



September 19th, 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](http://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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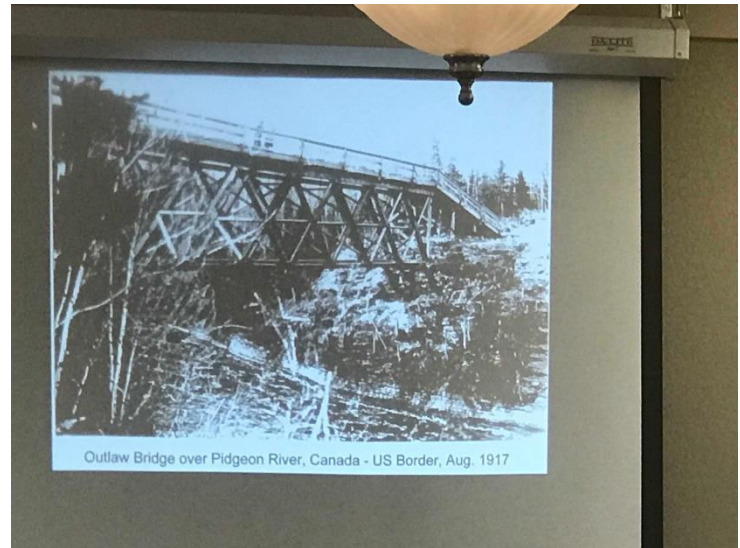
Erle Wheatley & Brian Phillips

### Meeting of September 19th

The Sergeant at Arms for the evening was Boris Cham. There were no visiting Rotarians or guests. Dave McColl proposed a toast to the Queen and Canada.

President Sante announced a prospective new member Miranda Matson. Miranda was unable to attend this evening's meeting. We look forward to meeting her in the future.

President-Elect Sante introduced the evening's speaker, Karl Wahl, Club Historian,



speaking on the topic of the Outlaw Bridge.

Karl's presentation made use of historic publications and photos from both the original opening of the bridge and a commemorative event held in the 1980s. The Outlaw Bridge was a project of the Rotary Clubs in Thunder Bay (Port Arthur/Fort William), Superior Wisconsin and Duluth Minnesota. Started in 1916, the bridge was erected over a narrow section of the Pigeon River. As the Pigeon River forms the international boundary between Ontario and Minnesota, it became an international crossing point for road vehicles. A rough road had been constructed from Fort William to the border but there was no official intent to connect the road with the existing infrastructure on the US side. The Rotary Clubs decided to take this task on.

At the opening of the bridge in 1917, Rotary Club members and dignitaries travelled to Grand Marais for extensive opening ceremonies. As the number of visitors exceeded the capacity of the local hotels many visitors were billeted at homes in the community.

One of the dignitaries was H. Ferguson, the Ontario Minister in charge of highways. When informed of the small remaining deficit in the budget he agreed to cover that remaining cost (a fraction of the total construction budget).

President-elect Sante thanked Karl for the presentation reminding us of a significant project in the history of our Club.

Fines: Cynthia Judge was fine master, soliciting contributions based on identification of the name of the Club President at the Outlaw Bridge commemoration in 1987

### Wilderness Discovery Report:

The first paying customers, Leadership Thunder Bay were accommodated over the past month. This is a milestone in the development of the project and a testament to all of the hard work by all of the volunteers over the summer.

Bob and Linda Hookham have dedicated all of their time to coordinating volunteers and working hard on all aspects of the project. They are taking a well-deserved weekend off. Next weekend there is a need for carpenters and painters to do finishing work.

House Lottery Report: Dave Knutson reported that the House for the 2018/19 Lottery had been selected and that the successful Builder would be contacted this week. The selected home is near last year's home and is expected to be very appealing to prospective ticket purchasers.

Annual General Meeting: This will take place at on September 26, 2018 during the regular meeting period. A reminder to all regarding outstanding dues; as voting depends on being "in good standing" please ensure your dues are paid prior to the meeting.

Allocations Report: Peter Stetsko reported that Allocations had not any requests and, as such, there was nothing to report.

### Announcements:

#### 2019/20 Director Elections:

The results of the elections of the new directors for the Rotary year 2019/20 were announced. The new directors are R. Moore, S. MacDonald and J. Zachary. The new 2019/20 Board will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.

#### Santa Claus Parade:

Planning is underway for this event. There will be strong Rotary advertising in this year's event and prominent recognition of the Presenting Sponsor Goldcorp, who have generously donated \$5000 towards this community event. The plan is to approach the City to assist in covering the balance of the policing costs.

#### 70 RCAC Squadron:

President Sante Sottile and Irene attended the Squadron's Battle of Britain commemoration event, representing the Club in the absence of Andy Morrow (the Club's liaison person with the Squadron). President Sante suggested that a meeting in conjunction with the Squadron's meeting would be an opportunity to review this excellent group "in action".

#### Donations:

The Board has approved the following:

\$250 US to an American Rotary Club towards a project to improve potable water delivery to a Navajo community in the US. This allows international funding to be leveraged from Rotary International. We are partnering with a Club that has been very supportive of Wilderness Discovery.

\$100 to a Rotary Club in North Bay in support of a literacy project in Guatemala.

\$100 Membership fee to join HIP (Honouring Indigenous People) a Rotary organization engaged in support of Indigenous people. For further information see: <http://www.rotaryhip.com/what-we-believe/mission-goals>

Lighter side: K.S. Joseph entertained the crowd with the reflections on the wisdom of children...

50/50: The lucky ticket holder was Karl Wahl, with a pot of \$41. Unfortunately for him, the luck stopped when he drew the Jack of Hearts. The pot will continue to grow

Upcoming Events:

- September 22, 2018 - Peace Ceremony, Tai Chi area in Marina Park, starting at 11:30 AM



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