



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



November 30, 2021

**December 2021
 Theme: Disease
 Prevention and
 Treatment**

**Program Chair:
 Dorothy Hudson**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Desk	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
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

Our returning travelling President, Michael, 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, Shahira Mabrouk from the Open Door Society. President Mike 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

- All Enchanted Forest volunteer positions have been filled. The roster is attached.
- Bob MacGillivray announced that any Foundation donations should be forwarded to him by December 15. This will ensure that the tax receipt will be for 2021.
- The Nutana Rotary Club received a certificate of appreciation from Rotary Foundation for our contributions toward the elimination of polio.

PROGRAM

President Michael introduced our speaker, Barbara Melara. Barbara is the Chair of the Board of the Amarok Society of Canada.



Barbara holds a Master of Social Work degree, and has spent most of her career in the social service field. Her work history includes six years teaching in Belize. In Canada, she has worked with children, youth, adults and families in a variety of settings – a woman’s shelter, residential settings and most recently with a Children’s Aid Society where she worked mainly with First Nations people living off-reserve. She is married, and is a member of the Lion’s Club of St. George, Ontario. She is active in the faith community in St. George. Amarok Society fits well with her beliefs. She sponsors the Amarok Society’s Libby Women’s School, named in memory and honour of her mother, Elizabeth ‘Libby’ Mayo.

The goal of the Amarok Society is improve the education opportunities for children who have no opportunity to achieve literacy because they live in poverty. Barbara has specific experience with the slum dwellers of Bangladesh.

The technique that the Amarok Society uses is called “Teach the Mothers”. Mothers are trained to teach their children. This has been a very successful and cost effective way to improve literacy. Mothers transfer their new learnings to their children who in turn teach other children. Because of the new knowledge older children are able to obtain jobs. The income helps support the family and provides a role model for other community members to take part in the process.

The schooling takes place in the home and are referred to as micro-schools. This method of learning results in a network of teachers and learners that multiplies the effect of the initial mother who trained to become a teacher.

Students who start in the micro-school program and are then able to attend the government operated schools become role models for their siblings and neighborhoods.

In closing Barbara invited our club to help out in this program as many other Rotary clubs have.

Peggy Clark thanked Barbara for her inspirational presentation on behalf of the club.

CHEER CAPTAIN

Ravi Chibbar asked the members a series of questions about Rotary Foundation since November is Rotary Foundation Month. Did you know the Foundation has seven areas of focus? Some areas were identified by the members but not all. There were sad dollars levied. Do you know the Rotary President elect for 23/24? IF NOT, PAY UP.

Happy and Sad \$ were given by Jack, Norm, Jim B., Peggy, Jim G., Asit, Boris, Candace, Karol, Betty Ann, Mike and Ravi. The vast majority of the Happy \$ were for Barbara’s presentation and the

stunning wins by the Huskies and Rider football teams. Boris was promoting his latest book-"Canadian Colonialism". This book is a must read for anyone who doubts the stupidity of governments. This is an editorial comment, Boris didn't say that!

The Rotary Foundation thanks Ravi and those who contributed.

Next meeting is **December 7th on Zoom.**

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