



# The Fortarian

July 8th, 2020  
Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

## 2019/2020 Board of Directors

President: Cynthia Judge  
 Interim Secretary: Stephen Margarit  
 Assistant Secretary: Irene Sottile  
 Treasurer: Vacant  
 President Elect: Dawn Sebesta  
 Past President: Stephen Margarit  
 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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## 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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## Meeting of July 8th, 2020

President Cynthia Judge welcomed everyone to the meeting, her first as President. There was a total of 17 participants signed in through ZOOM, including a prospective new member, Caesar Ogbebor.

Sharon Badanai led everyone in the singing of O Canada. Irene Sotille invited Rotarians and guests to raise their glasses in a toast to Her Majesty the Queen and to Canada.

Joan Krisko introduced our guest speakers. Sharon Godwin has been promoting visual arts for the past 40 years. She was a Thunder Bay Art Gallery (TBAG) volunteer, and eventually an Art Educator and then Executive Director in 1989. Over the years, she has guided TBAG through many changes. Katie Crowe is the Capital Fundraising Team Chair for “Art Waterfront Experience”, the initiative that would see construction of a new TBAG facility at the marina. Katie retired from Tbaytel in 2019, worked at the Community Auditorium in marketing and corporate sponsorship, and has been a friend and supporter of TBAG.

Sharon Godwin thanked Rotary for all of its support to date. TBAG reopened on June 23 with social distancing measures in place. They have been at their existing site on the Confederation College grounds for the past 45 years, but have outgrown the space. The new future gallery design has won the 2019 Canadian Architect Award of Merit.

### The Architectural Design



Lakeside Terrace



The new site will be to the south of the existing condominium towers, adjacent to the Spirit Garden. There will be great views of the lake, a café, an outdoor seating area, offices on the first floor, display galleries on the second floor. It is expected that the Record of Site Condition Approval will be received next month and that tenders for construction will be called in September. Anticipated opening of the new facility is in 2023.

Katie Crowe also thanked Rotary for their support to the project. She said that Rotary is a leader in fundraising and serves an inspiration and example to other organizations and individuals. COVID-19 has caused active fundraising activities to be suspended but the Committee has made efforts to continue working. The current campaign has a target of \$3.5 million and so far, \$2.5 million has been raised. They are confident that they will reach their goal once activities resume. In response to questions, Katie advised that it is anticipated that the gallery spaces will always be full, whether with collections, travelling art shows or community events. The building will have an elevator.

President Cynthia thanked the speakers and then gave a presentation on her upcoming Rotary year. She outlined Rotary's Core Values: *Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity, Service, Leadership*. The theme for this year is ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES. By honouring our past and embracing our future, we can evolve and keep Rotary not only relevant, but thriving.

President Cynthia outlined her Presidential Goals for her Rotary year:

**MY  
PRESIDENTIAL  
GOALS  
2020-2021**

Area	Goal
Club Membership	44
Service Participation	35
New Member Sponsorship	2
District Conference Attendance	3
Annual Fund Contributions	\$500 US
PolioPlus Fund Contributions	\$1,000 US
Service Projects	20
Rotaract Clubs	1
RYLA Participation	3
Strategic Plan	
Online Presence	
Social Activities	5
Update Website and Social Media	5
Media Stories about Club Projects	5
Use of Official Rotary promotional materials	

President Cynthia outlined the Committee Structure and talked about Rotary International's Monthly Themes. She said that 2019-2020 had been a year like no other. Flexible plans were developed and initiated to respond to changing provincial guidelines, we connected in service and fellowship in new ways and continued to keep our community and members safe.

For the year ahead, President Cynthia advised that we will hold Main Club Meetings bi-weekly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 5:30 pm via Zoom, until we can meet again as a group in person. Satellite Club Meetings will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at Shelter House

and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at RFDA. Fun fellowship meetings may be scheduled, probably on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, as soon as we are permitted to meet in person as a club.

Some key upcoming events:

- August 12<sup>th</sup> – results of Membership Satisfaction Survey, discussion for future strategic plan
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> – District Governor's Visit
- January – mid-year review
- April – Strategic Planning Meeting

President Cynthia concluded her presentation by thanking everyone for participating with Zoom and encouraging participants to help others who are not yet comfortable with Zoom.

Dave Knutson provided an update on the House Lottery. The first Early Bird draw was July 3. The drum is now at Dunwoody. The second Early Bird draw will be July 10. Open Houses will likely not be scheduled for some time. The House Lottery budget is looking good. Joan Krisko advised that over 10,000 tickets had been sold and thanked everyone who is helping with ticket sales activities.

President Cynthia will send an email to Rotarians about arranging some patio chats to see who would be interested and available.

President Cynthia advised that Joan Krisko, Secretary and Boris Cham, Treasurer, had resigned from their positions. Stephen Margarit will be Interim Secretary and Irene Sotille will be Assistant Secretary. If anyone is willing to be mentored to fill the Treasurer position for a two-year period, let President Cynthia know. In response to a question about paying dues, it was noted that e-transfers can be sent to Boris Cham until further notice.

KS Joseph provided a joke for Lighter Side.

President Cynthia adjourned the meeting.

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