



March 13th, 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](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

## March 13, 2019

Rotarians were greeted by Irene Sottile who made sure that they had either a green article of clothing on, or took one of her collection of green accessories, to reflect a pre-St. Patrick's Day theme for the meeting. Irene also provided name tags to all in attendance, with a "Leprechaun" name derived from their own name.



Irene invited all in attendance to rise, one at a time, and announce their Leprechaun name to the group. Irene then passed around St. Patrick's Day trivia questions to each table. The table with the highest score of correct answers was comprised of Cynthia Judge, Bev Knutson, Dave Knutson, Bruce Nugent, Boris Cham, Walter Seaberg, Erle Wheatley and Dave McColl.

President Sante Sotille called the meeting to order. Joan Krisko provided piano accompaniment for the singing of O Canada. Dave McColl 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 Sandy Lychowyd of the Lakehead Rotary Club was in attendance, as well as Mary-Ann Breton, a prospective new member.



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President Sante introduced President-Elect Stephen Margarit who discussed some thoughts about our club's path forward: we are definitely an 'aging' club; our membership number stays fairly steady (around 40); we need to think of ways to attract new members and retain existing members; we need to be flexible, try a few different venues such as the Italian Hall and Daytona's; consider bi-weekly meetings during House Lottery season. Stephen noted that the Port Arthur club recently invited Mayor Bill Mauro as a guest speaker and opened the event to the public. We may wish to consider something similar. It's a way to show that Rotary is open and allows people to see what a Rotary meeting is all about.

Dawn Sebesta provided an update on upcoming speakers and advised that she is trying to arrange a tour of the Sleeping Giant Brewery, possibly on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Irene circulated the room in search of Happy Dollars.

President Sante advised that we had received Thank You cards from Shelter House, March of Dimes and the Art Gallery. Clifford Mushquash of the Lakehead Rotary Club wanted to advise our club that a Kairos Blanket Exercise is being held in Thunder Bay soon. Fort William club members are welcome to attend. President Sante is looking for a preliminary number of members who would be interested in attending. Background information is available on the internet at the following site:

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/>

Joan Krisko provided a summary of how the House Lottery tickets were selling. We have sold 1,874 of 14,000 tickets, so we are over 13 percent of the way to a sell out! Joan thanked the house managers, sellers and outlet managers for their hard work in getting all the paperwork together . . . correctly and completely.

Dave Knutson advised that there had been an incident of a double-charge when selling a House Lottery ticket involving the 'tap' feature of the POS machine at one of the open houses. The error was rectified but a decision was made to remove the tap feature to avoid any future occurrences. Boris Cham will arrange for this. Anyone who has expenses incurred that are related to the House Lottery should send an email to Jerry Williams with a cc: to Steven Beaucage. The mail-outs were planned to arrive the same day or the day after the media launch. This year the mail-out included a list of outlets and a map. We are still looking at ways to further streamline how we distribute our messaging to the public about the House Lottery, to maximize effectiveness and minimize cost and effort.

President Sante thanked the Hospital for the great article that they created and published in the newspaper about the House Lottery.



Erle Wheatley provided a few fine examples of Irish humour, in keeping with the pre-St. Patrick's Day theme.

Dawn Sebesta advised that the 50/50 draw pot of gold total was \$175.00. Sandy Lychowyd drew Arun Dighe's ticket. However, despite his very best efforts, Arun did was not able to coax the elusive Queen to emerge from the deck of cards.



Gordie Garriock thanked all those who attended the media launch event for the House Lottery.

President Sante adjourned the meeting.

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