



May 22nd, 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*

Website www.fwrotary.ca

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

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This week's meeting was held in the meeting room at **Daytona's** at 965 Cobalt Crescent.

Prior to the start of the meeting, House Lottery Committee Chair Dave Knutson



introduced **Pat Holma**, the winner of the early bird draw last week (May 15th). Dave presented Pat with a cheque for \$5,000. Dave announced that the winner of today's early bird draw was **Bob Anuik**, who purchased ticket number 07991 from one of the Open Houses.

President Sante Sotille called the meeting to order. Joan Krisko led everyone in the singing of O Canada. Robert Moore invited Rotarians and guests to raise their glasses in a toast to the Queen.

The Sergeant-At-Arms, and arranger of the function, was Dawn Sebesta. Guests in attendance were Mary Lim and Gloria Brodack.

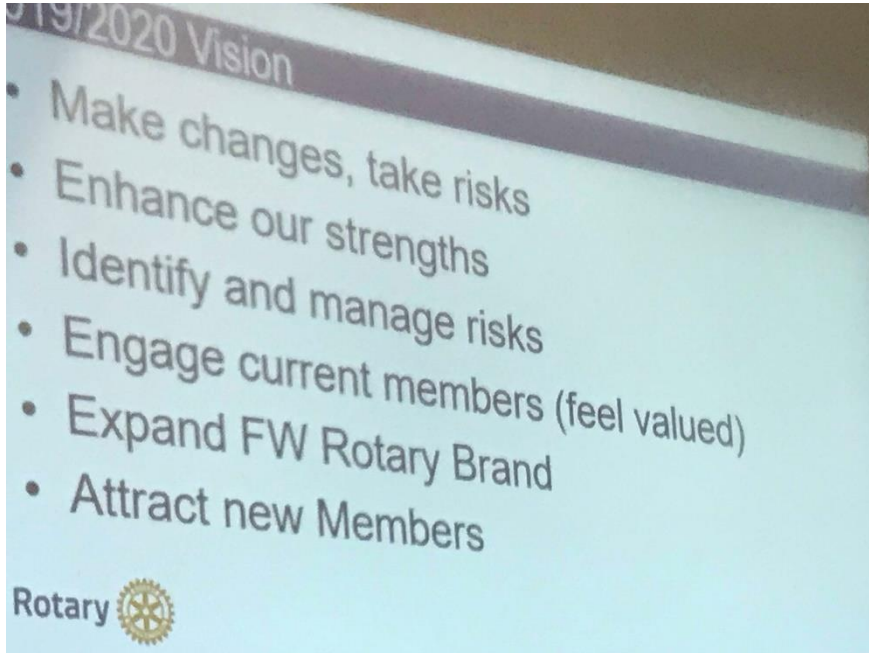
The speaker for the evening was Stephen Margarit, President-Elect. Relative to his upcoming term as President in July, he spoke about the Presidential Theme: **Rotary Connects the World**, which is fitting as connections occur in many ways, at the community level as well as internationally. The new motto for Rotary for 2019/2020 is **Change. Adapt. Now.**

Stephen advised that the new Rotary International President is Mark Daniel Maloney who is a member of the Rotary Club in Decatur, Alabama. The new District Governor is Richard "Rick" Bricker who is a member of the Rotary Club in Brainerd, Minnesota. The District Governor is planning a visit to Thunder Bay in October.

Stephen then outlined the various activities that could be eligible for a Presidential Citation: having a club membership committee, a net gain in membership, maintaining or improving retention of current and new members, conducting a study of members' occupations, sponsoring or co-sponsoring an Interact Club, hosting a Rotary alumni event, and sponsoring a Youth Exchange student or RYLA participant.

The second part of the Presidential Citation possibilities include: having a Foundation Committee, increasing the number of members involved in special projects, holding an event to raise awareness of Rotary's work toward the eradication of polio, posting successful club projects and using the Rotary brand guidelines effectively.

Stephen explained that it is also possible to qualify for a Presidential Citation with Presidential Distinction. The general categories include: connecting leaders, connecting families, connecting professionally and connecting community. Achieving one, two or three of these and meeting the necessary criteria, could result in either a silver, gold or platinum level Citation, respectively.



Stephen's vision for his presidential term includes items such as: make changes, take risks; enhance our strengths; identify and manage our risks; engage current members; expand the Rotary brand; and, attract new members.

The remainder of Stephen's presentation outlined Presidential Goals, Committees, Membership Satisfaction Surveys, Policies, Club Assemblies and a Five-Year Strategic Plan.

President Sante thanked Stephen for his presentation.

President Sante mentioned that we had received thank-you letters from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and that Hospice Northwest had invited us to a wine and cheese event for volunteers and donors on Thursday, May 30, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Georgian Room at St. Joseph's Heritage.

Cindy Levanto-Kawahara was the Finemaster. She started out asking for any Happy News items (and dollars). She then fined all of those who arrived after the 5:00 pm start time that was announced by Dawn Sebesta. Finally, fines were assessed to anyone who had not wished Irene Sotille a Happy Birthday.

Dawn Sebesta is looking for people to fill some program roles. For next week's meeting on May 29, she needs someone to be Finemaster and someone to do the Lighter Side.

Joan Krisko advised that 215 House Lottery tickets were sold last week, leaving about 550 left to sell. Only four outlets have tickets to sell at this point: Balmoral Park Acura, JB Evans, Finnish Book Store and Wanson Lumber.

KS Joseph provided a series of jokes for Lighter Side.

A large birthday cake was rolled into the room for Irene Sotille. Pieces of cake were enjoyed by all.



Stephen Margarit announced that the June 26 meeting would include the Passing of the Gavel. The meeting will be held in the solarium of the Slovak Legion, starting at 5:30 pm. The consensus of those in attendance was that we would arrange to have the full buffet at a cost of around \$40 per person. Spouses are invited.

President Sante adjourned the meeting.

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