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# 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](http://www.fwrotary.ca)

Directors: Steven Beaucage  
 Glen Craig  
 Dave McColl  
 Dave Knutson  
 Sharon Badanai  
 Dawn Sebesta

### 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*

### Mailing Address

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

### Newsletter Editors

Erle Wheatley & Brian Phillips

## January 9, 2019

President Sante Sottile called the meeting to order. Joan Krisko provided piano accompaniment for the singing of O Canada. Sharon Badanai invited Rotarians and guests to raise a glass and toast to the Queen.

Dawn Sebesta was the Sergeant-At-Arms for this meeting and advised that other than the guest speaker, we also had Clifford Mushquash, President-Elect of the Lakehead Rotary Club in attendance.

Dave McColl introduced our guest speaker, Andrea Docherty. Andrea is the Program Director for the Regional Cancer Program. She has responsibility for the operations of the Regional Cancer Care Centre as well as the performance of the Cancer System across Northwestern Ontario. She holds a Masters of Public Health degree from Lakehead University and has an extensive background in Health Promotion and Project Management.



Andrea spoke about the success of the Exceptional Cancer Care program. The campaign goal of \$5.9 million was exceeded; \$7.2 million was raised. She thanked Rotary for their contribution. The program has assisted with new initiatives such as linear accelerators, large-bore CT equipment and electronic medical records. As of Monday, the hospital has a full complement of oncologists:

five medical oncologists, two hematologists, four radiation oncologists, two nurse practitioners and one physician's assistant.

They have also recently opened a specialty pharmacy on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the hospital for oral chemotherapy prescriptions. Prior to this, medications used to be sent to patients through the mail. Andrea advised that they plan to replace their aging PET/CT scanner in 2020 and add a third linear accelerator in 2021. She noted that they will soon have all the Health Canada approvals in place to commence isotope production with the cyclotron. Andrea said it is difficult to keep up with all the new drug discoveries. These offer multiple therapy options where previously there were only one or two available.

President Sante thanked Andrea for her presentation.



Joan Krisko announced that President Sante had a ceremony to perform. We have a member who has been very responsible and a regular contributor to Rotary, to the extent that she is eligible for a Paul Harris Fellow *times three*. President Sante presented the pin to Therese Kim, thanking her for all the work and support she has provided to Rotary.

President Sante read correspondence from Margaret at CNIB, thanking our club for our support. A thank you card was also received from Todd Kennedy of the March of Dimes, thanking us for our generosity that allowed them to purchase a scooter for Rodney. We also received a thank you card from Paula Morrow. Paula wrote how she and her family were deeply touched by our decision to create a bursary in Andy Morrow's name, in recognition of his many years of support and involvement with the Air Cadets.

Craig Sandberg asked for happy dollars and received several. He then levied a \$2 fine on anyone who had not had a birthday yet in 2019, which applied to about 98 percent of those in attendance.

Clifford Mushquash of the Lakehead Rotary Club invited our club to participate in, and support, the Rotary Anniversary event being held on Friday, February 22 at the Italian Cultural Centre. The price of the event has not been finalized but will likely be just under \$40. They are looking for silent auction and Chinese auction items. He also is asking all clubs to look around the community for people who could be considered for a Paul Harris Fellow designation, using club recognition points. Ideally, this would be four individuals, with one nominated per club.

Stephen Margarit indicated that 25 of 44 members had completed the Survey Monkey already. He was about to fine those who hadn't completed it yet, but then realized that he was not the Finemaster for the evening. The deadline to complete the survey monkey is 7:30 pm on Monday, January 14.

President Sante expressed his thanks to the following individuals:

- Stephen Margarit, for creating the Survey Monkey and arranging the Shelter House dinner
- Dawn Sebesta, for her work in organizing the successful Christmas Carol Sing
- Irene Sotille and Dawn Sebesta for planning the Children's Christmas Party
- Dave Knutson, for leading the 2019 Lottery House planning and securing of the lottery licence

President Sante also thanked the Lakehead Rotary club for arranging the tri-club Christmas party and helping to fill out food hampers.

*Cindy Levanto-Kawahara delivered the Lighter Side. It sounded like she said, "There are 30 horses and 28 chickens."*



*What she said was, "There are 30 horses, and twenty ate chickens." So, the math is: 30 minus 20 = 10 horses (who didn't eat chickens).*

*Then she asked: "How many didn't?"*

Dawn Sebesta advised that 21 tickets had been sold for the 50/50 draw, adding \$10.50 to the pot for a total of \$136.50. Stephen Margarit held the winning ticket, but he did not pick the required card from the deck.

President Sante adjourned the meeting.

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