



The Fortarian

Jan 12th, 2022

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

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

Rotary House Lottery Committee

Chair: Dave Knutson
 Meets: 1st 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

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President Dawn Sebesta welcomed everyone to the meeting. Robert Moore provided the National Anthem. Mary Ann Breton gave the toast to the Queen. She also read the Land Acknowledgement. There were no visiting Rotarians or guests.

Irene Sottile introduced the guest speaker, Todd Kennedy. Todd is the Manager of Community Programs for the March of Dimes. He has been with the organization for 22 years and has worked in a variety of roles during that time.

The mission of March of Dimes is: “to be Canada’s leading service provider, resource and advocate, empowering people with disabilities to live and thrive in communities nationwide.”

The organization offers support to stroke survivors from all backgrounds and cultures as well as to their families, close friend or caregiver. The support is divided into three categories: in hospital after stroke; at home after stroke; and living life after stroke.

There are three virtual programs: Community Conversation for Survivors and Caregivers; Caregiver Connection; and the Aphasia Peer Connect program.

The Warehouse Project is a unique program making use of the facility owned by the local March of Dimes. A drop-in program for clients living with disabilities is held here. The program provides services in the areas of skills development, pre-employment skills, and recreation.

The March of Dimes also provides employment services, a virtual volunteer program, a Tech 4 Good program, Assistive Device program as well as a Home and Vehicle Modification program.

To learn more about the March of Dimes program, please visit their website at: www.marchofdimes.ca.

President Dawn received a Christmas card from the 70 Thunder Bay Air Cadets. The cadets thanked club members for their generous support during the past year.

Sante Sottile stated that there was nothing to report for the Allocations Committee at this time. Robert Moore, reporting for the House Lottery Committee, stated that the application for the next Lottery had been submitted before Christmas.

President Dawn made the announcements. Irene Sottile did Lighter Side.

Announcements

District 5580 will be holding the Virtual One Rotary Summit on Saturday, February 5, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend the Summit. If you are interested in participating, you can register at www.rotary5580.org.

The Tri-District Conference will be held from April 21 to April 23, 2022 at the River's Edge Convention Centre in St. Cloud, Minnesota. You can register at www.rotaryimpact2022.com.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

January 26: Club meeting and AGM

February 5: Virtual One Rotary Summit

April 21 to 23: Tri-District Conference

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