



October 9th 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](http://www.fwrotary.ca)

Directors: Steven Beaucage  
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Dawn Sebesta  
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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 9th**

Dawn Sebesta was the Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting. Lexi Bachynski, from Rotoract, was a visitor to the meeting. Irene Sottile gave the toast to the Queen.

Sharon Badanai introduced the guest speakers. They were Lindsay Humeniuk (Gordie's granddaughter,) a Grade 12 student from St. Pat's; Brenna Prouse, a Grade 12 student from Westgate; Emily Tornquist, a Grade 12 student from St. Ignatius; and Electra Wilhelm, a Grade 12 student from Westgate. These young women had all attended the 2019 RYLA camp.

Sharon presented the history of RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) and Fort William Rotary's involvement with the project. Sharon thanked National Car Rental for donating the use of a van to take the young people to Crookston, MN. She thanked Jodie Phillips and her husband, Gilles, for driving the participants to the camp and Robert Moore and his wife, Bonnie, for driving the participants back to Thunder Bay. She thanked Karen Krisko, Joan's daughter, for designing the new certificates.

Each young woman presented on her experiences at RYLA. Emily enjoyed Family Time. Her mission statement was to work toward gaining self-confidence. Some of the lessons that she learned from the camp were learning how to deal with different perspectives, learning from personal experience, and that what you give, you will receive.



Brenna enjoyed the experience of giving back to the community. This was done through handing out roses at Wal-Mart and packing food boxes. She also enjoyed Family Time, learning how to be a leader, as well as learning that she should take care of herself.

Electra also enjoyed Family Time and the fact that her family communicated well. She enjoyed the team-building exercises. Through the service project, she learned that you don't need a reason to help someone. She learned about bringing a good attitude to work as well as how to communicate.

Lindsey enjoyed Family Time. In talking to the other members of her family, she learned that everyone had similar values and were all people. She learned more about herself and how to be effective. She also learned about the importance of synergy which is defined as "the combined power of a group of things when they are working together that is greater than the total power achieved by each working separately."

Sharon presented each young woman with a certificate for participating in the camp. President Stephen thanked the young women for their presentation.



Craig Sandberg, the Fine Master, received one loonie from every Rotarian who did not ride their bicycle to the meeting. Irene Sottile presented the Allocation Com-

mittee monthly report. President Stephen and Fhara Pottinger are in the process of designing a new request form for Allocations. President Stephen will also be sending out a Survey Monkey looking for input from club members regarding Allocations.

Lexi Bachynski of the Thunder Bay Rotoract Club presented on the Toothbrush Drive for Guatemala. Club members had been asked to bring in unused toothbrushes or a cash donation toward this cause. Lexi thanked club members for their support.

Sante Sottile reported on the Santa Claus Parade committee meeting. The parade will take place on Saturday, November 16. Fort William Rotary will be in charge of the Auditorium site. Sante will require volunteers to man the barricades, as well as to distribute coffee, hot chocolate, and popcorn. Jodi Phillips will be requiring volunteers to bag the popcorn on November 15. Sante will be putting out his request for volunteers in the next few weeks.

K.S. Joseph did Lighter Side. He was getting club members warmed up for Thanksgiving by telling turkey jokes that left the audience groaning. Dawn ran the 50/50 draw. There was \$307 in the pot. Irene Sottile held the lucky ticket but did not pick that elusive red queen of hearts.

## **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.

The Volunteer Appreciation dinner will take place on October 30 at the Da Vinci Centre. The dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. Please let Joan Krisko know if you are going to attend.

There will be no Rotary meeting on Wednesday, October 16 and no Satellite Club meeting on Monday, October 14. On October 21, the Satellite Club will be at RFDA at 6:30 p.m. The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 23 and the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, October 30.

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