



# The Fortarian

October 28th, 2020

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

## 2020/2021 Board of Directors

President: Cynthia Judge  
 Interim Secretary: Stephen Margarit  
 Assistant Secretary: Irene Sottile  
 Treasurer: Sante Sottile  
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 Past President: Stephen Margarit  
 Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,  
 RBC Royal Bank, Board Room  
 1159 Alloy Drive , 6.30pm

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Directors:  
 Irene Sottile  
 Robert Moore  
 Mary Ann Breton  
 Bev Knutson  
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## 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 Zoom Meetings

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

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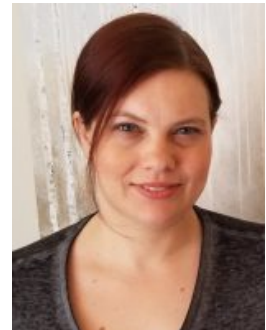
## Meeting of October 28th, 2020

President Cynthia Judge welcomed everyone to the meeting. About 10 Rotarians attended in-person at the Victoria Inn while about 10 joined the meeting with Zoom.

Joan Krisko O Canada on the piano (via Zoom). Caesar Ogbemor gave a toast to the Queen.

President Cynthia announced that Fhara Pottinger had agreed to become President-Elect-Elect, following Dawn Sebesta who is President-Elect. Fhara's term as President will be July 2022 to June 2023. Dawn's term as President will be July 2021 to June 2022.

President Cynthia announced that there would be no Annual General Meeting this evening since nominations and voting need to take place for Directors, and we are awaiting the final results from the House Lottery. The AGM will now take place on November 25.



Mary Ann Breton introduced the guest speaker: Jennifer McGillivray, Advancement Officer at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM). Jennifer joined the meeting via Zoom.

Jennifer was born in Elliot Lake and studied theatre arts at York University. She has held leadership roles at Opera Hamilton, Festival of the Sound (Parry Sound) and the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra. Jennifer has also been a teacher and mentor, and is currently the President of the Rotary Club of Sudbury.

Jennifer talked about her current role in 'friendraising' activities for NOSM, which has campuses in Thunder Bay and Sudbury. The goal is to attract and educate doctors who are from the north, or want to live and work in Northern Ontario. She noted that 92 percent of NOSM MD students are from Northern Ontario. She also was proud of the fact that of 714 MD graduates, 475 have been female.



Mandi O'Connor provided Hallowe'en themed jokes for The Lighter Side.

A question was asked about honorary membership. It was thought that Rotary International had instituted a rule whereby members over 80 years old no longer were required to pay dues, and became lifetime members at that point. The Board will look into this and clarify for future consideration.

President Cynthia adjourned the meeting.

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