



The Fortarian

Nov 11th, 2020
Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

2019/2020 Board of Directors

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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 Zoom Meetings

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

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Meeting of Nov 11, 2020

President Cynthia Judge welcomed everyone to a special edition of our meeting- the Remembrance Day Service.

Robert Moore began the meeting with the National Anthem, played on his cell phone.

Bob Hookham read a story with a Remembrance Day theme. It was about a teacher who taught her students, in a unique way, about the great contributions made by veterans and those who died in battle.

President Cynthia gave the land acknowledgement. Stephen Margarit gave the toast to the Queen.

Jodi Philips led the Remembrance Day services. She gave thanks for past Rotary members who had lost their lives in wars; for people who had lost family and friends during the war; and for returning veterans. The club had purchased three wreaths for this special day. However, because of COVID-19 restrictions, legion members presented the club's wreaths at the services held at the Slovak Legion and at the Fort William First Nation. The third wreath was at the meeting. The veterans, Air Cadets, and serving members of the military who normally conduct the Club's service were unable to attend the meeting. The service was presented by videos.

The first video was of the Colour Party made up of the Air Cadets sponsored by our club. The second video was of the Remembrance Day ceremony held at Hilldale Lutheran Church, led by Padre Nancy Ringham. Padre Ringham welcomed those attending the service, including veterans and serving forces. The colour party entered. Padre Ringham prayed for those who had laid down their lives in war. She also prayed that peace-loving people be united. She then read a passage from the book of Wisdom. She recounted about going to Normandy with her father who served in WWI. They also visited Vimy Ridge. The Last Post was played followed by a piper playing. The wreaths were laid. The poem, Flanders Fields, was read. The service ended with a prayer and the playing of "God Save the Queen." The colours then marched off.

Sharon Badanai, Club member and mother of a wounded veteran, read the poem, "Why I Wear A Poppy." President Cynthia thanked Sharon for the reading.

Bob Hookham gave the Allocations Committee report. Stephen Margarit provided an update on the voting for the Board of Directors. Seventy-three percent of the club had participated in the first round. The final ballot will be sent out in the next two days.

Announcements

The Four-Way Test Essay contest packages have been sent to the high schools. Students in Grades 11 and 12 are eligible. The information has also been posted on the Club's Facebook page. There are cash prizes for the top three essays. Please encourage any students that you know in these grades to participate.

November is Foundation month for Rotary. The Foundation Committee has issued a challenge. For every member who donates \$25 to the Foundation by November 23, the Board will match with a \$25 donation. You can donate online or give a cheque to Joan Krisko, Foundation Chair.

At the November 25 meeting, there will be an Indigenous Initiative speaker. This meeting will also be the Club's Annual General Meeting. Please try to attend as the club requires 22 members in order to achieve a quorum.

On Saturday, November 14, there will be a Zoom meeting providing End Human Trafficking training that will run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Fort William Rotary requires a Club Champion regarding this issue. Please let President Cynthia know if you are interested.

President Sandy Lychowyd of Lakehead Rotary Club announced that the joint Club Christmas party will take place on Zoom. The party starts at 7:00 p.m. The meal will cost \$20.00. Volker Kromm will be looking after the meal which will be traditional eastern European fare.

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