



The Fortarian

June 23rd, 2021

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

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Rotary House Lottery Committee

Chair: Dave Knutson
 Meets: 1st Tuesday of each month,
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Semi-monthly Zoom Meetings

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

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Meeting of June 23rd, 2021

President Cynthia Judge welcomed everyone to the meeting. Joan Krisko played the National Anthem. Robert Moore gave the toast to the Queen and Canada. President Cynthia then read the Land Acknowledgement.

President Cynthia was the speaker for the meeting, providing a retrospective of her year as President. She began by thanking club members for helping to work through a difficult year, especially with the changes that occurred because of COVID. Club meetings were either hybrid or only on Zoom, during lock-down.

Guest speakers during this year were Deputy Police Chief Ryan Hughes; District Governor Bob Maclean; District Polio Co-chairs, Gary and Cindy Nolte; Jennifer McGillivrey from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine; Greg Chomut, A.J. Haapa, and Sean Spenrath, the organizers of the Wake the Giant Festival; Kim Cuthbertson from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit; Dr. Moira McPherson, President of Lakehead University; ADG Dan Brown; John Mason from the Community Economic Development Commission; Tracy Buckler, President and CEO of St. Joseph's Care Group; and Rob Zuback from Confederation College. A virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony, organized by Jodi Phillips, was held on November 11.

District Visioning Chair, Blaine Johnson assisted the Club in developing a Club Visioning and Strategic Plan for the next three years. Club members provided input and the Visioning Committee, that was formed, provided direction.

New members inducted this year were Caesar Ogbemor; corporate member Cindy Levanto-Kawahara; and honorary member, Diane Silen.

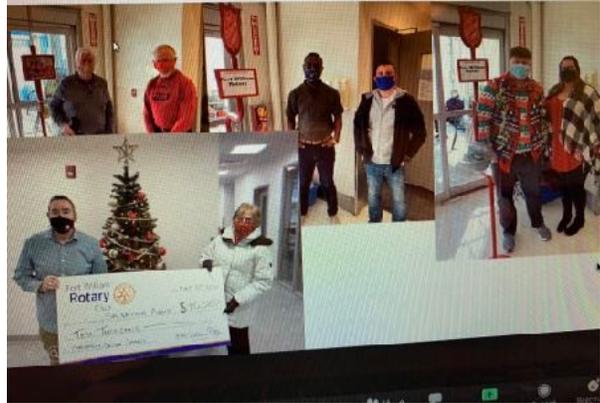
Club members supported the Polio Plus campaign in October and the Foundation campaign in November.

Club members volunteered at Shelter House, RFDA, Wilderness Discovery Centre, and the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles.

November 6th Public announcement of our donations to Thunder Bay Charities from the House Lottery



Salvation Army Kettle Drive and Donation



October 12th House Winner!



Working at RFDA with social distancing and masks, of course!



Donations raised for Polio Eradication



• \$1084.00

Our Contributions to International Projects

Jill Zachary, our Director of Rotary Initiatives

Through Jill's leadership we have supported several international projects including:

- a micro loan for impoverished women in Ethiopia
- in conjunction with Mano-O-Mano International, we've given loans that support Bolivians living in small Andes Mountain communities, which increase their longevity, enable immunizations and maternal childcare and health



Paul Harris Pins

- Our Foundation Chair, Joan Krisko, has been working hard on the awarding of some Paul Harris pins and will be awarding more before the end of the month. Thank-you Joan!



Canada Club Joint Programs

Due to Covid :

- we did a virtual Peace Day Program
- We could not hold the Santa Claus Parade
- We could not have the Family Christmas Party
- We did a virtual Adult Christmas Party
- We held a virtual Carol Sing
- However, we did hold the 4-Way Test Essay Contest

Thank-you!

- I want to thank my great Board of Directors, the Treasurers, Secretary and Assistant Secretary, for all the work they have put in to this year, and especially for being so supportive and encouraging
- Especially, I want to give an extra-special thank-you to Stephen Margarit. He agreed to be Secretary, as a special favour, but has been so much more: my mentor, my motivator and masterful computer guide
- I know this year of Covid has been very hard on all members of our club; some have trouble with Zoom meetings and we have all greatly missed the fellowship that comes with meeting in person. Hopefully, this will change as we begin to open up again. But I want to thank you all for 'hanging in', supporting each other and serving our community

This year, the Canada Club Joint Programs were a virtual Peace Day, a virtual Adult Christmas party, a virtual Carol Sing, and the 4-Way Test Essay Contest.

International Projects, that the Club supported this year, were microloans for impoverished women in Ethiopia; and in conjunction with Mano-O-Mano, support for small Bolivian communities in the Andes Mountains in the areas of maternal health and immunization.

The House Lottery was a success. The winning ticket was drawn on October 12. Cheque presentations were made throughout the year. The tickets for the 2021 Lottery sold out in a record time of five weeks.

President Cynthia ended her presentation by thanking everyone who supported her during this Rotary year.

President Cynthia then welcomed President-Elect, Dawn Sebesta, to speak about the meetings she has planned for the summer. Information on this can be found in the Upcoming Meetings and Events section. PE Dawn hopes to return to hybrid meetings in September.

Joan Krisko, the Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, presented three pins. Bob Hookham received his Paul Harris Fellow+2 pin. KS Joseph received his Paul Harris Fellow+3 pin. Therese Lim received her Paul Harris Fellow+5 pin. Ajoy Chatterjee received his Paul Harris Fellow+7 pin at his home.

Brian Phillips ended the evening with the Lighter Side.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

June 30: Changing of the Gavel Ceremony at Daytona's Patio at 5:30 p.m.

July 14: Zoom meeting; speaker from Roots to Harvest

July 18: Patio chat

Aug. 11: President Dawn will speak on her Rotary year

Aug. 25: Patio chat

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