



Nov 21th, 2018

# The Fortarian

## Rotary Club of Thunder Bay, (Fort William)

### 2018/2019 Board of Directors

President: Sante Sottile  
Treasurer: Boris Cham  
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*Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,  
George Jeffrey Children's Centre  
Boardroom 200 Brock St E. , 6.30pm*

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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.  
Airlane 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

### November 21, 2018:

**The Sergeant at Arms for the evening was Bev Knutson. Rick Caron, a Rotarian (and past-District Governor) from Windsor 1918 Rotary Club, attended our meeting.**

**Irene Sottile proposed a toast to the Queen and Canada.**

President-Elect Steven Margarit introduced the evening's speaker, Clifford Mushquash. Clifford is President-Elect of the Lakehead Rotary Club. Clifford has had a long association with figure skating, starting in his hometown of Sioux Lookout, where he began skating as a young child. While an injury curtailed his competitive figure skating activities, the knowledge gained through competition and involvement in the sport allowed him to transition into the role of judging skaters in competitions.



To qualify to become a judge requires that one has a skating background and retains Amateur status. The process of training and certification is rigorous, requiring, among other criteria, continuing development and practice.

Clifford explained that changes in the judging procedure, sparked by fraudulent scoring at the Salt Lake City Olympics, now make it virtually impossible for corrupt judges to improperly influence the results of a competition. This was done by creating a system involving multiple individuals each responsible for part of a score in a competition. Technical Specialists rank the technical difficulty of each element of the individual skater's overall program prior to the program commencing. During the performance, a panel of judges assigns positive or negative points in their assessment of each element of the skater's program, reflecting their considered judgment as to where along the spectrum of "failed, almost met, met, exceeded or greatly surpassed" the judge's expected standard. The judge must quickly assess a variety of criteria (i.e.: smoothness, commitment to the skate edge carving the ice, starting and ending spins precisely, maintaining velocity, the intensity of acceleration, et/et c.) in a matter of seconds, quickly noting both the point score and brief justifications for their rating. The ratings of each of the technical elements is compiled with those of the other judges, the high and low scores are eliminated and the remaining scores are entered into an algorithm that modifies the difficulty ranking given to the element by the technical specialist. The sum of these adjusted difficulty rankings forms the total score for the skater. (Please note that this is the humble scribe's interpretation of the system, refer to Clifford or Skate Ontario for a more detailed explanation).

Or more simply “the Technical Specialist calls what the skater has done, the Judge assesses the quality of execution”.

To illustrate the process, Clifford showed a brief video of a skater’s performance while he called-out his assessment of the individual elements of the performance. This was an excellent demonstration of the speed at which the decisions must be made but also illustrated the skill with which an experienced judge could make valid assessments.

President-elect Stephen thanked Clifford for the presentation educating us about this interesting topic.

**Fines:** Dave Murray was fine master, soliciting contributions based on attendance at the Rotary Santa Claus Parade.

#### **Announcements:**

President-elect Stephen reflected on the passing of Rotarian Ted Osesky whose funeral had occurred on November 19th. Many Fort William Rotary members attended the funeral and celebrated a life “well-lived”. Stephen reflected that, along with the hugs and cheerful greeting we all received from Ted, each time we toast the Queen, he recalls Ted’s familiar “I hope she likes water” refrain.

A moment of silence was held for personal reflection on Ted’s contribution to the quality of all of our lives as fellow club-members.

Joan Krisko, absent from the meeting this evening, had been in the hospital overnight but was now resting at home. Best wishes to Joan!

The Rotary Santa Claus Parade was successful again this year with many children and parents lining the route. The Rotary Clubs of Thunder Bay are grateful for Goldcorp’s generous sponsorship of this event and the City’s decision to contribute to reduction of the policing costs. A wrap-up meeting was planned for November 22, 2018. Sante Sottile is receptive to any constructive suggestions for improvement to the event.

The Board of Directors approved a contribution of US\$3,000 as part of a Child and Maternal International Grant in conjunction with a Minnesota Rotary Club. The funding will go towards improving child and family services at five indigenous communities in the US. This contribution from a Canadian Club allows the US Club to leverage additional funding from the District.

**Meal Cost increase:** Effective January 2019, the Club there will be an increase in the basic meal cost from the Airline. Based on the current method of calculation, this will result in an increase of the weekly cost to around \$28. A survey-monkey Survey will be sent electronically to Club Member soliciting input relative to the impact of increasing costs, cost reducing

alternatives (changes in the frequency of meetings, alternating formal meetings with volunteering/working meetings, etc.)

### Upcoming Events:

- **November 28, 2018 –Topic: Hamilton Project**
- **December 5, 2018- Salvation Army presentation**
- **December 12, 2018: Meeting Cancelled**
- **December 13, 2018 –Tri-Club Christmas Party at the RFDA**
- **December 16, 2018: Rotary Christmas Carol Sing –St Paul’s Anglican, 7:00 pm**
- **December 19, 2018: Family Christmas Party**
- **December 26, 2018 –Meeting Cancelled**
- **January 2, 2019 –Meeting Cancelled**
- **January 9, 2019 –First Meeting of the year**

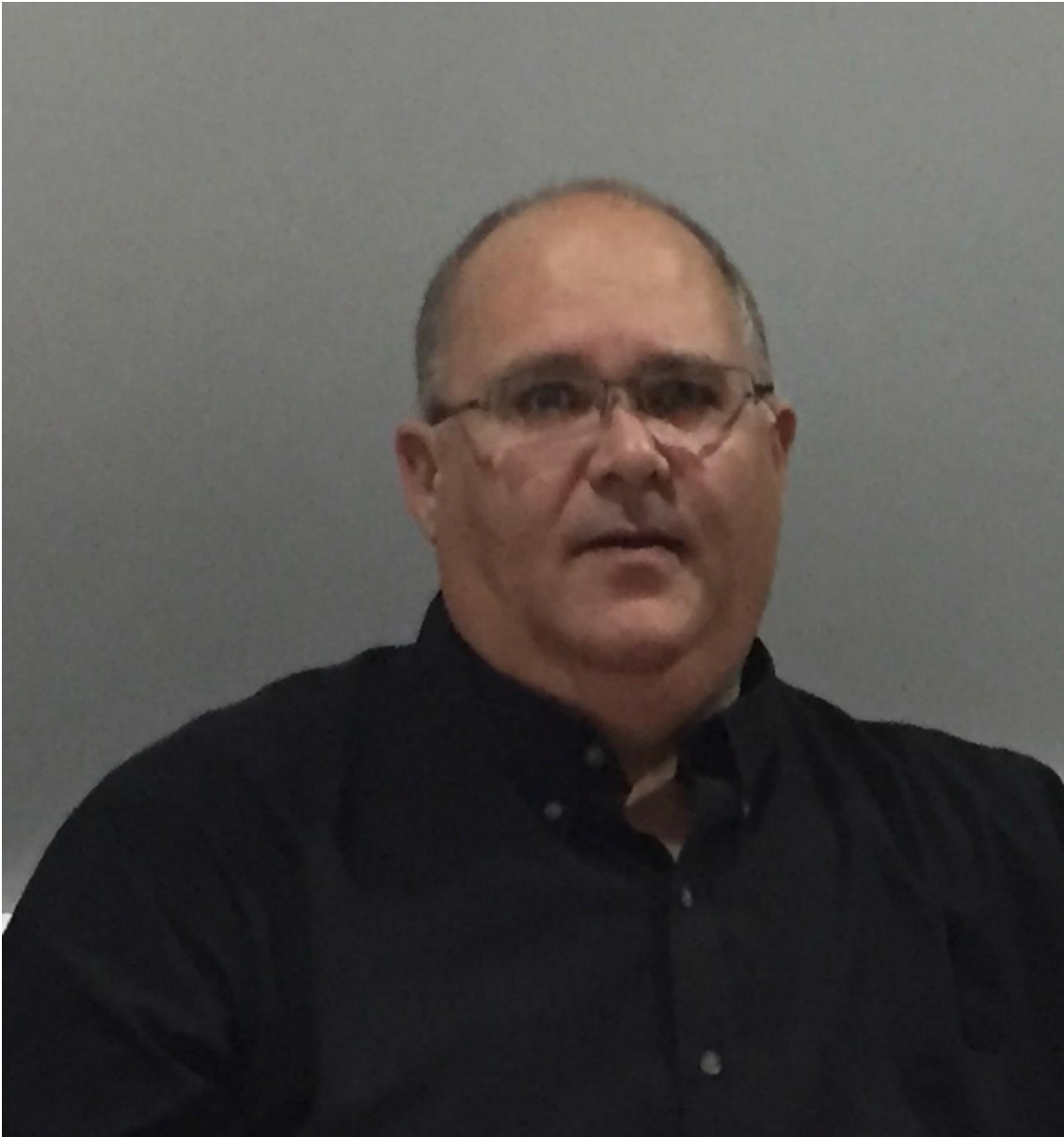
**Lighter side: Karl Wahl entertained the crowd with a conversation with a youthful escapee...**



**50/50: The luck ticket holder was Bob Hookham, with a pot of \$116.50. Unfortunately for him, the luck stopped when he drew the ten of diamonds. The pot will continue to grow....**

President Warren Philip (Port Arthur) and President Sante giving an "school" category award to the Nanabijou Child Care float

**We are deeply saddened to say goodbye to our fellow Rotarian Andy. Andy will be truly missed.**



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