



The Fortarian

June 10th 2020

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

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Semi-monthly Dinner Meetings

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

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Meeting of June 10th 2020

Our Zoom meeting was well attended this week with 22 or 23 attending. Our speaker was Dr. Stuart Kennedy, who gave an interesting, encouraging but sober review of Covid 19 in the Thunder Bay Area. The region has been fortunate and some relaxation of restrictions are due, but Dr Kennedy expressed concern that if the US/Canada border was opened, the situation could deteriorate as tourists came up to camp, fish and hunt. While the tourism industry is hurting badly and Americans make up most of the fly-in tourists, his personal view is that the border should remain closed until the population has been vaccinated. However, Dr Kennedy recognized that this was impractical since being vaccinated is still 12-18 months away. He answered a number of questions before leaving the meeting, after which our usual meeting agenda continued.



Foundation Minute for the Week of June 8, 2020:

Submitted by Corliss Klaassen, Zone 28 & 29 Foundation

Editor: Olabisi Gwamna

Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant ,IA

District 6000

It's Week 2 of the Youth Activities Month of Rotary International.

For a change, this week's report is not starting with an update on COVID-19; instead good news begins with the **Rotary Club of Solon, Ohio**. The 30-member club was awarded a Humanitarian Global Grant that will total at least **\$66,000** for a project in Uganda. The grant, which **TRF provided \$16,000 in matching funds**, will help improve hygiene and sanitation for two schools in Uganda. Specifically, students will enjoy a healthy life in school, with toilets that function and wash facilities for improved female hygiene. The **Rotary Club of Mbale, Uganda** is also contributing to the project.

TRF has made funds available to local Rotary districts through **The Global Disaster Relief**. Thirty-six clubs making up **Rotary District 5330 (CA, USA)** applied for and received Disaster Relief Funds. **Riverside Sunrise, Arlington Rotary, "Sin Fronteras" and the Rotary Club of Riverside** donated **\$2,776 to Riverside University Health Systems** for disease prevention and treatment.

We will end this report with some positive news on Coronavirus. **Rotary District 7780 (northern New England, USA)** received a **Covid-19 Disaster Response Grant for \$25,000 from TRF** to combat local food insecurity. Divided among 41 Rotary Clubs in Southeast Maine and New Hampshire, each club received approximately \$600. The Rotary Club of Kittery (Maine) matched the grant dollar-for-dollar and awarded it to Ore Nell's Barbecue, a small local restaurant making a difference in the city. Chef and owner of the restaurant, David Vargas, has been helping to feed essential workers including hospital staff, first responders and school nutrition professionals.

“If this Rotary of ours is destined to be more than a mere passing thing, it will be because you and I have learned the importance of bearing with each other’s infirmities, the value of toleration.” — *Rational Rotarianism, The National Rotarian, January 1911*

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