



**October 13, 2009**  
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**Rotary Club of  
 Saskatoon Nutana**

**Club No. 1380**  
**Founded May 31, 1961**

**OCTOBER 20 IS THE WORLD FOOD DAY – PLEASE  
 BRING A FOOD ITEM FOR DONATION TO THE  
 FOOD BANK.**

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**Call to Order**

President Dorothy called the meeting to order, followed by the piano rendition of *O Canada* and *Rotary Grace* by David Kaplan. President Dorothy thanked Joe Dierker and Cy Rouse who were doing duties at the attendance desk and Kent Creelman for looking after the sale of Rotary Dollars.

**Visitors**

Norm Woodcock introduced our guest speaker, Michelle Chuhaniuk, as the only guest of the day and Michelle was serenaded with our Welcome song.

**Make ups –Terry Kotyk**

**Program – Michelle Chuhuniak – Oskayak School**

Ray Bannister provided a more detailed introduction of Michelle who is the Principal of the Oskayak High School. Michelle provided an overview of the Oskayak School's philosophy and programs as well as its student profile.



- The school is in its 30<sup>th</sup> year of operation, starting initially as a

Native Survival School and then as Joe Duquette School. Michelle indicated that the change to Oskayak was pursuant to a request by the family of Joe Duquette in keeping

with the respect for the spirit of the departed. Oskayak means “young people” in Cree. It is a part of the Catholic School system.

- Students are primarily of aboriginal origin – about 75% are from northern Saskatchewan. Staff is of mixed ancestry.
- Oskayak is cultural school – a place of healing It focuses on the oral tradition of the Cree people and has pursued the motto of Listen, Learn and Understand. Its lunch programs are nutrition-positive – students are not allowed to bring junk food to the school.
- In keeping with the aboriginal traditions, students have the opportunity to participate in sweat lodge, smudge, periodic feasts and fasts, pow wow, sage and sweetgrass picking etc.
- The school has a hockey academy and it provides career counseling in partnership with SIAST.

Michelle thanked the Nutana Rotary for its scholarship support and asked for ideas on how her students can be engaged in giving back to the community. Norm Woodcock thanked Michelle on behalf of the Club.

### Announcements

- Shelter Box Gala on October 17.
- Club has purchased a laptop computer in order to facilitate presentations at club meetings and events. This will complement the donation of the LCD projector by Ed Pek.
- Jack Shiffman promoted the Saskatoon Concert Band event on October 17.

### Sergeant at Arms

Bill Christensen started his extraction of dollar fines by levying fines on all for seeing all of their favourite sport teams win. He added to this levy on all who failed the quiz from the Rotarian of August, 2009. Happy dollars for a diverse array of events were voluntarily contributed by Ed Pek, Rick Lee, Norm Woodcock, Bill Sinnett, Bill Christensen, Betty Ann Arscott, Ray Bannister, Bryan Tastad and Asit Sarkar. Sad dollar was contributed by Jim Gillis.

**Draws** - The day’s lucky winner was Ray Bannister.

### Program Calendar October 2009

**Theme: Vocational Service**

**Program Chair: Ray Bannister**

Date	Attendance Desk	Greeter	Rotana Editor	Sgt-at-Arms	Speaker/Topic	Intro	Club Thanks
October 20	Jack Kernan/ Kenn George	Stan Garchinski	Asit Sarkar	Bill Christensen	Anne Simpsons <i>Writer-in-Residence</i>	Ray Bannister	Walter Mills
October 21	Meals on Wheels Driver – Jim McCartan						
October 22	Meals on Wheels Driver – Joe Dierker						
October 27	Mario Gould/ TBA	Stan Garchinski	Bill Christensen	TBA	Klaus Gruber <i>Immigration to Canada</i>	Ray Bannister	Ed Pek
October 28	Meals on Wheels Driver – Jim McCartan						
October 29	Meals on Wheels Driver – Betty Ann Arscott						

## Afghan School - Canadian Rotary Centennial Project

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg has launched the Canadian Rotary Centennial Project to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rotary becoming International. The Rotary Club of Winnipeg received its charter in 1910. The Canadian Rotary Centennial Project will construct and equip a school as partner in the Afghanistan Challenge with the Government of Canada. Rotary and other Canadian NGOs are partnering in the Afghanistan Challenge with the Government of Canada to implement projects in Afghanistan that help to improve the lives of Afghans.

The Afghanistan Challenge is an initiative that matches the funds raised by Canadian organizations, who are directly involved in the development effort in Afghanistan.

Rotary has taken the lead to help build and equip a school in Afghanistan. This project will build and furnish a school for 4,000 Afghani children, many of whom will be girls. It will cost approximately CAD\$600,000 with CAD \$330,000 being contributed through matched funding from CIDA. The Rotary club of Winnipeg, as the Centennial Club, is the lead on this project with CRCID operating as the project manager and legal partner with CIDA.

You can help ensure that children will continue to receive the education they deserve. Through the Rotary School Project, you can help Rotary build a school in Afghanistan brick by brick. This project will build a school from the ground up for local girls and boys, and the units of challenge will range from \$25 to \$400.

Match hope with action. This project is seeking donations from Canadian Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians. Click on link to donate online:

>>>Buy a student a desk for \$25. The school needs 1,250 desks.

>>>Help furnish a classroom for \$100.

>>> Help build a classroom for \$400. Rotary's goal is to build 20 classrooms.

Every dollar you give is worth two, because the Government of Canada will match your donation dollar-for-dollar. Donations to the Rotary School project will receive a charitable income tax receipt from the Rotary Club of Winnipeg.

You may make donations to this project by cheque payable to: Winnipeg Rotary Club Community Service Fund Inc. and mail it to: Rotary Club of Winnipeg, 243 - 375 York Ave., Winnipeg, MB. R3C 3J3. Individual or Clubs will receive a tax receipt for their donations.

Clubs may submit one cheque on behalf of the Club or submit a bundle of individual cheques if individual tax receipts are wanted by individuals.

If you have specific questions about the fund raising or the project, you may contact:

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