



October 2nd 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  
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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](http://www.fwrotary.ca)

Directors: Steven Beaucage  
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## Allocations Committee 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.  
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 October 2nd**

Sergeant-at-Arms for the evening was Boris Cham. Assistant District Governor Sandy Lychowyd was in attendance. Mary Lim, mother of Therese Lim, was a guest at the meeting.

Club members sang the American and Canadian national anthems. Robert Moore gave the toast to the Office of the President of the United States as well as the toast to the Queen. President Stephen Margarit welcomed everyone. He also extended a warm welcome to Ajoy Chatterjee and his wife, Hanalore, who were attending this special meeting.



Joan Krisko introduced the District Governor. DG Rick Bricker joined the Brainerd Noon Rotary Club in 1986. He has served on many committees throughout the years.

DG Rick was the club President in 2009-2010 and also served on the District Grants Committee for six years. His wife, Susan, is a member of Central Lakes Rotary Club. They have one son and one granddaughter.



DG Rick presented President Stephen with his Paul Harris +1 pin. The Brainerd Noon Rotary Club has done international service for 10 years. This year the club sold peaches to raise funds to support an international project. From the proceeds of this sale, DG Rick presented Bob Hookham with a cheque for \$4,100 for the Wilderness Discovery project. Bob thanked DG Rick for his club's generosity. Bob then told about the visit of the Wounded Warriors from Missouri to Wilderness Discovery during the fall.

DG Rick attended the International Rotary Convention in Hamburg, Germany this year. There were 26,000 people in attendance. At the convention, a young British man came up with one word to describe what Rotarians do-that word is "dogoodery." According to a study by John Hopkins University, Rotarians worldwide contribute 40 million volunteer

hours. Rotary is the number one charity on Charity Navigator. Other good news is that India and Nigeria are now polio-free.

DG Rick Bricker grew up in Sandpoint, Idaho. After graduating from high school, he enlisted for the draft. He was sent to New Jersey for school and was then sent overseas to Germany. He began a pen pal relationship with a girl back in the States. After a year of correspondence, she came to Germany to visit and within a month, they were engaged. Her name is Susan and they have been married for 44 years.

On returning to the States, DG Rick worked for a dry cleaner for 12 years during which time he met Prince. They became good friends. DG Rick moved to Minnesota. He found a dry cleaning service in Brainerd that was for sale and bought it.

Someone told DG Rick about Rotary and invited him to a meeting. The Rotary motto "Service above self" caught Rick's eye and spoke to him. He decided to join Rotary. He became very involved with the organization after helping to find transportation to take bicycles to Haiti.

DG Rick had a troubled family life as a child. As a result of this, he helped to create a Power Point about child abuse. He was approached by two other District Governors to do a project on Human Trafficking and created a resource centre about this issue on the district website.

This year's District Conference will be held at Brainerd from April 23 to 25, 2020. The convention will be held at Madden's Resort on Gull Bay. It will have a Roaring Twenties theme. For further information or to register, go to [www.rotary5580.org](http://www.rotary5580.org)

One Rotary Summit will be taking place on October 18-19 at Grand Rapids, Minnesota. On October 25-26, the District Executive and Finance Committee will meet. The Nominating Committee will also meet to nominate candidates for District Governor.

President Stephen presented a cheque to DG Rick to be given to the Foundation in his name. President Stephen then gave DG Rick and his wife Fort William Rotary banners to take back to their respective clubs.





Cindy Levanto-Kawahara was the Fine Master. David Knutson then gave the House Lottery report and reminded everyone that the Volunteer Appreciation dinner will take place on October 30.

Brian Phillips did the Lighter Side. Boris ran the 50/50 draw. Twenty-four tickets were sold bringing the pot up to \$298. Sharon Badanai held the winning ticket but she did not pick the lucky red lady. However, she did go home with a lovely plant.

President Stephen thanked DG Rick and Susan Bricker for helping out at Shelter House on Monday evening. Fort William Rotary will be back at Shelter House on Monday, October 7 to prepare an Octoberfest dinner.



President Stephen will be wearing his lederhosen. Club members can feel free to wear their lederhosen also.



## **Announcements**

The Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation has extended an invitation to club members to attend the Launch for the Cardiovascular Campaign. This will take place on Wednesday, October 16 at 7:30 a.m. at the Victoria Inn. A complimentary breakfast buffet will be served. Club members, who are interested in attending, please sign up on the following website: [www.healthsciencesfoundation.ca/launch](http://www.healthsciencesfoundation.ca/launch)

Nipigon Rotary Club will be hosting their Anniversary Event on Saturday, October 5 at the Chalet Lodge in Nipigon. FW Rotarians are invited to join in the celebration. The event begins at 5:00 pm. For more information or to order tickets, please contact club President Louise Dupuis at [louise295@bellnet.ca](mailto:louise295@bellnet.ca)

President Stephen reminded committee chairs that they need to submit their committee goals and write-ups. He will also be sending out a template to members so they can tell their Rotary story and use it on social media.

The RYLA students will be presenting at next week's meeting. There will be no meeting on October 16 but club members can attend the TBRHS Foundation Campaign launch.

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