



The Fortarian

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Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

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Chair: Dave Knutson
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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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President Dawn Sebesta welcomed everyone to the meeting. Joan Krisko played the National Anthem. Robert Moore gave the toast to the Queen. President-Elect Fhara Pottinger read the Land Acknowledgement. Mary Ann Breton's son, Mark, was a guest at the meeting.

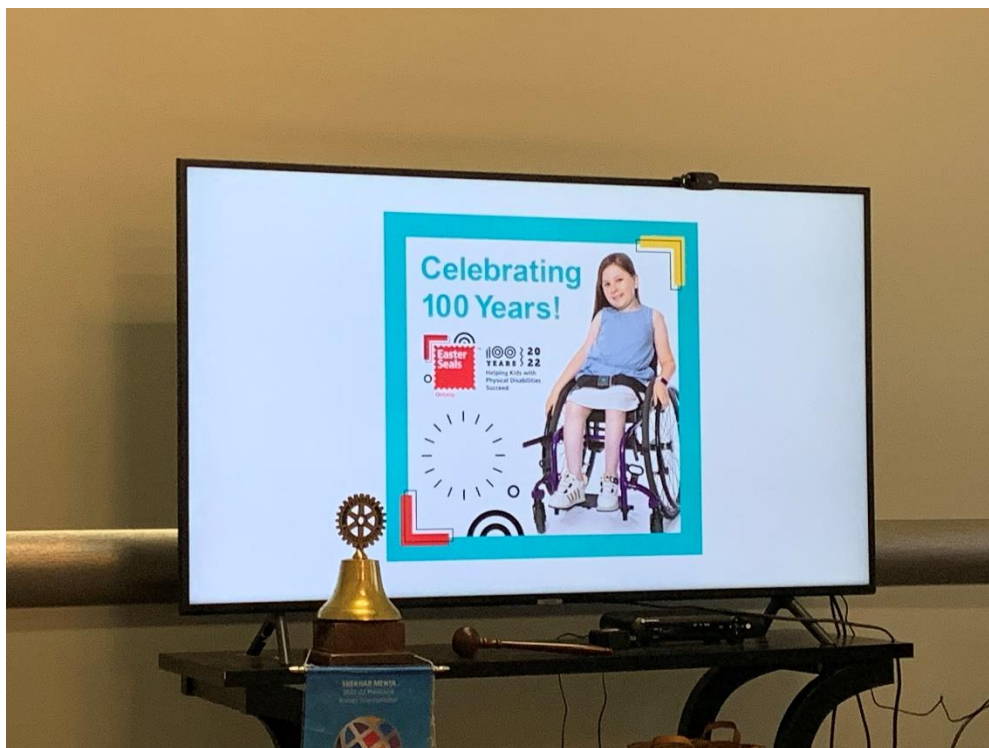
Mary Ann introduced the guest speaker. Rhonda Harrison is the Manager Community Engagement-Northern Region for Easter Seals Ontario in Thunder Bay. Rhonda has been with the organization and held this position for fifteen years.



In 1922, representatives from seven Rotary Clubs met in Windsor, Ontario, and founded the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, now known as Easter Seals Ontario. The mission of Easter Seals Ontario is to help and

support children and youth who have lifelong physical disabilities. The vision of the organization is to empower children to reach their full potential. The organization's services and programs support young people in over 500 communities.

Through the Mobility and Accessibility Equipment Funding program, families receive help with the cost of equipment that is required by young people with physical disabilities.



Easter Seals has an Accessible Camping and Recreation program. The organization owns two camps, Camp Merrywood and Camp Woodeden. These camps have inclusive recreational programming. Attendance at camp and the transportation to the camp is paid for by Easter Seals.

The Post-Secondary Scholarships provide funding that allows a young person with a physical disability that affects their mobility to get a post-secondary education. The Provincial Ambassador Program provides young people with an opportunity to build their self-confidence and develop leadership

skills. There are two Ambassadors at the provincial level and ninety local Ambassadors in communities across Ontario.

Some of the fundraising events hosted by Easter Seals Ontario in Thunder Bay are: Snowarama; the Thunder Bay Celebrity Hockey Classic, Thunder Bay Celebrity Roasts, as well as a Wine and Cheese Social. The organization is planning to have a luncheon in spring in order to celebrate the hundred-year anniversary. A committee is being formed with Easter Seals and Rotary Club members in order to plan the event. Further information regarding this will follow.

President Dawn thanked Rhonda for her presentation. There was no correspondence. Sante Sottile presented the Allocations report. The fees have been paid to send three students to RYLA. The next Allocations Committee meeting will be held on April 12. Robert Moore presented the House Lottery report. Fifty percent of the tickets have been sold. Robert felt that the ticket sales should reach the breakeven point on the weekend. Irene Sottile collected fines by having everyone contribute a “Happy dollar.” The meeting ended with K.S. Joseph doing the Lighter Side.



Announcements

Sharon Badanai presented on the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program for this year. The camp will be taking place on July 10-16

at the University of Minnesota Crookston. Eligible students must be in Grades 10 or 11. The application is online. The deadline for applying is April 6, 2022. The students who have applied will be interviewed on April 16. The total camp experience is paid for by Rotary except for spending money. If you know of any students who are interested, please provide them with the information.

President Dawn made a donation of \$100 on behalf of the Club to the Alzheimer Society of Canada. The donation was made in the name of Dave Murray, a longtime member who had passed away. A card was given to his wife, Bessie.

A donation of \$200 was given to the Nipigon Rotary Club towards their Golden Mile Club Van Campaign. The Nipigon Club requires a second club for their grant proposal and our club will assist Nipigon to meet this requirement by donating this money.

The Club will also be giving money to the Rotary Foundation towards the Disaster Response Fund for Ukraine Crisis.

A committee is in place for the Santa Claus Parade for next November. There is now a major sponsor for the event.

Irene is planning a social event for Wednesday, March 30. Club members will meet at Mario's Bowl at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy some five-pin and ten-pin bowling. Irene will be sending out an email with more information.

Editor Erle

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