



March 27th, 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  
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Dave Knutson  
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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*

### 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 27, 2019

President Sante Sotille called the meeting to order. Joan Krisko provided piano accompaniment for the singing of O Canada. Gordie Garriock invited everyone to raise a glass and toast to the Queen. Boris Cham was the Sergeant-At-Arms for this meeting.

Stephen Margarit introduced our guest speaker, Mayor Bill Mauro. Bill attended Lakehead University Teacher's College and has a degree in History from Lakehead as well. From 2003 until 2018, he was the Minister of Provincial Parliament for the Thunder Bay-Atikokan district. Bill also served as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, and Minister of Northern Development and Mines.



The Mayor thanked Fort William Rotary for all the work that we do for the community. He enjoyed working with Bob Hookham on the Wilderness Discovery project. He gave an overview of what has been happening in the City over the past four months since the municipal election. He spoke about the city budget and organizational reviews that will be occurring, such as in Fire and Emergency Services as well as City Administration. The goal is to find evidence-based efficiencies. Bill praised the Northern Medical School, Law School, the

Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute, the College and the University and Bombardier for the employment that they create in the City. Bill spoke about the recent reviews of the Thunder Bay Police Services, the Thunder Bay Expressway, the decision on the truck route (no trucks on Dawson Road – the Bylaw has yet to be passed, however). He specifically praised the advances made locally at the hospital in

angioplasty and the ongoing work to bring full cardiac surgery to Thunder Bay – this will create another 60 or 70 jobs. Once again, Mayor Bill Mauro thanked Fort William Rotary for the work that we do.

Dave Knutson asked for Happy Dollars:

- Craig Sandberg was happy about the Dictionary Project – Craig was at Ogden Community Public School where he handed out personal dictionaries to Grade 3 students
- Miles Fucile was happy about selling a handful of Rotary House Lottery tickets recently
- Gordie Garriock was happy about the start of the Lakehead Festival of Music and the Arts
- Stephen Margarit was happy about the new club banners

Dave Knutson followed the Happy Dollar collection with a series of questions from recent media items. Those who knew all the answers were excused from contributing further to the fine account.

President Sante advised that we had received Thank You cards from the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation for the gift in memory of Ann Williams, from a young girl from Senegal named Awa that we are sponsoring, and a letter from George Jeffrey Children’s Centre requesting funding assistance with their annual soap box derby.

Joan Krisko provided a summary of how the House Lottery tickets were selling. We sold 1,579 tickets last week, for a total of 5,326 of 14,000 tickets. This puts us at 38 percent sold.

The sales breakdown for the outlets is:

NorWester – 10	George Jeffrey – 16	Finnish Book Store – 41
Airlane – 56		
Wanson Lumber – 56	B Evans – 65	Balmoral Park Acura – 66
TBRHSF – 75		
George’s Market – 118	Mail-ins – 129	

Joan outlined some IMPORTANT points to keep in mind for ticket sellers and outlet managers:

- Each debit or credit card slip MUST have the corresponding ticket number written on it.

- Where the credit card imprinting machine has not created fully legible credit card numbers, DO NOT try to write over top of the partial numbers to try to fill them in. Write the numbers BELOW.
- We DO NOT accept American Express . . . just debit, VISA, MASTERCARD (and cash or cheque).
- On the ticket Control Sheets, only use YELLOW to highlight the lines of tickets that have been sold in a batch. Don't use other colours.

Irene Sotille distributed Rotary business cards to everyone. She advised that Lindsay Dohan has been working on a Rotary video that should be ready soon. The plan is to run the video at the Open Houses. Irene also provided luggage tags to everyone. The tags are promoting the Rotary District 5580 Conference, April 25-27, in Minot, North Dakota.

Dave Knutson advised that he will try to have House Lottery Committee meeting next Tuesday.

Craig Sandberg has just ordered the "I Like Me" books. 18 books will be handed out this year at a Grade 1 class at Kingsway Park School. If we are short of volunteers to assist, the teacher has advised that she will ask some Grade 8 students to help out.

Stephen Margarit advised that the Satellite club will be at Shelter House on Monday, if anyone is interested in helping.

Dave McColl delivered the Lighter Side.

Boris Cham ran the Bingo. Peter Stetsko was the first person with one line.

President Sante adjourned the meeting.

Editor – Erle

Scribe – Dave McColl

