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The Fortarian

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay, (Fort William)

2017/2018 Board of Directors

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*Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,
SJCG Hogarth Riverview Manor
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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*

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

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Meeting of Nov 7th

President Sante welcomed all in attendance to the annual Remembrance Day meeting.

The Sergeant at Arms for the evening was Jerry Williams. There were no visiting Rotarians.

Dave McColl proposed a toast to the Queen and Canada.

There were a number of special guests in attendance, a Naval Veteran, representatives of the Royal Canadian Legion and a Colour Party consisting of cadets from 70 Thunder Bay Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.

Rotarian Terry Cameron listed former members of the Fort William Club who had served in the Armed Forces during both World Wars. He acknowledged Bert Ventrudo who had, for many years been the organizer of the Club's Remembrance Ceremony and he remembered his father who was a Naval Veteran who had served during the Second World War.

Terry called for a moment of silence for personal reflection and remembrances.

Following this, Terry introduced the guests from the Royal Canadian Legion:



- Roy Lamore, a naval veteran and 75 year member of the Legion
- Kim Treichler, who led the Colour Party
- Dell Babcock, President of Branch 5
- Janice Pampu, Dell's wife
- Joan Cameron, (also connected with 70 Squadron)



Dell Babcock led the group in a formal Legion Remembrance Ceremony. The Colours were marched into the hall, the Remembrance service was performed and then the Colour party exited the Hall. Dell and President Sante laid a wreath in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice during all Canadian Military actions.

Dell Babcock thanked Fort William Rotary for the opportunity to be part of our Club's Remembrance ceremony and made a brief presentation outlining the historical and ongoing role that the Legion plays in sustaining the recognition of those killed and injured while serving our Country. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One and Dell reflected on the significant contribution of the Canadian Corps during the final 100 days of intense fighting that ended that conflict, as well as the major sacrifices made throughout that war.

He mentioned that the adoption of the Poppy as Canada's symbol of remembrance was the result of a Great War Veteran's Association meeting held at the Prince Arthur Hotel in Thunder Bay in 1921. A French woman, Anna E. Guerin, attended the meeting to promote the wearing of the poppy as a means to assist those disadvantaged by war. She presented the concept to the Canadian Veterans and they adopted the poppy pin as a symbol of remembrance, with any voluntary donations from their distribution to be used in support of those who have served and are in need.

An upcoming Legion convention will be held at this historical location next year.

Terry Cameron then recited a poem remembering Naval casualties. This was followed by Craig Sandberg, accompanied by Joan Krisko, leading the group in singing songs popular amongst the troops during wartime.



The Remembrance ceremony ended with Terry Cameron thanking all of the guests and the assisting Rotarians for their part in allowing this remembrance meeting to be held.

President Sante then proceeded with some matters of Club business, including reports on the House Lottery and Wilderness Discovery projects:

- House Lottery: Work is proceeding on the tasks necessary to apply for the Lottery Licence, anticipated to be done before the end of November.

- Wilderness Discovery: Bob Hookham presented a Rotary Banner from the Quad Cities Rotary Club, a group that has been supportive of the project. The site has been closed for the season with “winterizing” complete. The heat remains on in the main lodge. Bob thanked all of the volunteers who have put in a great effort in getting the site up and running despite major issues that had to be overcome during the renovation work.



Bob Hookham was presented with a Paul Harris plus 1 pin in recognition of the extraordinary efforts made by him on this project. Congratulations Bob!

Announcements:

Salvation Army Christmas Kettles: Karl Wahl reports that there remain 3 timeslots for assisting with the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle at the Superstore location. Robert Moore will issue a sign-up sheet by e-mail. Please contact Karl or Robert by e-mail.

Rotary Christmas Parade: President Sante reminded everyone of the Rotary Christmas Parade being held November 17, 2018. Additional volunteers are required. A task sign-up sheet was being circulated at the meeting. Additional information can be obtained from President Sante.

Satellite Club: The Shelterhouse Dinner was completed the first Monday of November, with four Rotarians assisting. Please remember that all are welcome to assist with this meal, the first Monday of each month.

50/50 Draw: The lucky ticket holder was John Brodack. John drew the four of clubs and the pot, currently \$98.50, will continue to grow.

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