



May 15th, 2019

The Fortarian

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay, (Fort William)

2018/2019 Board of Directors

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*Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,
George Jeffrey Children's Centre
Boardroom 200 Brock St E. , 6.30pm*

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*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 kicked off the meeting by presenting a cheque for \$5000 to the 3 ladies who won the Early bird draw the previous week.

Cynthia toasted the queen & Robert Moore manned the door.

Sante then gave a special toast in Karl Wahl's memory.

It was announced that this week's Earlybird was won by Pat Holma.

Dawn then introduced our speakers, Meghan Hanbury & Dr. David Greenwood from LU, who were speaking about the "Labyrinth Project". They are spearheading an initiative to construct a 50 foot labyrinth on the LU property in front of the Bora Laskin building within the next year. The budget for it is \$90,000 & they are actively raising funds to finance it. The purpose of it is to provide a space for communities to come together for walking meditation, contemplative reflection and holistic wellness.



Some of the benefits of labyrinth walking were outlined by Dr. Greenwood. They include increased self-awareness, lower stress levels, help with grief, help with

conflict resolution, physical exercise, lower blood pressure & decreased incidents of chronic pain. He told us that there currently is one behind St.Pauls Anglican church & there are about 250 of them in Mpls/St.Paul. Labyrinths have been around for over 4,000 years & are in use throughout the whole world.

Irene presided over the fines & started off by fining Solade for finally coming to a meeting. Solade shared his good news with us re. he recently being honoured with a Humanitarian of the Year award chosen from all the casinos in Canada! Various fines were then levied by Irene to most members for a number of infractions as well as some accomplishments.



Peter gave an Allocations report & they recommended the board approve 4 requests: \$35,000 to the Boys and Girls Club for foundation improvements; Wilderness Discovery \$100,000; Lakehead Music Festival \$5,000; and Hospice NW \$8,000.

Joan gave her weekly report re, ticket sales & we're now down to our last 700 tickets. Also a reminder to any members with tickets still out, to please return them to Terry ASAP. The Airplane has stopped selling tickets for this year.

Brian related a few ethnic jokes & informed us that only the English Channel separates humans from animals.

Sante reminded us that next week's meeting will be at Daytona's & urged all members to attend to help determine if that would be a good fit for future Rotary meetings. Pres. Elect Stephen will also be unveiling his Committee structure for the upcoming Rotary year. Pls respond to his recent email asking for committee preferences & also let Dawn know if you are attending ASAP.

Craig was lucky enough to have his 50/50 ticket drawn but not lucky enough to win the \$236 in the pot.



Editor – Erle

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