



The Fortarian

Jun 22, 2022

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

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 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 called the meeting to order.

Under the leadership of Therese Lim, O Canada was sung by those in attendance.

Cynthia Judge proposed the Toast to the Queen of Canada.

Mary Ann Breton read the Land Acknowledgement.

Our guests, Mark Breton and Raymond Nelson, were introduced.

The speaker was Dawn Sebesta who gave her presentation on her year as President of our Fort William Rotary Club (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022).



Dawn stated that although our attendance has been lower than in other years, she felt that overall it has been a success due to the fact that we have been able to hold hybrid meetings.

Dawn's 2021-2022 vision was to implement the strategic priorities as much as possible as follows:-

1. Sustain and Grow Club Membership - the numbers were sustained.
2. Enhance the Public Image of the Club - being done through postings on Facebook og cheque presentations etc.
3. Modernize and Streamline the Club Structure - some changes have been made in the structure of committees.

4. Continue to support the community and the world through ongoing and sustainable fundraising programs - our House Lottery is currently ongoing and is our largest fundraising program.
5. Explore and implement strategies that support Leadership Development within the club through club activities and initiatives - currently ongoing.
6. Continue our focus on community service and support in areas of interest to the membership -
continued through volunteering at RFDA and Shelterhouse, as well as Christmas Cheer and the Salvation Army Kettles.
7. Strive toward the strengthening of our international focus through meaningful projects around the world supported through targeted fundraising initiatives - we contributed towards projects such as the Rafael Medical Clinic and the Sarufaya Medical Clinic.

Dawn noted that we have returned to hybrid meetings and held the following social activities: 2 patio chats, 2 bowling nights, Bocce Ball and a dinner at Wacky Wings.

Dawn stated that the results of her goals for this past year are as follows:-

Club Membership - increase by 3 - Did not occur.

Service Participation - goal of 10 - exceeded as 14 rotarians participated in areas of service.
New Membership Sponsorship - goal of 2 - not obtained.

Leadership Development Participation - goal of 2 - met.

District Conference participation - goal of 5 - met.

District Training participation - goal of 2 - met.

Annual Fund participation - goal of \$1,000 - exceeded (amount of \$1,806).

Polio Plus Contributions - goal of \$1,000 - exceeded (amount of \$3,878).

Service Projects - excelled through volunteering at Shelter House, RFDA, Christmas Cheer and Salvation Army Kettles.

Dawn then listed all the speakers at our meetings throughout the year, noted the Tri-Club events and our Fort William Rotary Carol Sing, which was held in person at St.Paul's Anglican Church. She itemized the District Conference awards which were received by our club and noted that Stephen Margarit was recognized with an award for his service as the District Distinguished Rotarian in the area of Club Service.

Dawn stated that the House Lottery is currently underway and we have been able to hold open houses at this year's house in Sherwood Estates. Online tickets have also been sold at the house.

Dawn concluded by saying that her main focus during her year was to be able to operate as normally as possible (as COVID 19 pandemic restrictions gradually eased) and to enhance the fellowship within our club. Dawn ended by stating her appreciation of everyone's contributions in making this a great year for her!



Mary Ann Breton reported that our fellow Rotarian, Mandi O'Connor, prepared over 500 special meals on National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21st) - Thank You, Mandi!.

President Dawn read correspondence which was comprised of many thank you cards from recipients of awards from our club which they received at the Lakehead Festival of Music and the Arts.

There were no updates from Allocations or the House Lottery committees.

Cindy Levanto-Kawahara was fine master (and turned the tables on K.S.!).

There was no Lighter Side.

The next meeting is the “Passing the Gavel” event on Wednesday, June 29, 2022.

This will be held at the Slovak Legion at 5:30p.m. for dinner at 6:00pm with presentations to follow.

On Wednesday, July 13, 2022 we will have a Patio Chat informal get together outdoors at Daytona’s

On Wednesday, July 27, 2022 there will be a regular meeting at Daytona’s (Fuse).

Meeting adjourned

Editor Erle

Scribe Cynthia



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