

The Fortarian Aug 23, 2023 Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

2022/2023 Board of Directors

President:Irene SottileSecretary:Stephen MargaritAssistant Secretary:Cindy LevantoTreasurerDawn SebastaPresident Elect:Glenn CraigPast President:Fhara PottingerMeets:3rd Tuesday of each month,Zoom:6.30pm

Allocations Committee

Chair: Bob Hookham Meets: 2nd Tuesday of each month, Zoom 12 noon.

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

Website <u>www.fwrotary.ca</u>

Directors:

Therese Lim Cindy Levanto Joseph Osei Ababio Dave Knutson Stephen Margarit Mary Ann Breton

Rotary House Lottery Committee

Chair: Dave Knutson Meets: 1st Tuesday of each month, Zoom 12 noon.

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President Irene called the hybrid meeting to order at 6:15 pm and asked all to stand for the singing of both the American National Anthem and the Canadian National Anthem Cynthia made a toast to the President of the United States and also to His Majesty King Charles III. Mary Ann read the Land Acknowledgment. Irene introduced visiting Rotarians - Jill Zachary from Satellite Club, Krysta Logozzo Danielle, Assistant Governor, and District Governor Dave Long from Detroit Lake Club. Irene also introduced guests Sinclair Craig and Mary Lim. Once again Irene introduced District Governor Dave Long who drove 9+ hours to visit our local clubs. Dave provided our club with a power point presentation describing his experience as a Rotarian and his goals for the year as District Governor. Gifts were also exchanged.











Correspondence

Irene read some lovely thank you notes from the winners of the Lakehead Festival of Music and the Arts.

Allocations Update

Stephen reported that \$661,000 was available to distribute and there's still \$100,000 left to distribute. The new house lottery needs to hold back funds for start up and \$2,500 has been requested from the March of Dimes.

House Lottery Update

Cindy provided a quick lottery update stating that the new house committee had their first meeting and the committee and board have approved the purchase of a lot and builder. The lot is in Parkdale and is purchased from DiGregario Developments and the house is to be built by Triad again this year. Deposits have been given to both companies. Cindy thanked Bob for taking her and Dawn around to see the lots and for all the work he's done to find a lot and builder.

Club Announcements

Craig reminded everyone about the September 9th Open House at Wilderness Discovery. All local clubs have been invited. Irene will email everyone the details.

Irene stated that the 3 local club presidents are all women this year. She's met with them and they are planning and evening with the new police chief with a focus on mental health and Craig offered to plan an environmental project in the spring.

Paul Harris pins were presented to Dawn (+4), Laura, and Therese (+7)

Bob provided a quick update on Country on the Bay. 51,091 drinks were consumed, over 200 volunteers and \$16,000 going to each club.

Dawn reminded everyone that the RYLA attendees will present at the first September meeting.

Lighter Side

No Lighter Side was provided – very sad.

Closing

Irene asked the club if there was anything else required for the good of our Rotary Club. With nothing said, Irene adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Editor Erle

Scribe Cindy

Photos Stephen



