



October 30th 2019

The Fortarian

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

2019/2020 Board of Directors

President: Stephen Margarit
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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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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.

Bi-Weekly Dinner Meetings

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
Daytona's Restaurant
965A, Cobalt Crescent,
Thunder Bay, ON
Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

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Meeting of October 30th

Volunteer Appreciation was the theme of this week's meeting held at the Da Vinci Centre. This was the night the Fort William Rotary thanked all of those who helped to make this year's House Lottery such an outstanding success.

Joan Krisko was the Sergeant-at-Arms for this evening. Emmy Belanger assisted her with this duty.

President Stephen Margarit gave words of welcome. Everyone then enjoyed a delicious meal of salad, mixed vegetables, chicken parmesan, and double-baked potatoes.

After dinner, emcee Gordie Garriock took to the podium. Gordie thanked the volunteers, as she said "Fort William Rotary is a small club and could not do the work that we do without the support of the volunteers." Gordie thanked the media sponsors-Dougall Media, Acadia Broadcasting, as well as the Chronicle-Journal. Gordie then introduced President Stephen.

He thanked all of the volunteers. The Fort William Rotary Club has only 43 members. The club could not run a successful House Lottery without the help of the volunteers. The club made \$452,000 dollars from the 2019 House Lottery, which was the most successful year ever. President Stephen then gave a breakdown of the donations to the various charities. He also gave recognition to Bob Hookham for his work with the Wilderness Discovery Camp.

Gordie then introduced David Knutson, chair of the House Lottery Committee. David first thanked the volunteers for all of their efforts. He then thanked the builder of this year's House, Lormar Construction, Mario Michieli and his team. He thanked Blind Spot, Byron Green, who provided the custom blinds and Anttila Northwest Tile, Seppo Anttila, who have generously supported the past two Lottery houses. He also thanked Di Gregorio Developments Inc. for supplying the lot.

David then thanked suppliers who had to work on tight timeframes. They were Lakehead Printing who produced the tickets, posters, and brochures and The Letter Shop who did the mail-out to the community and region.







David thanked the business outlets that provided support by selling tickets in the community. They were Balmoral Park Acura, J.B. Evans Fashions and Footwear, the Finnish Book Store, Wanson Lumber Company Limited, Intercity Shopping Centre, the Hospital Foundation, and the George Jeffrey Children's Centre. He also thanked three long-time ticket outlets that are not able to act in that role going forward. They were RBC, the Airplane Hotel and Conference Centre, and George's Market.

David thanked Paula Morrow for all of her help throughout the years of handling the mail-in tickets. Lorna Leitenan must also be thanked for looking after the mail-in tickets this year.

David thanked the Rotarians who helped to organize the dinner. They were Irene Sottile, Gordie Garriock, Dawn Sebesta, and Cynthia Judge. Arlene Cheryk and Bernice Cranton assisted the committee members in decorating the room.

David stated that collectively, a record 14,000 tickets were sold raising \$452,327.89 for local charities. David then discussed some of the plans for the 2020 House Lottery.

Gordie introduced Irene Sottile who thanked the hospital and mall volunteers for taking the time to sell tickets and make a difference for the people in our community.

Heather Vita took a group photograph of the volunteers followed by a group photograph of the Rotarians.

Guests looked under their seats for the winning sticker for the centre pieces on the tables. Irene and Dawn drew the winning ticket for the door prize that had been generously donated by Gordie Garriock. President Stephen then thanked everyone for coming to the dinner.

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