



May 16th, 2018

The Fortarian

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay, (Fort William)

2017/2018 Board of Directors

President: Therese Lim
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*Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,
SJCG Hogarth Riverview Manor
Boardroom 300 Lillie St North, 6.30pm*

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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
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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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Meeting of May 16th, 2018

The Sergeant at Arms for the evening was Terry Cameron. Several Rotarian guests were in attendance, including the District Governor, Debra Warner, and Assistant District Governor Sandy Lychowyd (Lakehead Club) and Past-District Governor Ajoy Chatterjee, (with his wife Hannelore).

Robert Moore proposed toasts to the Office of the President of the United States and the Queen of Canada.

President-Elect Sante introduced the District Governor, who wished to thank the District Conference Organizing Committee and was visiting each of the Canadian Clubs to specifically acknowledge the individuals who worked so hard to make the Conference a success. She recognized the work of Jerry Williams, Irene Sottile, Sante Sottile, Therese Lim, Bob Hookham, Stephen Margarit, Joan Krisko and Dawn Sebesta as the team members from the Fort William club.

District Governor Debra's second objective was to present a Paul Harris Plus 5 to Ajoy Chatterjee. Governor Debra mentioned that she had first met Ajoy during her initial year in Rotary and the impact his example had made on her as a fellow Rotarian. Congratulations Ajoy for your support of the Rotary Foundation!



Sharon Badanai introduced the evening's speaker, Joanna Krisko who presented on the work of the Student Success Centre at Lakehead University. The Success Centre, as its' name suggests, provides support for students during their University experience focused on four main "pillars"; Academic Support, Career Services, Cooperative Education and Student Engagement.



Academic Support provides assistance in areas such as time management, reading and note taking skills, exam/test preparation techniques and provides tutoring support in subjects such as writing and mathematics. The tutors are upper-year students and the services are offered at no cost to the users.

Career and Employer Relations helps students in identifying potential career paths, using career/interest assessments, exploration of various occupations and education paths, the needs of the labour market plus job search skills. The Centre operates a Job Bank and facilitates four Career Fairs each year.

The Cooperative Education program allows students to obtain professional paid work experience relevant to their program, with placements of 4, 8, 12 or 16 months, depending on the areas in which the student is studying. The Centre offers services to prepare the Coop students for their work term.

The final “pillar” is Student Engagement. This starts with the orientation of new students (approximately 1200 each year, both domestic and international), with post-orientation follow-up to confirm the degree of success of their engagement. A “Skills for Success’ session forms part of this process.”

Student Leadership and Engagement assists in leadership skills development (thorough programs such as the Student Ambassadors and Excel Leadership programs) and encourages student participation in local volunteer opportunities and outside interests such as Clubs/Societies, athletics or hobbies.

Several questions were raised and answered following the presentation. President-Elect Sante thanked Joanna for the excellent presentation.

Announcements:

Early Bird Draw:

Last week’s winner was unable to attend this week’s meeting to receive her cheque. She will attend next week’s meeting.

This week’s early Bird Draw winner is Mike Fidalic, 1306 Regina Ave, Thunder Bay, ticket number 11803.

Tom McKee Bursaries:

Terry Cameron asked for Rotarian Volunteers to assist with the Tom McKee Bursary presentations on June 6 and 27th. Irene Sottile will assist on the 6th, with Stephen Margarit assisting the 27th. Sharon Badanai and Bruce Nugent are assisting at other presentations.

Salvation Army “Journey to Life” Centre:

President –Elect Sante represented the Club at a sod turning for the new Salvation Army’s 30,000 sq-ft building to house emergency and long-term beds, supporting infrastructure and other program space. The project is estimated to cost \$12M. The Salvation Army has reportedly secured about two-thirds of that amount and has announced a \$2.3 Million capital fundraising campaign. Construction is anticipated to commence in August of this year. (Information presented by Sante supplemented by information from the Chronicle Journal, May 17, 2018)

2018/19 Club Committee Assignments:

Next week’s meeting will focus on each Rotarian’s commitment to the Club committees for President-Elect Sante’s year as President. If you are unable to attend, please communicate your choices to Joan and/or Sante.

Rotary International Conference Toronto June 23-27, 2018:

President Therese reminds everyone of this opportunity to attend an International Conference (relatively) close to home.

RYLA

Sharon Badanai is asking for volunteer drivers to take the RYLA students to Duluth, act as chaperones at the University of Minnesota-Duluth until early the following morning, at which time the students will be transferred by bus to the RYLA site. A Rotarian and spouse/partner are required. A police background check/clearance will be required. If this is something that you can do, please contact Sharon as quickly as possible, to allow time for this process to be completed.

Satellite Club:

Stephen Margarit reported on the activity of the Satellite Club earlier this week, working at the RFDA, sorting 40 to 50 boxes of food donations. Governor Debra assisted the Satellite Club members in this task.

Correspondence:

President Elect Sante read a note from a member of the Rotary Club of Minot thanking the organizers of the district Conference for the success of the event and welcoming everyone to Minot for next year's Conference.

Fines: Dave Knutson was fine master, soliciting contributions based on identification of the source of several words or sayings in common usage.

House Ticket Sales by Location:

Joan Krisko presented data on the ticket sales by outlets, categorized as large, medium and small based on their sales volumes. This data is interesting and will assist in planning for the 2019 House Lottery.

District Conference:

Bob Hookham outlined the success of this year's event in terms of attendance and delegate feedback, explaining that this has translated into an event that made enough revenue that the expenses were exceeded by C\$27,000 (approximately), allowing repayment of "seed money"

provided by the District Clubs, with additional funds returned to the District. A “post-mortem” meeting has identified “what went well/what could be improved” for the benefit of future conferences.

Lighter side: Dave McColl entertained the crowd with his always witty “double entendres”.

Fines:

Dave Knutson fined the majority (except Terry Cameron) who were not aware of the major cycling event underway (the Giro D’Italia). Terry was pulled into the payment with the specific question: Who is currently wearing the (leader’s) Maglia Rosa (Pink Jersey)? (May 16 answer: Simon Yates)

50/50: The luck ticket holder was Irene Sottile, with a pot of \$374. Unfortunately for her, the luck stopped when she drew the three of spades. The pot will continue to grow....

RYLA

Drivers are still needed to take the students to Duluth on July 7th. Please contact Sharon if you can help.

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