



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



Sept. 10, 2024

**September 2024
 Theme:
 Basic Education and
 Literacy**

**Program
 Chair:
 Dorothy**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Sept 24	Norm Woodcock	N/A	N/A	Rotary Park Peace Plaza Nobel Peace Laureate Brick Placement	N/A	N/A

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 today's meeting: Lorne, Jim B., Candace and Dorothy.

Our guests were:

Rafiq Akhtar– Rotarian from Pakistan

Gwen Lancaster – Guest Speaker

Shakiba Jalal – Guest Speaker

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Club membership fee (\$250) was due for payment at the end of July. Send payment to Bob MacGillivray. The membership fee must be paid separate from any other payments.

- Asit is inviting any Rotarian to his house to meet a returning Australian Exchange Student from 1991. This is happening on Monday Sept. 16 at 6 PM. Call Asit if you wish to come.

- The Board announced that the next club fundraiser is a dining event at Sask Polytechnic on November 7th. There will be a 5 course meal plus other activities to round out the evening. Tickets are on sale soon.

- Stan invited members to a cancer fund raiser on Sunday Sept 15th east of Saskatoon. Horse pulled wagon/buggy rides and a concert. Concert begins at 3PM. Bring your own chair and drinks. Directions: Go to Costco corner on Hwy 16 East. Turn right, turn right, turn left, turn left and you are at the King Ranch. Bring money and a full heart.

PROGRAM

Our speakers were introduced by Dorothy. Gwen Lancaster is the Chair of NEST. She is a long time volunteer with many Saskatoon organizations. Shakiba Jalal came to Saskatoon from Pakistan in 1998 and has been Treasurer for NEST since 2022. She is currently Director of Graduate Services at Usask.

Nest Saskatoon supports refugee settlement in the city. Formed in 1997, Nest is a volunteer group comprised of people who think globally and act locally. As our name suggests, Nest has worked to be a “home” or safe refuge for the newcomer families we sponsor.

The impetus for establishing our refugee group arose in 1997 when a number of Nigerians sought asylum in some German Lutheran churches and were seeking permission to come to Canada as refugees. The basis for their refugee claim was that they were followers of Ken Saro-Wiwa who was arrested, tortured and executed in 1995 for efforts to hold Shell responsible for an oil spill in Nigeria. We sought to sponsor one of these persons and made contact with Canadian Lutheran World Relief, which agreed to be our Sponsorship Agreement Holder.

In the end, the Canadian government refused to allow any of these people to come to Canada and most of them were deported back to Nigeria. After we realized that we were not going to be able to bring these Nigerian refugees to Canada, we met and decided to continue to work together to sponsor other refugee families to the city.

The responsibilities of sponsorship groups are divided into two categories, pre- arrival and post arrival. Pre-arrival includes pre-screening applicants, submitting necessary paper work and maintaining contact. Post-arrival includes all settlement activities and required financial supports. The financial support required is \$19,000 which includes \$1000/mo for the first year.

Nest has sponsored refugee families from Sudan, Afghanistan, Burundi, Colombia, the Congo, Eritrea, Iraq, Liberia, Pakistan, Myanmar and Syria.

NEST will gratefully accept cash and in kind donations, In addition NEST holds fund raisers throughout the year that you may support.

Our speakers were thanked by Lorne.

CHEER CAPTAIN

Jim B. challenged members to tell us their summer fun moments for the right to pay a fine. Many stories were told and fines paid. The Foundation thanks you.

The next meeting is on September 24th at the Rotary Peace Plaza in Rotary Park at 12 noon.

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