



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



Sept. 24, 2024

**October 2024 Theme:
 Economic and
 Community
 Development**

**Program
 Chair:
 Dorothy**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Oct 08	Norm Woodcock	Joe Dierker	Stan Garchinski	Mennonite Central Committee		Jim Gillis
Oct 22	Norm Woodcock	Kim Horan	Dorothy Hudson	St. Edward School and St. Mary's Wellness and Education Centre Will Grant		Arif Islam

Ceremony at the Peace Plaza

The emcees for the event were students, Ben and Anmeet.

After the opening remarks and acknowledgement of Treaty 6 Territory by Connor, a student at St. Anne Inquiry School.

Betty Anne Arscott, our Co-President mentioned how fortunate we all are to be here at the park on such a beautiful day. She then played on the piano, O'Canada and the Rotary Four Way Test song with Stan Garchinski leading the songs.

Peggy Clark, our Co-President then welcomed everyone on behalf of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana.

Kris Hanson, Principal of the St. Anne Inquiry School brought greetings and expressed how this event inspires his students.

Diane Boyko brought greetings from the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

Asit Sarkar, one of our Rotary long standing members gave an introduction to our Rotary Nobel

Peace Laureate recognition program and the benefits of the continuing work with the St. Anne students over the past seventeen years.

The significance of the Nobel Peace Laureates was described by St. Anne students, Meave and Nadia.

Dr. Denis Mukwege



Helping to combat sexual violence

Denis Mukwege was born in 1955 and grew up in the town of Bukavu, in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). He trained as a doctor and became a gynecologist after studying in France. In 2008, he established Panzi Hospital in Bukavu, where he and his staff have treated the injuries of thousands of women victims of sexual violence.

Many millions of people have been killed, abused and forced to flee in the civil wars that have ravaged the DRC since the 1990s. The fighting largely concerns control of the DRC'S important raw materials. Both government forces and rebel groups have used the rape of women as a weapon to humiliate and weaken their opponents.

Mukwege has become one of the world's leading experts on the treatment of internal injuries suffered by women subjected to gang rape. He has carried out countless operations, working long days of up to 18 hours. Typically, he was in the operating room when he was told that he had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mukwege's work is dangerous. In 2012, he and his family survived an assassination attempt, and his life has been threatened by groups bent on preventing him from publicly condemning the atrocities. Despite these threats, Mukwege has continued to criticize the DRC's government and the international community for not doing enough to prosecute the perpetrators of such war crimes.

Nadia Murad



Victim of sexual violence

Nadia was born in 1993 and she grew up in the village of Kojo in northern Iraq. She is a member of the Yazidi minority. Yazidis are an ancient ethno-religious group.

In 2014, militants from the Islamic State (IS) conquered Kojo and massacred several hundred men and elderly women. The IS claimed that the Yazidi were devil worshippers who had to be exterminated.

Twenty-one-year-old Nadia Murad and other young women were abducted and held as sex slaves. Nadia was raped and threatened with execution unless she converted to the IS version of Islam.

After some months, Nadia Murad managed to escape, and in 2015 arrived in Germany. There she chose to tell the international community what she had suffered. Murad hoped that doing so would result in her abusers being brought to justice for their crimes.

In 2016, she was appointed the United Nations' first Goodwill Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking. In 2008, the United Nations determined that use of sexual violence in war and conflict is a war crime. Nadia Murad has written an autobiography, "The Last Girl". By recounting the atrocities perpetrated against her, she seeks to help ensure that future generations of girls and young women do not become victims of sexual violence in war.

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This year's brick sponsors, Louise Rochon and Joe Dierker spoke about why they chose this year's awardees. Nadia Murad and Dr. Denis Mukwege shared the Nobel Peace Prize award for 2018. Their work highlighted the fact that this crime continues and more must be done. In 2008, the United Nations determined that use of sexual violence in war and conflict is a war crime. Joe concluded, "Peace is an important tenet of Rotary and the use of sexual abuse as a weapon of war and armed conflict must end."

Andrea Lafonde, the CEO with Meewasin Valley Authority also expressed her thanks and appreciation for the partnerships between Meewasin, Nutana Rotary and St. Anne Inquiry School over the past seventeen years.

Co-President, Betty Anne thanked everyone for their contributions and closed with this quotation:

"Making a change in our world starts with one person. Be that one person."

DENIS MUKWEGE &
NADIA MURAD
2018
LOUISE ROCHON AND
JOSEPH DIERKER







Thanks to Lorne for providing the text and photos



The next meeting is on October 8th at Sports on Tap at 12 noon.

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