



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



September 5th, 2023

**September 2023
 Theme: Basic
 Education & Literacy**

**Program Chair:
 Candace
 Odishaw**

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Sept 19	Norm Woodcock	Bob MacGillivray	Carm Michelenko	Lucille Ayers -Dryden Be Readings Free reading Program	Candace Odishaw	Ashraf Mirmontahal
Sept 26	Norm Woodcock			Rotary Peace Plaza Brick Dedication		

OPENING

President Peggy Clark welcomed guests Don Ewart, Saskatoon North, Preet Jain, Mason Douglas and Todd Montgomery . Peggy reminded us that “We are on Treaty 6 Territory and Homeland of the Metis.” Oh Canada and The Rotary Four Way Test Song led by Jim Gillis.

CLUB BUSINESS

- The Joy Centre is accepting your loose change at each meeting to help fund their activities. Look for the plastic container and fill it up.
- The Rotary Peace Plaza brick dedication will be held September 26th. The brick will be placed to honour the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize winners Joseph Rotblat and Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs.
- A Program Chair is required for October. Remember meetings are held on a bi-weekly basis.
- A Steak Night Fundraiser will be held on October 24th. The event will be held at Sports on Tap and will include a Silent Auction. Tickets and donor letters available from Candace.
- Volunteers were requested for the Friendship Inn to help serving lunch (11:30 to 1:30) on Tuesday Sept. 12th. A number of members volunteered, check with Candace if you wish to do so.

- Stan Garchinski brought to our attention his annual Pearl Brown Memorial Ride and Drive fund raiser for cancer on September 17th at the Melva King Ranch. A \$100 donation (or something greater) will get free admission, free entertainment, free barbecue and free wagon rides. For other ways to donate see Stan.

PROGRAM.

Peggy introduced our speaker and club member Grant Devine. Grant obtained his Undergrad and Masters degrees at the University of Alberta. His PhD in Agricultural Economics was earned at Ohio State University. Grant shared his views of the pros and cons of a carbon tax.

Under a carbon tax, the government sets a price that emitters must pay for each ton of greenhouse gas emissions they emit. Businesses and consumers will take steps, such as switching fuels or adopting new technologies, to reduce their emissions to avoid paying the tax. The effect of this scheme is to reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere and hence improve the climate and weather.

Grant thinks this is a dubious proposition. The amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is 0.04%. The amount of change in the level of CO₂ in the atmosphere that would be achieved by the carbon tax in Canada is infinitesimal. As Grant says "You can't change the weather with a carbon tax".

Besides being ineffective, a carbon tax is very costly to consumers and industry. We are a fossil fuelled economy so increasing the cost of fuel increases the cost of everything. Canada could become uncompetitive in the world economy.

Grant realizes there are many competing views on the carbon tax and encourages all members to educate themselves about the climate problems and the carbon tax. Grant recommends for your reading "Fossil Future – Alex Epstein". Jim Gillis recommends "Fire Weather- John Vaillant".

Karol Komar thanked Grant for his presentation.

CHEER CAPTAIN

Derek Kerr educated members about the Salvation Army. As a group we were left poorer in cash but richer in knowledge. Happy and sad dollars were donated by Derek, Jack Scott, Grant, Betty Ann, Jim B., Joe, Karol, Norm, Kim, Walt, John H., Candace, Asit, Peggy, Stan, Karol, Jim G. And Dorothy

The next meeting is at the Parktown on September 19th.

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