



The Fortarian

Sept 8th, 2021
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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Past-President Cynthia Judge chaired the hybrid meeting in President Dawn's absence. There were no visiting Rotarians or guests (other than the speaker).

Joan Krisko played the National anthem for the assembled "Zoom" participants and the group gathered at Chicago Joes.

Irene Sottile proposed a toast to the Queen of Canada

Cindy Levanto-Kawahara acknowledged that the meeting was being conducted on the traditional lands of the Indigenous people of this region.

Past-President Cynthia introduced the evening's speaker, Amanda Pacholczak, author of this year's winning 4-Way Test essay entitled "Vacationing Abroad; Ethical or Not?"

Amanda's essay reviewed the impacts of vacationing in other countries in terms of the principles of the 4-way test:

- is it the TRUTH?
- is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

And considered aspects of travel such as:

- The environmental impact (carbon emissions and other aspects associated with tourism's influence on the local environment)
- Fairness in the distribution of financial benefits to the destination country's economy
- Social effects – sensitivity to local cultural customs and appropriate behaviour

Suggesting that travelling is a privilege, the essay went on to outline alternative approaches that might better meet the principles of the 4-way test, including limiting physical travel by exploring through books and the internet and using money budgeted for vacation to support key needs in communities in the “vacation” countries.

Past-President Cynthia thanked Amanda for her thoughtful (and thought provoking) essay.



House Lottery Report: Bob Hookham indicated that the Committee had received a number of proposals from Lormar, Chris Kelos Homes and Triad. The Committee made an assessment and an option was identified for presentation to the Board of Directors for approval. In general, due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the house prices were significantly higher than those in the past. Further, due to ongoing disruption of supply chains, there was some concern starting new construction during these unpredictable times.

It is expected that the draw in 2022 will be held on July 1, returning to the traditional date.

Allocations Report: Sante Sottile updated the Club on the distribution of funds from the 2021 Lottery made to date and the plan for distribution of the balance of the funds going forward.

Announcements:

- September 21, 2021 – Online Peace Day ceremony scheduled for approximately 12:15 pm. Irene Sottile will be issuing e-mail with details of the link and times. This will be occurring during Port Arthur Rotary's regular meeting timeslot.
- The September 22 Fort William Rotary meeting will be either a Zoom or hybrid meeting, to be chaired remotely by President Dawn. The presenter will be Warren Philp and the topic is "Adventure Trails"
- Shelterhouse meal preparation will restart Monday October 4, 2021. Rotary volunteers are required (the volunteers will be subject to Shelterhouse restrictions on the number of personnel in the kitchen).
- Bob Hookham announced that Peter Collins and some of the Fort William FN leadership would be visiting Wilderness Discoveries camp mid-September. Club members are welcome to attend.

- Cindy Levanto-Kawahara mentioned that the “Smile Cookie” event would be taking place during the week of September 13-19 at the local Tim Horton’s, should anyone wish to volunteer. Funds go to the George Jeffery Children’s Foundation and the Christmas Cheer fund.
- The Lakehead Rotary Club will be holding a barbeque at the end of September. A separate notification will be sent out.

Lighter side: Joan Krisko entertained the crowd with a mix of enjoyable jokes.

Editor Erle

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