



The Fortarian

October 14th, 2020

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

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Rotary House Lottery Committee

Chair: Dave Knutson
 Meets: 1st Tuesday of each month,
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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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Meeting of October 14th, 2020

President Cynthia welcomed everyone to the meeting. In honour of our speakers, Joan Krisko played both the American and Canadian national anthems. Bob Hookham gave the toast to the Queen.

Irene Sottile introduced speakers, Gary and Cindy Nolte, who are both members of the Moorhead Rotary Club. Gary has served Rotary in many leadership positions including President of the Moorhead Club and District Governor. Cindy has served as Moorhead Club President and is currently the End Polio Now District chairperson. Cindy and Gary are both retired and have served on medical and construction missions in Honduras, Nicaragua, and Haiti. They have also been on polio eradication missions in Ghana, Niger, Nigeria, and India.

In 1988, Rotary International was a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, along with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2007, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation joined Rotary in the fight against Polio. Since 2013, the Foundation has matched 2 to 1 for every dollar that Rotary raises up to a total of \$35 million per year.

Since October 24 is World Polio Day, Cindy and Gary shared photos and told club members about their experiences on polio eradication missions. Surveillance clinics are set up in a region to discover if children there have polio. If that is found to be the case, children from the whole area are vaccinated. In some areas, the children are so immune-compromised that injectable polio vaccine must be used. Local nurses give the injections. One of the challenges is to keep the vaccine cool. Rotarians on the mission work with volunteers as well as local Rotarians and Rotaractors. A team is made up of a volunteer who carries the vaccine, someone who provides either the drops or the injection, someone who dips the finger to show that the child has been vaccinated, and someone who records the immunization. Vaccination sometimes takes place by going door-to-door while other times a clinic is set up.

President Cynthia thanked Gary and Cindy for their presentation. She then read the correspondence. St. Joseph's Care Group and Foundation thanked the club for its donation. The funds will be used to help clients and to assist with funding new ultrasound equipment. The MS Society of Canada also thanked the club for its donation.

Bob Hookham presented the Allocations Committee report. Stephen Margarit will be sending out applications to the charities that have expressed an interest in receiving funding for this year. The Committee will then examine the requests.

David Knutson presented the House Lottery report. The tickets sold out this year. Shirley MacDonnell was the winner, holding ticket #07772. She shared the ticket with her friend, Paulette Husfeldt. David thanked everyone who assisted with making the House Lottery such a success in this challenging year. He also thanked everyone who assisted with the day of the draw.

Robert Moore shared an email that his daughter received from one of this year's house winners. This winner's child has received support from George Jeffrey's Children's Centre, an organization that receives funds from the House Lottery. The winner was grateful for this support. She stated that is why she has bought tickets for 20 years because it is a way to give back to the community.

President Cynthia presented Steven Beaucage with his first Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations Steve! Mandi O'Connor did Lighter Side and had everyone laughing.

Announcements

Foundation Chair Joan Krisko announced that because October 24 is World Polio Day, the Foundation Committee is asking if members would donate to the cause. You can put a cheque or cash in an envelope and put it in Joan's mailbox before October 24. Members, who donate, will receive Recognition Points toward their next Paul Harris Fellow.

Stephen Margarit announced that the Satellite Club will be meeting at RFDA on Monday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers will be packing apples. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stephen.

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