



The Fortarian

April 29th 2020

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

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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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Meeting of April 29th 2020

Rotary Quiz Night on Zoom

President Stephen (clearly with little else to do) set up a Quiz of 25 multiple choice questions about Rotary, a topic one might think was well known to all Rotarians - but not so, as it turned out! With snacks and drinks at the ready, about 19 members joined in, with two special Rotarian guests, Greg from the Bismarck, ND Rotary Club and President Elect Krysta of the Port Arthur Rotary Club. Stephen started the Quiz by sharing his screen and presenting each question and the choices we had, giving us 30 seconds to complete each. Some of the questions could only have been answered by a Rotary Historian with access to a dusty archive, but, to be fair on President Stephen, the questions were mostly those which any knowledgeable and attentive Rotarian should have been able to answer (the emphasis being on 'knowledgeable and attentive'.)



Of course, one must allow for the hour being late and there being a latent haze of senses dulled from weeks in self isolation, but we did not, as a group do very well. The winning score of 12/25 was shared by four members, after which scores descending into the zone of 'Oh no, really?' were fielded by the rest. However, this was a fun night and no scolding followed (though President Stephen might have been quietly taking notes).

All of the participants seemed to greatly enjoy the meeting, so if our meetings have to continue in virtual form, this would well worth repeating (except that all the easier questions may already have been asked and the second round might be even more challenging).

Thank you, President Stephen for setting up the Quiz. (All wave, say "good bye" and leave meeting with a click.

Foundation Minute for the Week of May 4, 2020:

Submitted by Corliss Klaassen, Zone 28 & 29 Foundation

Editor: Olabisi Gwamna

Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant ,IA

District 6000

Welcome to May, Rotary's New Generation Month! This Rotary month is dedicated to the young and youth services, with special focus on the activities of Interact and Rotaract Clubs.

While school related activities involving youth are mostly suspended due to COVID-19, there are several ways that Rotarians and youth involved in Interact and Rotaract are doing their best to make the world a better place. Virtual meetings are being held. Donations from Rotarians are being given to food pantries with the source of funds being the money that would have been spent on weekly meal tickets. During this time TRF continues to aid clubs in their individual projects. One of such club project is the Rotary Club of Metro Bethesda, MD, which has donated \$53,000 to support three local nonprofit organizations focused on the frontline responders to the Covid-19 virus. The money will be distributed among the BCC Rescue Squads, Mobile Med and So What Else, a distributor of food, PPE and other essential items. The \$53,000 was funded with contributions from the Metro

Bethesda Rotary Foundation, the Rotary Foundation of Washington, Rotary District 7620 and The Rotary Foundation International World Fund.

Rotary District 9211 comprises Rotary Clubs in the East African countries of Tanzania and Uganda. Rotarians in these two nations recently raised the equivalence of \$323,879 (USD) in their fight against infectious diseases. Handing over the check to the Prime Minister of Uganda, the District Governor (District 9211), Francis Xavier Sentame said that Rotarians are people of action and "Rotary is a service organization which puts it at the forefront in the fight against diseases like polio, malaria and now, Covid-19." The \$323,879 is a contribution of Rotary Clubs and other Rotary partners in Uganda and Tanzania, with matching funds from TRF.

"Our boys and girls have greater freedom, exercise greater power, and have more opportunities for both good and evil, than ever before. Even if we fail them, youth will not be neglected, for they are the object of universal attention from all the conflicting ideologies and opinions in the world.... How important it is, therefore, that youth's great possibilities for good be realized and developed!"

— Angus S. Mitchell, Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Address to 1948 Rotary Convention, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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