



Jan 16th, 2019

The Fortarian

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay, (Fort William)

2018/2019 Board of Directors

President: Sante Sottile
Treasurer: Boris Cham
Secretary: Joan Krisko
President Elect: Stephen Margarit
Past President: Theresa Lim
*Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,
George Jeffrey Children's Centre
Boardroom 200 Brock St E. , 6.30pm*

Website www.fwrotary.ca

Directors: Steven Beaucage
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Allocations Committee

Chair: Peter Stetsko
*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.*

Weekly Dinner Meetings

*Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
Airlane Hotel and Conference Centre
698 W. Arthur St. Thunder Bay, ON*

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Note: For July and August, meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday only.

Newsletter Editors

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President Sante Sottile called the meeting to order. Following the singing of O Canada the Toast was proposed by Cynthia Judge. Craig Sandberg was the

SAA and announced that there were no guests. Dave Murray introduced the speaker, Pat Forrest, from Leadership Thunder Bay.



Pat informed us that Leadership Thunder Bay has developed almost three hundred leaders in Thunder Bay and two graduates ran successfully for office in the municipal election in 2018. Their program begins with a retreat where participants are divided into teams comprised of people with different learning styles. Between October and May there are eight learning days followed by graduation and a gala night. Participants visit a variety of places such as City Hall, an indigenous community, and a private sector business such as Bomardier. Leadership skills are developed, including visioning, motivation and building effective teams, and a toastmaster works with participants on presentation skills. A variety of community action projects are selected and worked on by the teams which enable the participants to gain self-confidence

and leadership skills. Finally Pat said that the cost for participation is \$2,700 and sponsors are needed. Our speaker was thanked by President Sante.

As Finemaster/Happy Dollar Collector, Stephen Margarit said he is now a participating member of two City Council committees. Myles Fucile said that the Gentlemen of Harmony will be performing at a Valentine's Dance at the KC Hall on February 9th for which the tickets will cost \$45.

Under correspondence, Sante shared a Christmas card from the Hospital Foundation members in recognition of our support of the cardiovascular surgery campaign; a ticket to the Northwestern Sports Hall of Fame; a letter and card from the boy we sponsor in Senegal through Plan International.

Under Announcements, Dave Knutson reminded us that next week, January 23rd, there will be a special By-laws meeting for which we need to have at least half the members to be present in order to have a quorum.

Stephen Margarit announced that there was a 77% response rate for the Survey Monkey and the results will be discussed at next week's meeting. Stephen added that Rotary's theme for next year is "Rotary Connects the World" and the focus is flexibility!

Stephen further announced that there is a possibility of doing a joint Youth Exchange sponsorship with the Port Arthur club. He suggests members think about this idea which will be brought to the club for discussion.

There has been a request for funding for a library in Sierra Leone. President Sante is looking into the possibility of there still being time to receive matching funds from the District.

Our Valentine's Dinner will be at the Fort William Curling Club on February 13th.

The Foundation Dinner will be on February 22nd. (There will be no meeting on February 20th.) Irene Sottile will circulate an envelope for donations for the auction at next week's meeting.

Therese Lim asked all past-presidents to stay for a meeting immediately following this meeting.

For the Lighter Side Irene told a joke regarding mental health.

Craig Sandberg announced that the 50/50 draw now has a total of \$145 in the pot. Dave Murray had the winning number but unfortunately did not select the elusive queen of hearts.

Meeting adjourned.

Editor – Erle

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Photo Irene

