



September 11th, 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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 Steven MacDonald
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Allocations 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.
 Airline 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

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Sargent at Arms – Robert Moore

President Stephen called the meeting to order after welcoming everyone back from the summer.

Toast – Cynthia Judge

Presentation

Joan welcomed and introduced Dr. Mary MacDonald and Glenn Craig to talk about the current and future vascular services at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. As a corporate member, Glenn isn't a stranger at Rotary meetings.

Dr. MacDonald grew up in Halifax where she received her Undergraduate degree in Biology. She then received a PhD in Biology from the University of British Columbia and attended medical school at Dalhousie University in Halifax. She has five years in surgical residency and completed the two year fellowship program in vascular surgery in Calgary. Dr. MacDonald came to Thunder Bay in 2016 as a vascular surgeon. Previously, she was an armed forces medic and she continues to serve in the reserves.



Dr. MacDonald and Glenn spoke of the current efforts to develop a comprehensive Cardiovascular Surgical Program. To date, significant funds have been raised with includes a commitment by the Fort William Rotary. With this service available in Thunder Bay, it will increase the survival odds and allow patients to be treated at home. During the presentation, Dr. MacDonald explained the difference between cardiology and vascular surgery and demonstrated how an aneurysm is repaired.

Dr. MacDonald thanked the Rotarians for their commitment to the development of a Cardiovascular Surgical Program in Thunder Bay.

Location

President Stephen discussed the change in location to Daytona's. There are a few kinks that will need to be worked out. President Stephen asked for location suggestions for the Remembrance Day meeting.

Induction of new member

Former member Gloria Bagley was re-inducted as a member of Fort William Rotary. Club members warmly welcomed Gloria back into the fold.



Fines

Irene was the Fine Master so, happy dollars were the order of the day. Rotarians were happy to kick in \$\$ and tell stories of summer happiness!

Announcements

House Lottery – Dave provided an update on the house options for the 2020 House Lottery. House Committee members were to meet following the meeting to receive details on the options available. Stay tuned!

Peace Day Ceremony – The annual Peace Day Ceremony will be held at the Marina Park Tai Chi Garden on Saturday, September 21. Following the ceremony, flowers will be placed on the base of the Peace Pole on Saul Laskin Drive.

Director nominations – President Stephen advised that members will receive ballots via e-mail. If someone requires a paper ballot, please contact Stephen.

Lighter Side

The Rotarians were regaled with Dave's offbeat sense of humour.

50/50

Gordie won the 50/50 draw but pulled the Queen of Spades.

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