



May 3rd, 2018

The Fortarian

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay, (Fort William)

2017/2018 Board of Directors

President: Therese Lim
 Treasurer: Boris Cham
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 President Elect: Sante Sottile
 Past President: Bob Hookham
*Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,
 SJCG Hogarth Riverview Manor
 Boardroom 300 Lillie St North, 6.30pm*

Website www.fwrotary.ca

Directors: Jerry Williams
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 Dave Knutson
 Sharon Badanai
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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.
 Airplane 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

Erle Wheatley & Brian Phillips

Meeting of May 3rd, 2018

President Therese called the meeting to order.
 Sargent at Arms – Robert Moore
 No visiting Rotarians or guests
 Toast to the Queen and Canada – Cynthia Judge

Guest Speakers

Irene Sottile introduced our guest speakers for the meeting – President of the Board Laraine Tapak and Pam Gerrie, Acting Manager of Alzheimer Society of Thunder Bay.



Founded in the home of a family caregiver in 1984, the Alzheimer Society of Thunder Bay was officially incorporated on July 25, 1986. It is a non-profit corporation and a registered charity, governed by a volunteer board of directors.

The Alzheimer Society is supported by individual and community donations, special events fundraising and receives funding from the North West Local Health Integrated Network.

The Thunder Bay Branch has a staff of six and a large catchment area which includes the City of Thunder Bay, District of Thunder Bay and Atikokan.

The mission of the organization to alleviate the personal and social consequences of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and to promote research in the district of Thunder Bay. The local society has 800 active clients.

747,000 Canadians have dementia. Nearly 200,000 Ontarians have dementia. Over 2,600 people living in the district of Thunder Bay have dementia and these numbers are expected to double in the next 20 years. For each person with dementia, at least 12 more people are affected including family, friends and partners in care. One in 11 Canadians over age 65 has Alzheimer's disease or another dementia. Age remains the greatest risk factor; after age 65, the risk doubles every five years.

Services provided by the Alzheimer Society of Thunder Bay include:

- Individual family counselling
- Public education
- Professional development training
- Support groups
- Safely home, a medic alert program
- Finding your way

- Resource library
- Quarterly newsletter
- Volunteer opportunities
- Music project

The Alzheimer Society of Thunder Bay supports a large variety of people in our community including:

- People with dementia
- Caregivers
- Friends and family
- Those grieving the loss of a family member
- Care professionals
- Families requesting counseling.

The very successful volunteer program provides an opportunity for clients to reconnect with the community and:

- Increases quality of life
- Connects volunteers with causes they believe in
- Encourages those with dementia to become active in the community
- Increases confidence and decreases stress.

Fines

Sharron Badanai was the Fine Master.

Happy dollars were donated by:

Stephen for a successful district conference.

Gordie for the support received during her recent illness.

Robert and Erle were fined for forgetting the piano.

After a “count your blessings” exercise, everyone was fined \$2.

District Conference

Last week’s district conference was a huge success. With 50%of the Club attending.

Thanks were extended to Bob for organizing the Sleeping Giant Brewery icebreaker, Stephen for the photos and social media, Irene for organizing the silent auction, Dawn with registrations, Sharron & Joan for the memorial service and Gerry as the Budget Officer.

Fort William Rotary received five awards including:

- Rotary Foundation End Polio Now certificate
- First place for International Service
- First place for Fundraising
- Second place for Community Service
- Second place for International Service

Jill Zachery won the distinguished Rotarian Award

House Update

As of 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, the Rotary Lottery House is officially SOLD OUT!! Thank you to everyone for the hard work and dedication on this early sell out!!



RYLA

Drivers are still needed to pick up the students on July 14 in Duluth. Please contact Sharon if you can help.

50/50

Dave McColl won but he lost. The elusive Queen of Hearts remains elusive!

Editor – Erle

Scribe – Bruce

Photos Irene

