



November 13th, 2019

The Fortarian

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay, (Fort William)

2019/2020 Board of Directors

President: Stephen Margarit
 Treasurer: Boris Cham
 Secretary: Joan Krisko
 President Elect: Cynthia Judge
 Past President: Sante Sottile
*Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,
 George Jeffrey Children's Centre
 Boardroom 200 Brock St E. , 6.30pm*

Website www.fwrotary.ca

Directors: Steven Beaucage
 Glen Craig
 Robert Moore
 Steven MacDonald
 Dawn Sebesta
 Jill Zachary

Allocations Committee

Chair: Bob Hookham
*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*

Mailing Address

Thunder Bay, ON
 P.O. Box 10061
 Canada P7B 6T6

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

Newsletter Editors

Erle Wheatley & Brian Phillips

November 13, 2019

President Stephen Margarit called the meeting to order. Joan Krisko led everyone in the singing of O Canada. Bob Hookham invited Rotarians and guests to raise their glasses in a toast to Her Majesty the Queen and to Canada.

The Sergeant-At-Arms was Brian Phillips. Guests at the meeting were Sandy Lychowyd as well as Ajoy Chatterjee and his wife.

Irene Sotille introduced the guest speaker, Keith Brokke. Keith's wife Lynn was also in attendance. Keith has been a member of the Fargo Moorhead AM Rotary Club for 29 years. He is presently serving as District Governor Nominee.



Keith advised that he was the coordinator/team leader of the trip to India that Jill Zachary was on in 2009. This project provided new classrooms, technology boards and computer equipment at a school in Rajapalayam. Keith also accompanied Jill to Gushkura which is Ajoy Chatterjee's hometown north of Calcutta to view the FW Rotary well projects. He noted that District 5580 has 2,700 members in 66 clubs in an area of 174,000 square miles. Keith outlined how annual fund contributions are managed.



He also explained the Paul Harris pins and the different levels signified by the addition of sapphires, rubies and diamonds. Keith outlined the different types of grants. District grants are usually for community projects. The amount is \$5,000 per club or \$10,000 if partnered with another club. Application for TRF Global Grants are done online. The minimum project value amount for these is \$35,000 with a minimum \$10,000 club contribution. There are also District 5580 WCS Matching Grants for international projects and those that don't qualify for TRF matching grants. Keith noted that there are three teams headed to Guatemala in February and March of 2020. Cost to participate would be about \$1,350. Keith concluded his presentation with a two-minute video.

President Stephen thanked Keith for his presentation.

Joan Krisko was the Finemaster. She fined everyone who was not wearing their Rotary nametag or pin. She also fined anyone who had not yet visited the new Fort William Rotary website. Finally, she fined anyone who has not yet contributed to the Foundation since the start of the current year in July. Cynthia Judge, Dawn Sebesta, Irene Sotille and Stephen Margarit all contributed happy dollars.

Stephen advised of correspondence that had been received: a copy of the Northern Ontario Medical Journal, a newsletter from the MS Society and a Thank You card from Hospice Northwest for our donation for technology equipment.

Irene Sotille attended the Allocations Committee meeting yesterday. She advised that the Board had approved an increase in the allocation to the 70th Air Cadet Squadron from \$5,000 to \$15,000. She noted that a multi-year allocation was approved for the Salvation Army, but it was discovered that the organization is not able to accept funds that are the proceeds of a lottery. St. Joseph's Foundation was approved to receive \$25,000 toward funding for an Activities for Daily Living Suite. Fhara Pottinger and President Stephen have been working on revising the Allocation Guidelines. Intent Forms have been sent to 18 organizations.

President Stephen reminded members to sign up for the Salvation Army kettles. Refer to the email from Robert Moore and follow the link to see where we need people to fill shifts (two people required per shift).

Upcoming dates to note:

November 20 – No Meeting

November 27 – Meeting at Daytona's

December 2 – Meal at Shelter House

December 9 – Fort William Rotary Christmas Meal at Shelter House

December 17 – Tri-Club Christmas get-together - Duelling Pianos at the NV Music Hall on Red River Road

December 18 – Family Christmas Party at the Airline

Bob Hookham suggested that we start charging \$5.00 for the 50/50 tickets rather than \$1.00 to offset the lost revenue associated with the bi-weekly meetings.

KS Joseph provided a joke for Lighter Side.

Brian Phillips announced that \$15.00 had been added to the 50/50 pot for a total of \$323.50. Gloria Bagley held the winning ticket but did not pick the winning card.

President Stephen adjourned the meeting.

Editor – Erle

Scribe – Dave McColl

Photo's Jill

