cod, Leeks, Tarragon Beurre Blanc with Chive Oil

SORBET – Blackberry Sage Sorbet, Blood Orange sauce and Hazelnut Crumble

MAIN – Beef Tenderloin & Prawns, Dauphinois Potatoes, Asparagus, Beet Tuille and Bordelaise Sauce.

DESSERT – Passionfruit Dark Chocolate Timbale, Grapefruit, Sea Salt Espuma, Pickled rind and Sugar Ribbon.

The dining experience was wonderful. There were so many interesting flavours and food presentations to behold. Everyone gave Chef Todd an appreciative thank you ovation for the evening.





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