



Saskatoon Nutana
Rotary
 Club



September 7, 2021

SEPTEMBER 2021
Theme: Basic
Education and Literacy

Program Chair:
TBA

Date	Rotana Editor	Greeter	Desk	Cheer Captain	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
Sept 14	Norm Woodcock			Will Grant	TBA		Bob McGillivray
Sept 21	Norm Woodcock	Ravi Chibbar	Walt Pawlovich	Karol Komar			Larry Neely
Sept 28	Norm Woodcock	Peggy Clark	Norm Woodcock	Kim Horan	Rotary Peace Plaza Brick Placement		Asit Sarkar

OPENING

President Micheal Gramiak called the Zoom meeting to order at noon and welcomed all members and guests present. Michael thanked all the members contributing to the meeting this afternoon.

“WE LIVE ON TREATY 6 TERRITORY, HOMELAND OF THE METIS”.

Betty Ann played “O Canada” and our 4 Way Test Song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Shelter Box is asking for support to send boxes to help in the Haiti recovery
- The Saskatoon Club is sponsoring the Badge and Shield dinner to be held Sept 22 at Prairieland. Tickets are \$125, a portion of which will be charitably receipted. You are encouraged to attend because this is a major fund raiser for RAP.
- Due to the challenges of the pandemic, in-person meetings have been postponed until further notice. The meeting of September 14th will be Zoom.
- Volunteers are still needed to look after program for a particular month. Please respond to Candace with the month(s) you would look after. Asit has spoken for October. If there are no volunteers there will be no program and the Rider Labour Day “Classic” game will be replayed..
- The ceremony for placement of a brick at the Rotary Peace Plaza will take place on September 28. Unfortunately the school students will be unable to participate.

- The week of October 10 to 16 will be a week to celebrate the community service clubs. Plans are being made to enhance our clubs image during this week.
- October will be Literacy Month. Candace will be gauging the clubs interest in purchasing sets of Encyclopedia Britannica.
- Will Grant is inviting any club member to the SIMFC AGM on September 29th at 6:30 PM.
- The following member birthdays were recognized: July- Karol Komar, August-Jim Gillis, September-Will Grant.

PROGRAM

President Michael introduced Amy Wall as our guest speaker. Amy is the Director of Marketing and Fund Development for the Meewasin Valley Authority.

Amy gave a detailed presentation about the Meewasin Valley Authority(MVA) from its beginnings in 1979 and its current status regarding fund raising and longer term goals.

The MVA was created by a provincial act in 1979. Governance is through a 12 person board equally divided between the Saskatchewan government, the City of Saskatoon and the University of Saskatchewan.

The word Meewasin is based upon a Cree word “miywasin” meaning beautiful. The genesis of the Meewasin Park was a 100 year conceptual plan created for the South Saskatchewan River Valley in the vicinity of Saskatoon by Raymond Moriyama. The mandate for the MVA is to conserve, develop and educate.

The park contains 37 ha and is approximately 80 km long. 50% of the park is within city limits. 320,000 people live within a 15 km radius of the park. In 2020 there were 1.65m trail users.

The MVA is starting a fund raising project called “More Then Just a Trail” . The goal is to raise \$23m to be used for trail upgrade and expansion, new greenhouse and seedbank and expansion of tourism and education opportunities. The campaign is currently in its quiet phase with the public phase going forward in January to April of 2022. The campaign has raised \$6 m so far with funding coming from the federal and provincial government (\$4m) and \$2m from other donations and sponsorships. Trail expansion construction is scheduled for Fall 2020 to Fall 2022, greenhouse construction is scheduled for 2023 to 2025 and the education component will be expanded as funds are available.

After questions and answers Amy was thanked by Candace Odishaw for her presentation.



CHEER CAPTAIN – Lorne Braithwaite

Lorne asked members questions about the paralympics and some tricky weather related queries. 15 members struck out and a pile of funds were raised for the Foundation.

Happy and Sad dollars were contributed by Walt, Jim Blackburn, Jim Gillis, Jack, Candace , Peggy, Norm, Karol, Will Grant, Lorne and Ravi .

Next meeting is **September 14th on Zoom.**

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