



The Fortarian

Nov 10th, 2021
Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

2021/2022 Board of Directors

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 Zoom: 6.30pm

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Allocations Committee

Chair: Bob Hookham
 Meets: 2nd Tuesday of each month,
 Zoom 12 noon.

Rotary House Lottery Committee

Chair: Dave Knutson
 Meets: 1st Tuesday of each month,
 Zoom 12 noon.

Semi-monthly Zoom Meetings

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

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Eleven members were present at Daytonas where we enjoyed a great meal and fellowship. Seven further members joined us via Zoom for the meeting which was opened by President Dawn Sebesta. Joan Krisko played O Canada, Mary Ann Breton proposed the Toast and Fhara Pottinger read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

Dawn informed us that she would be laying a wreath on behalf of our club at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Slovak Legion tomorrow at noon. She then invited Jodi Phillips to lead our special Remembrance Day program.



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Jodi told us that we will also have a wreath laid at the Fort William First Nation's ceremony. She delineated the numbers of indigenous people who served in WW1 and WW2 as well as the many Metis who also served. Due to Covid 19 restrictions we cannot have a "live" in person service at this time. However Jodi obtained a specially recorded service which we were able to watch. This was entitled "A Service of Remembrance" and prepared for Retirement and Long Term Care Homes by the Royal Canadian Legion. The service was led by the Rev. Nancy Ringham, Padre at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 5, and featured their colour party, musicians and oral recordings.

Following the service Jodi alluded to her family's past military service and noted that while we remember the past conflicts we must not forget the "modern day" soldiers. Jodi then called on Sharon Badanai who spoke of her son's involvement as a Peace Keeper. She also spoke of the origin of the poppy as a symbol and how in 1921 it was officially adopted as a symbol of remembrance.

Dawn thanked Jodi and Sharon.

Sante Sottile gave a report from Allocations: He is sending cheques to the following:

Christmas Cheer - \$10,000

Lakehead Music Festival - \$6,000

Roots to Harvest - \$50,000

Holding \$25,000 to go to the Art Gallery

There will be an Allocations meeting on November 15, at noon.

Robert Moore reported for the House committee that the 30 day report has been submitted. The House has been transferred to the winner. BDO is to look at the financials. Then we will be ready to look at the 2022 House.

Dawn noted that fines will begin again at the meeting on November 24th and that there will be an honour system for those attending via Zoom.

The Tri-Club Christmas Party will be held at the Italian Hall on Friday, December 10. Tickets \$45 each.

November 30th there will be a social event Bocce at the DaVinci.

Editor Erle

Scribe Cynthia

