



March 11th, 2020

# The Fortarian

## Rotary Club of Thunder Bay, (Fort William)

### 2019/2020 Board of Directors

President: Stephen Margarit  
 Treasurer: Boris Cham  
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 President Elect: Cynthia Judge  
 Past President: Sante Sottile  
*Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,  
 George Jeffrey Children's Centre  
 Boardroom 200 Brock St E. , 6.30pm*

### Website [www.fwrotary.ca](http://www.fwrotary.ca)

Directors: Steven Beaucage  
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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.*

### Weekly Dinner Meetings

*Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.  
 Airline Hotel and Conference Centre  
 698 W. Arthur St. Thunder Bay, ON*

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Note: For July and August, meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday only.

### Newsletter Editors

Erle Wheatley & Brian Phillips

## March 11, 2020

Joan Krisko was the Sergeant-at-Arms for the meeting. There were no visiting Rotarians or guests. Sharon Badanai gave the toast to the Queen.

President Stephen began the meeting by discussing the coronavirus. He noted that Rotary International President Mark Maloney had issued an e-mail regarding the virus. At this point in time, the Club will continue meeting.



Joan Krisko presented John Brodack with his first Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations John!

President Stephen was the Fine Master. There was good news from Irene Sottile, President Stephen, and Dave McColl.

Bev Knutson discussed the Indigenous Initiatives Committee survey that was emailed to club members.

David Knutson presented the House report and noted that we are up by 200 tickets in sales compared to last year. He also noted that the House Lottery Committee is looking at contingency plans in regard to the coronavirus.

Joan Krisko discussed ticket sales and gave pointers to the ticket sellers to watch for when the customers are filling in the tickets.

President Stephen is looking to rent a computer lab at Lakehead University next week from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to walk members through the My Rotary and the Fort William Rotary websites. He will update in regard to this.

Dave McColl did Lighter Side.

This week is World Rotaract Week. The Rotaracters will be hosting an event at the Sovereign Restaurant on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. Club members are invited to attend. They will also be having a bake sale at Lakehead University from noon until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13.

There was a good turnout to cook the meal at Shelter House this week. On Monday, March 16, the Satellite Club will be at RFDA at 6:30 p.m. The Mayor, Bill Mauro, will be the speaker at the March 25 club meeting.

Joan ran the 50/50 draw. The pot was \$43.50. K.S. Joseph held the lucky ticket but did not get the red lady.

Jenny Philips has resigned from the club. We will miss her and wish her well!

The topic for this week's meeting was membership. There are now 44 club members. Thirty-nine percent of the club is female. Eleven percent of the club is under 40.

Irene Sottile discussed a new initiative regarding membership. The object of the initiative is to study diversity in Thunder Bay in order to help diversify the club. The four members of the Membership Committee are the team leaders for this project. Mary Ann Breton and her group will be looking at community culture and composition from the Tourist Board. Boris Cham's group will get the data on demographics for Thunder Bay. Craig Sandberg's group will look at the recent census results. Irene's group will look at social and economic statistics. The groups will report back in one month.



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