



September 12th, 2018

The Fortarian

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay, (Fort William)

2017/2018 Board of Directors

President: Sante Sottile
Treasurer: Boris Cham
Secretary: Joan Krisko

President Elect: Stephen Margarit
Past President: Theresa Lim

*Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,
SJCG Hogarth Riverview Manor
Boardroom 300 Lillie St North, 6.30pm*

Website www.fwrotary.ca

Directors: Steven Beaucage
Glen Craig
Dave McColl
Dave Knutson
Sharon Badanai
Dawn Sebesta

Allocations Committee

Chair: Peter Stetsko
*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 September 12th

President Sante opened the meeting and called on Dave Knutson who proposed the Toast to the Queen and Canada. The SAA was Dawn Sebesta who informed us that no guests were present. Sante thanked everyone for their concern during his recent health scare and for their thoughts, cards and prayers.

Joan Krisko introduced the speaker, Deanna Ford, who is an author, speaker and musician with over thirty years of experience in front of all types of audiences.



Deanna spoke about strategies for developing and delivering better speeches. She referred to her own experiences as a musician, attending Toastmasters and teaching future speakers at New Directions. Deanna gave tips for setting out your notes for quick reference and dealing with your nerves as well as overall strategies for improving a “core skill for the twenty-first century”. Our speaker was thanked by President Sante.

Sante read a message from the Rotary International President on his theme of “Be an Inspiration”.

The finemaster was Stephen Margarit, who lived up to his fiercesome reputation in this position!

The following announcements were made: -

For Peace Day on Saturday, September 22nd, at 11:30a.m., there will be a 40-minute ceremony at the Tai Chi Park at the Marina. Following the ceremony participants will carry flowers 100 steps to the Peace Pole.

On Saturday, September 29th, our club will participate in the Shelter House Food Drive at the Arthur Street Metro store. Robert Moore announced that he has a full compliment of volunteers in place already.

Stephen Margarit said that the nominations for Directors was completed and the link is on line to vote for the three new Directors.

There will be a fundraiser for the RFDA at Walmart on Memorial on October 4th, 5th, 6th. More information will be put on line.

Dave Knutson gave an update from the House Committee. The committee's recommendation will be taken to the Board meeting next Tuesday for approval. The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on October 24th, with more details to come.



Sante Sottile said that the tri-club Santa Claus Parade will go ahead on November 17th. The committee are approaching the City for assistance with policing costs. They are also actively seeking sponsors and if anybody has any relevant information please let Sante know. They

will need volunteers at the Auditorium and possibly for the Santa Claus float (which will also represent Rotary).

For the Lighter Side, Terry Cameron told a tale about a bagpiper at a graveside service for a homeless man.....and septic tanks!

Dawn Sebesta organized the 50/50 Draw, for which Boris Cham held the winning ticket, but alas he did not pick the elusive Queen!

The meeting was then adjourned.

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