



The Fortarian

April 22nd 2020

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

2019/2020 Board of Directors

President: Stephen Margarit
Treasurer: Boris Cham
Secretary: Joan Krisko
President Elect: Cynthia Judge
Past President: Sante Sottile
Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,
RBC Royal Bank, Board Room
1159 Alloy Drive , 6.30pm

Website www.fwrotary.ca

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Allocations Committee Committee

Chair: Bob Hookham
Meets: 2nd Tuesday of each month,
Weiler Maloney Nelson Board Room 12 noon.

Rotary House Lottery Committee

Chair: Dave Knutson
Meets: 1st Tuesday of each month,
Weiler Maloney Nelson, 12 noon.

Semi-monthly Dinner Meetings

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
Daytona's Restaurant
965A, Cobalt Crescent,
Thunder Bay, ON
Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

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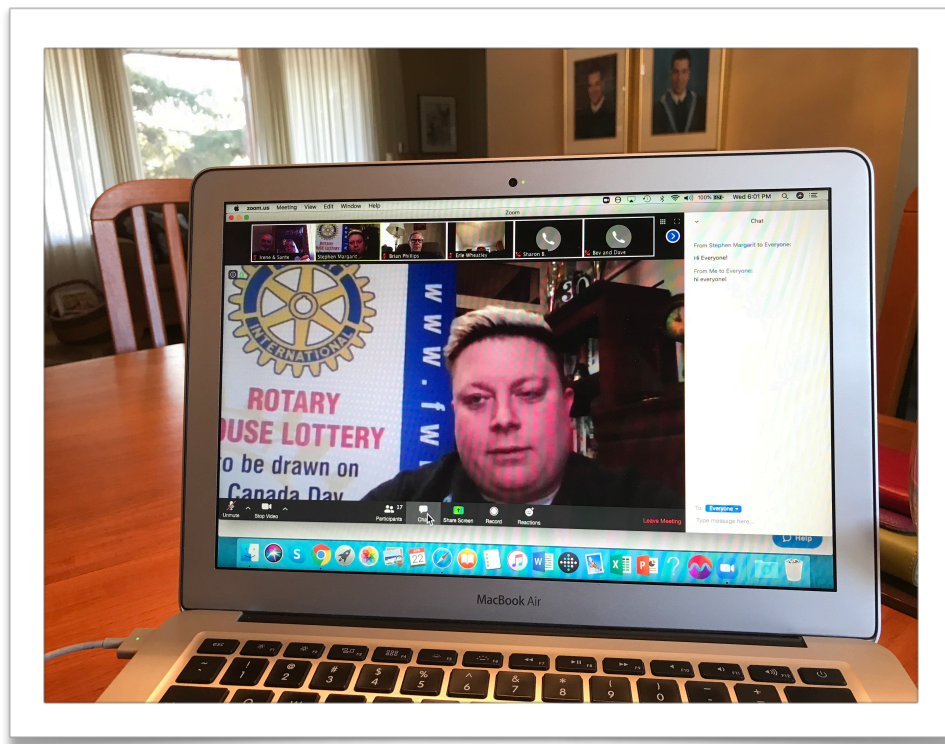
Erle Wheatley & Brian Phillips

Zoom Meeting of April 22nd 2020

President Stephen welcomed everyone to the Club's second virtual meeting. There were nineteen members participating.

Irene Sottile gave the toast to the Queen. She also gave a toast to Rotary International for the organization's quick response to the COVID-19 crisis.

There was one piece of correspondence, which was a thank-you card that the club received from Matthew Wainwright. He is a third-year NOSM student who received a bursary from the Club.



David Knutson provided the House Lottery update. The radio ads should be running this week. David thanked all of the Rotarians who are manning the phones for the ticket sales.

President-Elect Cynthia Judge is leading the Club initiative to apply for District funding that can be used for COVID-19 disaster relief. In response to

a survey on the subject, club members voted for the funds to be split between Shelter House and RFDA. The funds available would be US\$1000.

The Canada Club held its first virtual meeting on Thursday, April 16. The calendar of events for the next Rotary year was reviewed. A volunteer is required to be the club representative for the Christmas Parade committee. If you are interested, please contact President Stephen.

Lakehead Rotary will be the lead club for the Peace Day Ceremony. They will also host the tri-club Christmas party. Port Arthur Rotary will be organizing the Rotary Foundation dinner. PARotary thanked everyone who responded to the survey after this year's dinner as it has provided valuable feedback for planning next year's event.



It was decided that all three Rotary Clubs would sponsor the Rotaract Club for next year. President Stephen suggested that all four clubs could work on a project together, such as a park cleanup.

Each Club discussed their proposals for the District funds available for COVID-19 disaster relief.

Fort William Rotary will be the lead club for the Four-Way Test essay contest that will be held in September. Judges will be required to read the essays. If you are interested, please contact President Stephen.

The first virtual Club Board meeting was held on Tuesday, April 21. One of the items discussed was that the majority of Club members are interested in using e-transfers to pay dues. Treasurer Boris Cham will look into getting that organized.

Sharon Badanai said that RYLA would be cancelled for 2020 because of the COVID-19 crisis.

Cynthia Judge will be sending out a form with the upcoming year's Committee structures. Club members are encouraged to sign up for those Committees that interest them.

President Stephen thanked those club members who volunteered at RFDA on Monday evening. Participants washed, dried, and sorted blueberries that were then onto trays for freezing.

All three Thunder Bay Rotary Clubs are now holding virtual meetings. Members from all city clubs can participate. Please note that Lakehead Rotary is holding their virtual meetings on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Their meetings are now bi-weekly.

There are 110 Rotary clubs around the world hold e-meetings that any Rotarian can join.

The meeting ended with a video on polio and how the Polio Plus project started. Here is the link to the video: <https://vimeopro.com/rotary/polio-plus-video-resources>

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Wednesday, April 29, 2020	Special Event	Rotary Quiz Night	6:00 PM	Zoom
Monday, May 04, 2020	Satellite Meeting	Shelter House Meal	5:00 PM	Shelter House
Monday, May 11, 2020	Satellite Meeting	RFDA Night	6:30 PM	RFDA
Wednesday, May 13, 2020	Regular Meeting	Mayor Bill Mauro	5:30 PM	Zoom
Wednesday, May 20, 2020	Special Event	MyRotary.org Presentation	5:30 PM	Zoom
Wednesday, May 27, 2020	Regular Meeting	Cynthia's President-Elect Presentation	5:30 PM	Zoom

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