



February 26th 2020

The Fortarian

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

2019/2020 Board of Directors

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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.

Bi-Weekly Dinner Meetings

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

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Meeting of February 26th.

The Sergeant at Arms for the evening was Craig Sandberg. The guests were the speakers and a proposed new member.

Dave McColl proposed a toast to the Queen of Canada.

President-Elect Cynthia introduced the evening's speaker, Isabella Boesch (St Ignatius High School), winner of the Canada Club sponsored 4-way Test Essay contest.

The "4-way test" originated in 1932 by a manager in a company that faced bankruptcy. As part of the effort to "turn the company around" these four guidelines were distributed to all of the firm's employees for reference in dealing with suppliers, banks and customers:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Adherence to these principles built trust between each of the stakeholders and allowed the firm to both avoid failure and to thrive.

The four local clubs collaborated on running this year's local Rotary 4-way test Essay contest, which is intended to encourage young people to develop self-expression and to embrace ideals. The contest is open to students in their final two years of high school.

There were three essays recognized this year, with the "runners-up" being Sonny Hamel (2nd Place -Nipigon-Red Rock District High School) and Nicole Shaw (Ecole Franco Superior).

Isabella won both the local contest, with a prize of C\$500 and her essay was entered into the District level competition. She was successful in achieving first place in the District, with an additional prize of US\$1250.

Isabella read her prizewinning essay to the Club. The essay focused on the benefits of thriving local businesses, through the principles of the 4-way test. She outlined the benefits of supporting local entrepreneurs, including the benefits of sensitivity to the local work force, engagement in the community through support of local charities, the environmental out-

come of re-using and adapting existing buildings for their business. She suggested that the sense of community between locally operated businesses created “symbiosis” that creates positive outcomes beyond the individual success of the individual firms.

President Stephen thanked Isabelle for her presentation and congratulated her on her success.

President Stephen had the pleasant task of inducting a new Rotary member into our Club. Daniel Williamson was sponsored by Rotarian Steven Beaucage, who provided a brief biography of Daniel; mentioning his roots in the community, his work as an Account Manger at the Royal Bank of Canada in the commercial business department and his dedication to assisting with the Club at the monthly Shelter House dinner preparation. Daniel was inducted into the Club and welcomed by all of the members present. Welcome to the Club Daniel!

President Steven made a second presentation to Rotarian Boris Cham, recognizing his thirty years with Rotary. Congratulations Boris!

Fines: K.S. Joseph was fine master, soliciting contributions based on two criteria; non-attendance at the Special Olympics’ opening ceremonies and the classic “not wearing one’s Rotary pin”.

Robert Moore donated \$5 “happy Dollars” in celebration of the Special Olympics’ Opening Ceremonies, which have been described as “very moving”. Mandi O’Connor paid a “happy dollar” to announce the arrival of her families new puppy, who succeeds a much loved pet who had died.

House Lottery Report: Dave Knutson reported that the House was essentially ready for this weekend kick-off of sales, having had its’ final cleaning that day. The sales tables “set-up” was planned for the next evening at 7:00 pm and sufficient volunteers were available to complete that work. Robert Moore was thanked for moving the trailer into the front yard, thus facilitating the off-loading of the furniture and equipment.

The media launch is set for 11:00 am Thursday March 5, 2020 at the house.

The only outstanding item for completion of the house is the arrival of the microwave, whose delivery has been delayed into March.

Boris Cham indicated that there have been sufficient volunteers to cover the sales at the house this weekend.

Announcements:

Foundation Dinner: This year's Foundation Dinner took place on February 22, 2020 at the Davinci Centre. There were 52 attendees from the four "Canada Clubs" and a number of Rotaract members. Stephen Margarit reported that the Silent Auction raised sufficient money to exceed the value of the donations and that the "Toonie Auctions" had also been successful.

Foundation donations to date have achieved \$370 of the \$1500 Polio Plus target. Following the lead of the Nipigon Club, Stephen requested a voluntary donation of \$20 from all those who did not attend the foundation Dinner.

President Stephen also mentioned that an electronic survey was being sent out to all Club members to solicit feedback on the Foundation Dinner -so as to identify ways to match Member's expectations of this event.

March 11 Meeting: President Stephen outlined his intent of covering:

- President's Goals review -how we have progressed versus the plan.
- Work towards the Presidential Citation for the Club- to date we have achieved the requirements for recognition at the Gold level, what will be need to achieve "platinum"? Find out March 11!

- The importance of promotion and marketing of the Club in terms of recognition and membership:
 - Reinvigorate our sense of accomplishment
 - Attract new members as the “club to aspire to”
 - Some of the new approaches being used relative to the House Lottery

Lighter Side: Rotarian Bruce Nugent entertained us with a series of funny jokes. Bruce has been too modest about his sense of humour -many hope for a repeat performance!

50/50 draw: The luck ticket holder was Dawn Sebesta, with a pot of \$33.00. Unfortunately for her, the luck stopped when she drew the two of diamonds. The pot will continue to grow....

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