



# The Fortarian

April 28th, 2021

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

## 2020/2021 Board of Directors

President: Cynthia Judge  
 Interim Secretary: Stephen Margarit  
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 Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,  
 RBC Royal Bank, Board Room  
 1159 Alloy Drive , 6.30pm

## Website [www.fwrotary.ca](http://www.fwrotary.ca)

Directors:  
 Irene Sottile  
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 Mary Ann Breton  
 Bev Knutson  
 Jodi Phillips  
 Jill Zachary

## Allocations 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 Zoom Meetings

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

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Erle Wheatley & Brian Phillips

## Meeting of April 28th, 2021

President Cynthia Judge welcomed everyone. About 20 Rotarians attended this Zoom meeting.

Glenn Craig gave a solo rendition of O Canada, and then proposed a toast to Her Majesty the Queen of Canada.

Dave Knutson delivered a presentation on the House Lottery Committee. Dave noted that the House Lottery has been our largest annual project for the past 35 years and it is constantly evolving and adapting to changes. This year we received our first "electronic" license, although we did retain the paper 'stub draw' system.



We sold the largest number of tickets to date at 16,000 and sold out in just over five weeks. We anticipate that the project will provide about \$500,000 in net proceeds for allocation to charities. The lottery is licensed by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario and the House Committee ensures that our procedures and operations comply with the "Rules of Play" and other restrictions and commitments. Dave outlined the structure of the House Lottery Committee and sub-committees. He noted that the Budget is for Lottery Expenses only, i.e., no funds are used for anything other than direct lottery expenses. Dave pointed out that there will be opportunities for skills development for those members who would like to be part of the House Lottery Committee or one of the sub-committees. Duties and responsibilities have been evolving due to COVID-19 as well as the significant changes that resulted from moving to online ticket sales.

Bob Hookham gave a presentation on the Allocations Committee.



All clubs have an Allocations Committee and because of our House Lottery, we have a lot of money to allocate throughout each year. We send a request out to charities asking them to submit a form back to us with their financials, members of their Board, etc. to be sure that there will be no personal gains from Rotary funds. We look at each application on its merit and give it careful consideration. Bob also talked about the Club Fundraising Committee. It has been difficult in recent years to do fundraising beyond the House Lottery. The Committee is trying to find new ideas, such as holding two events per year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. One or both could be held at the Wilderness Discovery Centre. Other Rotary clubs could be invited to join us (Port Arthur, Lakehead, Nipigon).

Fhara Pottinger gave an update on the Club Visioning project.



We have over 30 committees right now. There is concern about succession planning with committees being spread so thin. Some committees only have two or three members, and some Rotarians are on multiple committees. An email will be going out encouraging members to sign up to be considered for a committee or committees that they wish to join. Fhara outlined several recommendations that the Visioning Committee had made regarding the Fort William Rotary Club Committee structure:

- [Club Administration](#) becomes a single Committee

- **Salvation Army Kettles** does not need to be a separate Committee
- **Wilderness Discovery** should no longer be a Committee. It is an organization to which we lend our support, but it now has its own Board and system of governance.
- **Public Relations** becomes a single Committee
- The Rotary Santa Claus Parade should move from Public Relations to Rotary Initiatives
- **Youth Services** becomes a single Committee
- An additional committee, **Membership**, is created

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Club Trainer	Allocations	Air Cadets	Club History	Club & District Awards	Adventures In Citizenship	
Fellowship	Club Fundraising	Indigenous Initiatives	Fortarian	International Projects	Norris Badanal RYLA	
Governance	House Lottery	Rotary Carol Sing	Membership Engagement	Peace Day Ceremony	Student Literacy	
Program		Salvation Army Kettles	Public Image	Rotaract Liaison	Tom McKee Bursaries	
Sergeant-At-Arms		Wilderness Discovery	Rotary Santa Claus Parade	Rotary Foundation	Youth Protection	
Tech Advisors				Satellite Club	4-Way Test Essay Contest	

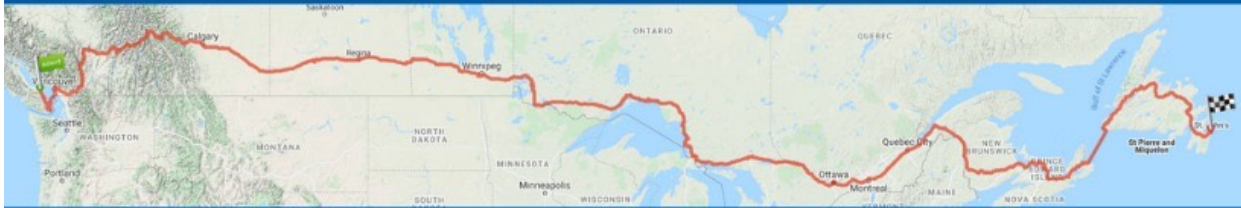
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*Tech Support				Satellite Club		
				Rotary Santa Claus Parade		

The Visioning Committee will continue to keep everyone updated as we progress to the Master Plan and Strategic Plan for the next three years.

President Cynthia read correspondence from the Thunder Bay Art Gallery thanking Fort William Rotary for the \$20,000 gift. This will be recognized on the donor wall in the new facility and in other materials.

President Cynthia also advised of correspondence received from Tracy Makarenko, Co-Chair, Social Committee, Rotary Club of Nanaimo, B.C. They are hosting a virtual cross-Canada journey:

## Rotary's Virtual Journey Across Canada



7,810 km from Nanaimo to St. John's - April 1 - June 30, 2021

[rotarynanaimo.org](http://rotarynanaimo.org)

We are invited to join in the fun. Participants are walking, cycling, running, hiking, and more to make their virtual way to St. John's, Newfoundland via the Trans Canada Hwy, before June 30. You can join at any time, as a group or individually. If you already track your activity, you're welcome to enter your data from April 1st onward.

To make this journey even more special for Rotarians, it is in honour of Jennifer E. Jones who will be the first woman to be President of Rotary International when she steps into the role on July 1, 2022. As part of this celebration, there is also a goal to collectively raise \$5,000 for the Rotary Foundation.

For club members who would like to join, simply cover your registration fee (\$12 CAD per person) and do your favourite physical activities to help get to the collective destination - St. John's!

Email Joyce at [rotaryclubofnanaimo@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryclubofnanaimo@gmail.com) for more information and to register.

You are also invited to join the virtual journey Facebook Group ([www.facebook.com/groups/rotaryacrosscanada](https://www.facebook.com/groups/rotaryacrosscanada)) and post words of encouragement for participants.

Fhara Pottinger provided an example of truth in advertising for The Lighter Side.



President Cynthia adjourned the meeting.

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