



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



November 09, 2021

NOVEMBER 2021
Theme: The Rotary
Foundation

Program Chair:
Ravi Chibbar

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Desk	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Nov 16	Norm Woodcock			Betty Ann Arscott	Dr. Raman Chawla Fresh Vegetables in the Indian Himalayan Region	Ravi Chibbar	Joe Dierker
Nov 23	Norm Woodcock			Jim Blackburn	Asit Sarkar Community Inclusion: A Personal Commitment	Ravi Chibbar	Walt Pawlovich
Nov 30	Norm Woodcock			Ravi Chibbar	Grace Munro Amarok Society	Ravi Chibbar	Peggy Clark

OPENING

President Micheal Gramiak called the meeting to order with the acknowledgement that "WE LIVE ON TREATY 6 TERRITORY, HOMELAND OF THE METIS" and welcomed all members and guests. Guests present included our speaker Andrew Van Kessel, Ijeoma Nwamuo and Mohammed Yasin representing International Women of Saskatoon and Ashraf Mirmontahai representing the Saskatoon Open Door Society. Michael thanked those who are helping with the meeting today.

Betty Ann led us in the singing and playing of "O Canada" and our "4 Way Test Song".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Board is targetting January 2022 as a starting date for in-person meetings.
- The Enchanted Forest will operate from November 14th to January 9th. Sign up sheets for members to assist at the gate will be attached and circulated by a separate email
- You have been sent an invoice for your meeting costs earlier. Please submit your payment to Bob McGillivray as soon as you can.

PROGRAM

Ravvi Chibbar introduced our speaker, Andrew Van Kessel. Andrew is the Associate Director of Research at the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) and a Professor in Animal and Poultry Science.

VIDO was established in 1975 as part of the Veterinary College at the University of Saskatchewan. VIDO operates primarily on funding from government and competitive research grants. There are approximately 160 personnel from 25 countries working at the facility including 25 principal scientists and veterinarians. The facility features a large advanced animal containment facility. Since its inception VIDO has developed 10 commercialized vaccines.



The photo illustrates the size of VIDO and the containment facility compared to a football field. The high containment facility is the largest in Canada with 18 animal rooms holding up to 500 pigs and 100 yearling steers. Large or small they house them all (bats, bison, hamsters, ferrets, mice). VIDO is Canada's Centre for Pandemic Research. It is a leading institute for emerging infectious diseases and has developed several global partnerships. VIDO is positioned to provide a rapid response to any emerging pathogen. VIDO has received \$140m in funding for development of a vaccine manufacturing facility and further research.

With respect to COVID 19 Research VIDO has the following accomplishments:

COVID-19 Research



- **1st in Canada to isolate virus (collaboration with Sunnybrook and NML)**
- **1st in Canada to establish animal model (ferret model, later hamster model)**
- **1st University in Canada to enter clinical trials for vaccine**
- **Contracted with >100 organizations (companies/academia) to evaluate candidate antivirals, vaccines and therapeutics**
- **Member of 3 World Health Organization (WHO) expert groups**



Recently (Nov 4,2021)VIDO was one of the first two vaccine research facilities in the world to receive funding to develop a variant proof COVID19 vaccine.

After Q and A, Bob Devrome thanked Andrew for his presentation which was of great interest to a wide audience

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Betty Ann and Mike performed the induction of two new corporate members into the Nutana Rotary Club. They are International Women of Saskatoon represented by Ijeoma Nwamuo and Mohammed Yasin



and the Open Door Society of Saskatoon represented by Ashraf Mirmontahai



CHEER CAPTAIN

Peggy asked the membership a series of questions about Remembrance Day. It a good review of what NOV 11 is all about. Thanks Peggy. Happy and Sad \$ were given by Jim B., Bob D., Jim G., Asit, Ravi, Walt, Bob Mc., Peggy, Ijeoma, Jack S. And Mike.

The Rotary Foundation thanks Peggy and those who contributed.

Next meeting is **November 16th on Zoom.**

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