



The Fortarian

October 26th 2022
 Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

2022/2023 Board of Directors

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Rotary House Lottery Committee

Chair: Dave Knutson
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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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President Fhara called the hybrid meeting to order at 6:15 pm. She thanked all for attending and welcomed visitors Ray Nelson (Cindy's Guest) and fellow visiting Rotarian, Mayor Elect Ken Boshcoff! Fhara further thanked Irene for all the Halloween décor and treats.

Irene provided the Toast to King Charles III and Mary Ann Breton read the Land Acknowledgment via zoom.

Fhara acknowledged that the meeting would be more informal and was not necessarily following an agenda and asked for club announcements.

The following club announcements were provided:

Rotary Santa Claus Parade:

Dawn announced that 34 floats have been registered and that the goal is still 60! Volunteer sign-up sheets will be circulated. Rotary toques are also available for \$10 – if you would like a toque let Dawn know. Guest Ray Nelson gave Dawn \$10 immediately as the generous size will fit Ray's head!

World Polio Day

Via zoom, Joan wished she could attend in-person and said she missed everyone. Joan announced with great pleasure that our club's World Polio donations totaled \$1,180 with a total of 15 donations. With the club's \$1,000 match, the total donation is \$2,180. As promised each donor got a ballot for every \$10 donation, if you donated \$50, you got 5 ballots. A total of 111 tickets were dropped into the pumpkin head! Therese assisted Joan with circulating and collecting ballots and Mayor Elect Ken drew ??? name and he/she will receive 1,000 Paul Harris Fellow points! Craig Sandberg's name was drawn, unfortunately he wasn't in attendance but we all cheered anyway!

Salvation Army Kettle Bells

Stephen reported on behalf of Robert saying that volunteers are needed for salvation army kettle bells. Email Robert for available time slots.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

It was decided to cancel the Wednesday November 9th and move it to November 11 and join the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Fort William Gardens. Fhara to lay a wreath on behalf of our club. A lunch gathering will follow at the Fort William Curling Club. RSVP to Dawn if you will be joining us for lunch.

George Jeffrey Children's Foundation/Centre - Tour

The November 23rd meeting will be held at George Jeffrey Children's Centre. We will start with a tour of the Centre followed by a short meeting. Cindy will be purchasing pizza for everyone and she will email club members to get a sense of numbers – please rsvp to her directly.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is Wednesday, December 14 at Daytonas and it shouldn't be a long meeting. There will be a Christmas social to follow with appetizers etc. Dawn is working on the menu and prices.

Tri-Club Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10th at the Court House Hotel. The cost is \$75 per person. Stephen will email club members with details.

Halloween Fun

After the many club announcements, the Halloween fun began and Irene led the way!

We started with a Chinese auction and 66 bids raised \$66 with the proceeds going to our club's World Polio donation! Mayor Elect Ken Boshcoff

drew #22 as the winning ticket – K.S. won the wine bucket and chocolate body parts!



The next Halloween Activity was Boo Bingo. Guess What? K.S. won Boo Bingo too!! Stephen was being rather cheeky to Cynthia and Cindy and got a large Boo from the members – too funny! Mary Ann attended via zoom and got the nod for the best costume. It was an entertaining meeting to say the least.

Fhara wished everyone a Happy Halloween and adjourned the meeting just before 7 pm. Group pictures followed with and without the masks Irene provided.





Editor Brian

Photos Irene

Scribe Cindy

