



May 8th 2019

The Fortarian

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay, (Fort William)

2018/2019 Board of Directors

President: Sante Sottile
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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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 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.
 Airline 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

May 8, 2019

Sargent at Arms – Bev Knutson
 President Sante called the meeting to order.

Early Bird Winner



Prior to the start of the formal meeting, a \$5,000 cheque was presented to Connie Desjardins of Shuniah. Connie was the lucky winner of the May 8 Rotary House Early Bird Draw.

Presentation

Nikki Burns presented a very interesting presentation on Paws for Love.



Ms. Burns is a former print, radio and television broadcaster and broadcasting professor at Confederation College. She is now retired.

She is a volunteer and past president of the Dew Drop Inn Soup Kitchen. Nikki is the founding president of the registered charity Northern Spay Program which takes volunteer veterinary teams to northern first nations communities to spay, neuter, examine and vaccinate dogs and cats.

She has been a volunteer and Board member for Paws for Love Dog Rescue Thunder Bay since 2013.

Paws for Love initially began rescuing dogs in 2013. The dogs, coming from Northern Communities, were in need of rescue due to disease, starvation, injury and abandonment.

The Paws for Love Board of Directors was formed in 2017 and became an incorporated nonprofit in 2018.

By the Fall of 2018, Paws for Love had rescued close to 3,000 dogs and had a yearly operating budget of \$130,000.

Process

- Dog arrives at Paws for Love and then goes to a foster home.
- The dog visits veterinarian for initial exam and is immediately quarantined.
- The dog receives vaccinations and if it is more than 5 years old is spayed or neutered and microchipped.
- The dog is advertised as being available for adoption.
- Online adoption applications are reviewed and shortlisted.
- Potential adopter meets with Paws for Love and the dog.
- Adoptive family signs contract with Paws for Love

Funding

Paws for Love receives grants from Foundations, service clubs and donations from individuals, businesses and schools.

Other fundraising includes:

- 2 bit auction
- Raffles and 50/50 draws
- Mom's Pantry sales
- Thunder Oak Cheese sales
- Pizza Pizza sales
- Adoption Fairs
- Paint nights
- Pictures with Santa

Paws for Love Expenses

- Veterinary service fees
- Transportation
- Pet supplies
- Office supplies

President Sante thanked Nikki for her wonderful presentation on Paws for Love.



Paul Harris Award

President Sante presented Rotarian Joan Krisko with the Paul Harris plus 8 pin. Congratulations Joan!

Fines

Brian Philips was the Fine master for the evening.

Happy dollars were pledged by Bev for getting back on her bike after her accident last year, Irene for the District Conference and Erle for his recent trip to see his son for his birthday.

Everyone, with the exception of Irene and Sante, was fined for not attending the recent district conference.

Announcements

Blanket Exercise

A number of members attended a Blanket Exercise that demonstrated a visual history of Indigenous people in Canada.

District Conference

Irene and Sante attended the District Conference in Minot North Dakota on April 25 to 27.

The theme of the conference was "Honoring Our Roots. Embracing Our Future."

A number of incredible speakers and breakout sessions combined with the Roaring 20's Gala them made for an excellent experience.

Fort William Rotary won two awards – Fundraising and Interclub Service.

May 22 Meeting

The May 22 meeting will be held at Daytona's – please contact Dawn to confirm your attendance.

Lottery House Update

Just over 1,000 tickets left for sale.

Unfortunately, George's Market ceased ticket sales.

We will be reviewing the ticket sale process for next year's lottery.

Lighter Side

Irene shared some very funny stories about blondes!

50/50

Dawn won the 50/50 draw but pulled the 3 of Hearts.

Editor – Erle

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