



# The Fortarian

May 27th, 2020

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

## 2019/2020 Board of Directors

President: Stephen Margarit  
 Treasurer: Boris Cham  
 Secretary: Joan Krisko  
 President Elect: Cynthia Judge  
 Past President: Sante Sottile  
 Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,  
 RBC Royal Bank, Board Room  
 1159 Alloy Drive , 6.30pm

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

Directors: Steven Beaucage  
 Glen Craig  
 Robert Moore  
 Steven MacDonald  
 Dawn Sebesta  
 Jill Zachary

## 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.

## Semi-monthly Dinner Meetings

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.  
 Daytona's Restaurant  
 965A, Cobalt Crescent,  
 Thunder Bay, ON  
 Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

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## Newsletter Editors

Erle Wheatley & Brian Phillips

## Meeting of May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

President Stephen welcomed everyone to the online meeting. There were two visiting Rotarians. They were Assistant District Governor Dan Brown from Nipigon and Tom Telfer from the London North Rotary Club. Sante Sottile proposed the toast to the Queen.

President Stephen introduced the guest speaker, President-Elect Cynthia Judge. Cynthia reviewed the committee structure for her Rotary year. There were three new directors elected for this year. They are Irene Sottile, Mary Ann Breton, and Beverly Knutson. Director Steve MacDonald will be moving back to southern Ontario in June so Jodi Philips will be replacing him. Each committee that has more than two members will require a chair and vice-chair.

These are the areas of responsibility for the Board members:

Club Administration – Director Irene Sottile  
Community Fundraising – Director Robert Moore  
Community Services – Director Beverly Knutson  
Public Relations – Director Jodi Philips  
Rotary Initiatives – Director Jill Zachary  
Youth Services – Director Mary Ann Breton

The Club is still in need of a Youth Protection Officer for the upcoming year. Please contact Cynthia if you are interested in this position. PE Cynthia thanked everyone who had volunteered for a committee. She will be sending out the Committee structure for 2020-2021 in a week's time.

The incoming Rotary International President is Holger Knaack, who is from Germany. The theme for his year will be: "Rotary Opens Opportunities." President-Elect Knaack would like Rotary clubs to be fun and flexible in their outlook. The incoming District Governor is Robert McLean from Central Lakes.

The Passing the Gavel ceremony will take place on Wednesday, July 1. During the upcoming year, meetings will continue to be bi-weekly, being held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. However, during July and August, instead of having two meetings, there will be a fun activity in place of the meeting.

President Stephen will send out a survey in June and the results of that survey will be discussed in August. The new District Governor will be visiting the club on the fourth Wednesday in September. President-Elect Cynthia thanked President Stephen for his help in preparing her for her upcoming year.

David Knutson provided a House Lottery update. Robert Moore stated that the club has been approved to do online sales. Joan Krisko discussed the ticket sales.

Steven MacDonald has resigned from the club as he and his wife are moving to southern Ontario to take up new employment. We wish them both all the best!

The Thunder Bay and Nipigon Rotary Clubs received funding from the District to be used for COVID-19 relief efforts. Fort William Rotary funding is going to RFDA and Shelter House. Lakehead Rotary is donating to RFDA and the John Howard Society. Port Arthur Rotary is donating to the Dew Drop Inn and the Salvation Army. Nipigon Rotary is donating to RFDA, Nipigon Baptist Church and the Church of the Annunciation. Sandy Lychowyd, from Lakehead Rotary, sent a press release, about the donations, to the Chronicle-Journal that appeared in the June 29 edition on page A3 under The Region news.

ADG Dan Brown, assisted by the Nipigon President-Elect applied for a \$10,000 District grant that would be used to replace the windows and finish Rotary Cabin #4 at the Wilderness Discovery Camp.

The Rotary International Convention will be held online this year. It will run from June 20-26. Here is the link with information about this Convention:

[https://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu?gclid=EAIaIQob-ChMIuc6mg\\_jd6QIVA9vACh3TaAF8EAAAYASAAEgJjI\\_D\\_BwE](https://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu?gclid=EAIaIQob-ChMIuc6mg_jd6QIVA9vACh3TaAF8EAAAYASAAEgJjI_D_BwE)

The Allocations Committee will meet via Zoom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of June.

Irene Sottile did Lighter Side. ADG Dan Brown gave a report from Nipigon. Their club has been having Zoom meetings. They will be opening their food booth on June 4. The club will also do its annual highway cleanup but are not sure whether they will have their Hike for Health.

Tom Telfer gave a report from the London North Club. His club is very active on Zoom. They provide Grade 3 students with dictionaries as well as buying shoes for crippled children. The big fundraiser for their club is a golf tournament. Tom is the Chair of Rotarians on Internet Fellowship.

## **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

June 1 Shelter House Dinner  
June 10 Zoom Meeting  
June 15 RFDA Volunteering  
June 17 Shelter House Dinner  
June 24 Zoom Meeting

There were 22 people in attendance at this meeting.

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Screenshot Stephen

