



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



November 23, 2021

**NOVEMBER 2021
 Theme: The Rotary
 Foundation**

**Program Chair:
 Ravi Chibbar**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Desk	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Nov 30	Norm Woodcock			Ravi Chibbar	Grace Munro Amarok Society	Ravi Chibbar	Peggy Clark
Dec 07	Norm Woodcock			Asit Sarkar	Professor Steve Siciliano		Ed Larkai
Dec 14	Norm Woodcock			Jack Scott	Chris MacLeod Be the CEO of Your Own Health		Betty Ann Arscott
Dec 21	Norm Woodcock			Candace Odishaw	Club Christmas Party on Zoom		Jim Blackburn
Dec 28					NO MEETING		

OPENING

Past President Lorne Braithwaite called the meeting to order with the acknowledgement that WE LIVE ON TREATY 6 TERRITORY, HOMELAND OF THE METIS” and welcomed all members and guest of Asit Sakar, Antara Chowdhary. Lorne thanked those who are helping with the meeting today.

We were led in “O Canada” and our “4 Way Test Song” vocally and on the piano by the very talented Betty Ann Arscott.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Board is targeting January 2022 as a starting date for in-person meetings.
- Lorne reminded members who are volunteering at the Enchanted Forest to wear their Rotary name tags as it is good publicity for our club.

- Ravi reported that he had attended a District training session to help the club qualify for matching funding for any of our projects that meet the criteria.

-Lorne reported that the Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to attend the kettle at Market Mall. If you wish to help email Lorne and he will send the request to the Salvation Army.

PROGRAM

Lorne Braithwaite introduced our speaker, club member Asit Sarkar. Asit has been a member of the club since 1976 and was President in 1998/1999. He has been a permanent Board member for many years and is very active in Rotary Foundation issues. His presentation was about inclusivity and his personal commitment to inclusivity.



Asit was born in colonial India. When British rule ended and the country partitioned Asit found he was not judged by his talents but by his religious affiliation. Asit gave examples as to how this treatment affected his life.

While a student at the University of Hawaii Asit encountered the East-West Center that had an emphasis on cultural interchange. He also observed systemic exclusion in the US which further informed his views on inclusivity.

In the 1970's Asit moved to Saskatoon to work at the U of S . He found Canada to be a multi-cultural society and Saskatoon to be very welcoming to immigrants. He was invited to join Rotary and volunteered in immigrant settlement.

In the 2000's there was increased immigration in the Saskatoon community with an increase in diversity. There was an increased focus on settlement but not inclusion resulting in the growth of mini-communities. The focus of improving inclusion is now on the Indigenous community who have suffered from community exclusion.

His family commitment includes setting up a fund within the Saskatoon Foundation towards the promotion of inclusion. Examples of what others can do towards the goal of increased inclusion are:

- be proactive for inclusion
- when we see instances of exclusion ask ourselves Is it Fair to All Concerned?
- in choosing what we do, ask ourselves the question, will it bring goodwill and friendship to everyone?

Walt Pawlovich thanked Asit on behalf of the club.

CHEER CAPTAIN

Betty Ann Arscott asked the membership a series of questions about the contents of the current Rotary magazine. It appears most members hadn't received the issue Betty Ann was using and were fined.

Happy and Sad \$ were given by Betty Ann, Candace, Jim B. Asit, Ravi, Jim G., Joe, Lorne, Karol, Walt, Kim, and Norm. The vast majority of the Happy \$ were for Asit's presentation.

The Rotary Foundation thanks Betty Ann and those who contributed.

Chair Lorne closed the meeting by quoting Robert Louis Stevenson – “Don't judge the day by what you reap but by what you sow”

Next meeting is **November 30th on Zoom.**

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