



# The Fortarian

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

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## **THE FORTARIAN**

### **Apr 13, 2022**

President Dawn Sebesta welcomed everyone to the meeting. Robert Moore used his phone to play the National Anthem. Bob Hookham gave the toast to the Queen. Irene Sottile read the Land Acknowledgement. Mary Ann Breton's son, Mark, was her guest at the meeting. Honorary Rotarian Diane Silen was also in attendance.

Arun Dighe, a past member of our Club, has died. He had been living in Ottawa. The obituary for Arun can be found on the Chronicle-Journal website. Donations in his memory can be made to Shelter House.

Cindy Levanto-Kawahara and Mary Ann Breton gave their Classification speeches this evening. Irene Sottile introduced both of them.

Cindy joined the Club in 2021. She had previously been a member with the Hospital Foundation Corporate membership. Cindy was born in Thunder Bay. She attended Lakehead University where she studied to be a geography teacher. After she graduated, Cindy worked with the Cancer Research Centre in the area of fundraising.

From 1998 to 2006, Cindy called Vancouver home. Her two children were born there. During this time, Cindy worked for Venton Resources for two years.

In 2008, Cindy moved back to Thunder Bay. Since that time, she has worked at Lakehead University and the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation. She is currently the Executive Director of the George Jeffrey Children's Foundation.

Mary Ann Breton has been a Club member since 2019. Mary Ann's father had been a Rotarian for 40 years. This inspired her to join our Club.

Mary Ann was born in Windsor. Her family moved to Saskatchewan when she was young. She also lived in Thompson, Manitoba, and then moved to Alberta where her son, Mark, was born. She moved back to Thompson where she worked for Inco. In 1987, she moved to Thunder Bay. She worked for a gold mining company in the northern part of the province for 19 years until the company was bought out.

President Dawn thanked Cindy and Mary Ann for their presentation. She also asked that if club members have any ideas for speakers; please talk to her or Irene.

Bob Hookham was the Fine Master. There was no correspondence. Since Sante Sottile was not in attendance, there was no Allocations report.

There was good news from Bob with the House report. Ticket sales are going well and approaching 70% sold. The break-even point has been attained and surpassed. On April 8, the first Early Bird prize was drawn. The winner was Ray Bonnie (Ticket #1980).

Mary Ann Breton finished the meeting with Lighter Side.

### **Announcements**

Irene Sottile reminded everyone about the Virtual District Conference taking place on April 21-22. Registration for this free event takes place online.

The Club will be making a donation of \$2,500 for Ukrainian Relief. If any member would also like to donate, please contact Sante before April 30.

**Editor Erle**

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