



The Fortarian

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Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

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Rotary House Lottery Committee

Chair: Dave Knutson
 Meets: 1st Tuesday of each month,
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Semi-monthly Zoom Meetings

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
 Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday

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President Fhara chaired the hybrid meeting. Mark Breton and Diane Silen (Honourary Rotarians) were in attendance.

The assembled Rotarians sang the National anthem, after which Glenn Craig proposed a toast to the King of Canada.

President Fhara acknowledged that the meeting was being conducted on the traditional lands of the Indigenous people of this region and recognizing the Metis people and their contributions in the history of the area.



Presentation:

Irene Sottile introduced the speaker for the evening, David Harris, a grade 12 student attending Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute in the International Baccalaureate Programme. The IB Diploma is designed to meet the highest standards required by any university in the world. The programme is governed by a non-profit organization named "International Baccalaureate" which is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. David was the winner of the Canada Clubs sponsored 4-way Test Essay contest at the local level and also the District 5580 award.

The Title of the winning essay is “How the Personas that we create online are not consonant with the Rotary 4 -way test”. The essay explored the tendency of individuals to portray only the positive and socially enhancing aspects of their life in social media and analysed how this can be contrary to the ideals of the 4-Way test. The portrayal of an “aggrandized reality”, even if aspects are true, is not a complete picture of the individual and creates a false “half-truth’ impression of an individual. This is contrary to “Is it the Truth” and, David argued, the creation of an online universe of competing false personas is not “Fair to all Concerned” as it entraps others into the necessity to engage in “partial truths” to be recognized amongst their peers. Further, he argues that the incomplete and biased nature of one’s online social media persona militates against “building goodwill and better friendships” as such friendships could be founded on false premises. This would not be “beneficial to all concerned”. David embraced the use of the 4-way test as a “tool for self-improvement”.

The essay was extremely well done and presented. David Harris is an eloquent speaker and the essay was thoughtful and convincing. While I’ve attempted to capture the key elements in this synopsis, I may have missed some of the nuanced aspects of the essay and I would encourage all to read it when the district posts it online.

Reports:

Allocations: -Sante Sottile indicated that the Committee had taken no new action since the previous report.

House Lottery: Robert Moore reported that just over 13,000 of the tickets had been sold and that the winner of the first of the “Early Bird” draws is Peter Elliot.

RYLA: Applicants to RYLA are being interviewed. Three participants will be selected. There will be a need for drivers for the drive to Duluth and back to deliver and retrieve the participants. Please consider whether you are able to assist in this task.

Santa Claus Parade: Gore Motors are returning as the prime sponsor again this year.

Announcements:

Club members were reminded of the April 15 “Networking” event to be held at Sleeping Giant brewery between 4 and 6 pm.

Robert Moore thanked Diane Silen for stepping in to assist with additional house Lottery tasks related to ticket sales when another volunteer was unable to assist.

Fines: Irene Sottile devised a unique method of extracting fines from the assembled Club Members, based on whether they had coloured Easter eggs.

Editor Erle

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Photo Irene

