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2502 Blain Ave., Saskatoon, Sask., S7J 2B6
Founded: April 23, 1985
Meetings: Monday, 0700hr. Hilton Garden Inn
District Governor (5550): Eva Vida

PRESIDENT: Chrystel Olivier • FIRST V.P.: Donna Birkmaier-Tillotson • SECRETARY: Chetan Thakore • EDITOR: Harold Empey

Chair: Chrystel organized and in charge
Desk: Ken Wilson and later on John Benesh

Guests: Natsuki Niwa YES; Heather Durand & Marilyn Denis both from the French School Division; Dale Zak and Krystin Olszanski, guests of David Kerr.

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Make ups – A number of good make ups. Nice going fellow Rotarians.

Sergeant-at-Arms: SGT Harold his last kick at the cat since he is being replaced by a much more demanding Rotarian Les Ferguson. You thought I was bad - just wait until Les catches you.

Ralph's raffle: Ralph chose to give all the wonderful prizes to a single table, leaving the rest of us wanting. Ralph still needs good items.

Announcements

- **RIVERSIDES 25TH Anniversary Dinner** – October 5 at WDM Cocktails 5:30 – Dinner 6pm \$30.00
- **BLACK & WHITE – October 21 – The days are slipping by – please sell tickets and get items for the big event. This is a huge undertaking by our club. The support of all members is necessary. Please give it an extra thrust this week and next.**
- **Ian** needs some willing members to fill in some slots for Meals on Wheels
- **Art Postle** reviewed the schedule for the reading program at St Michael School and encouraged members to participate with this very worthwhile Community Service activity.
- **Ken Wilson** announced the **Duty Roster assignments for October:** Desk Glen Bailey & David Kerr with Les Ferguson as Sergeant.

Program : The French School Board

Crystel introduced our speaker team Marilyn Denis and Heather Durand from the French School Board. In 1918 French as a subject was limited to 1 hour per day and many years later in 1988 the courts gave Fransaskois the right to own schools and become one of three legal and equal educational systems. They have 15 schools in Saskatchewan serving and increasing registration. The two in Saskatoon are at 1407 Albert and 2023 Louise. Grads receive a Bilingual Diploma and have repeatedly had high graduation rates and high average results. Admission to their schools is only available to students with a French background. Classes from Pre K to 12 are offered. Their schools are different than the French Immersion program. The focus is on student success and French is the language of communication although they also have classes in English and Spanish. Social, Spiritual and physical well being are emphasized with students being taught to make responsible choices. Advanced technology is used wherever possible. Distance education and Virtual programs now used for 2 years. The school receives provincial funding. Chetan thanked our speakers and presented St. Michael reading books for them to sign.

How about writing down the name of ONE person who you think would make a good Rotarian – and then invite him or her to come to a meeting – just like David Kerr did this week.