

# Lakehead Rotary Club—Thunder Bay

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2017/18 President—Wayne Robinson



# Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

## April 12, 2018 – THE “SHRIMP FEST EDITION”



President Wayne served as MC for our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Shrimp Fest and we were graciously welcomed by the President of the RFDA and its Executive Director - our own Volker Kromm



A savoury Shrimp Fest feast was served at the R.F.D.A. with many different shrimp variations to enjoy...a flavourful treat for shrimp lovers. Many compliments were heard and our thanks go out to the Valhalla Inn Chef and those who helped to prepare and serve this fine feast

Many Lakehead Rotarians, family and friends gathered at the RFDA on Thursday to celebrate spring and Rotary fellowship at our annual SHRIMP FEST held at the R.F.D.A. Thank you to Volker Kromm and the R.F.D.A. for their sponsorship and help with this event. A large thank you as well to the VALHALLA INN and their staff for the set-up of the room and preparation and serving of a fabulous “shrimp-themed” menu including the lovely chilled shrimp that is a standard at this event.

### ON THE DOOR IN 2017/18:

Clint and Karl were on the door today to welcome Shrimp Fest patrons. Karl is also looking after the welcome desk for our morning meetings this month. Thank you Rotarians for your service to our Club. We are looking for two Rotarians to step up to take the last two shifts in this Rotary Year.

JULY	Clint Kuschak	JANUARY	Clifford Mushquash
AUGUST	Karl Ratz	FEBRUARY	Gail Brescia
SEPTEMBER	Graham Stewart	MARCH	Mo Papich
OCTOBER	Karl Ratz	APRIL	<b>Karl Ratz</b>
NOVEMBER	Karl Ratz	MAY	open
DECEMBER	Mo Papich	JUNE	open

### SPONSORSHIP:

If you can help your Club and wish to promote your business or community interests through a month sponsorship, please contact Sergeant Bill or Clint. Here is the sponsorship line-up so far:

JULY	open	JANUARY	open
AUGUST	TBSO/Ken	FEBRUARY	Beaux Daddy's
SEPTEMBER	4 Amigos	MARCH	RFDA/Volker
OCTOBER	Nexus/Audrey	APRIL	<b>MS Society/Sandy</b>
NOVEMBER	NOSM/Gail	MAY	Salvation Army/Gail
DECEMBER	open	JUNE	5 Star Rotarians

### OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH

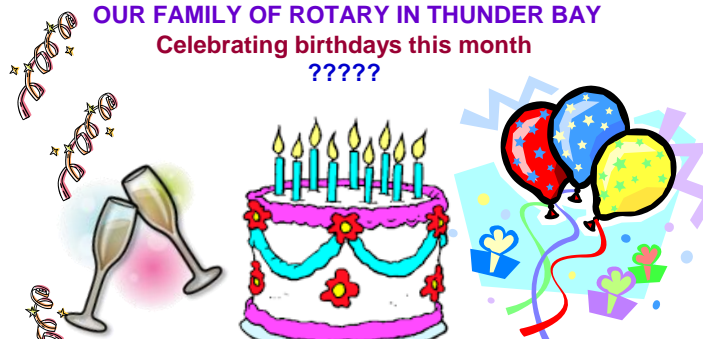



Rotarian Sandy Lychowyd

Our sponsor this month is the MS Society – thank you Rotarian Sandy Lychowyd. MAY is MS month and there will be many things on the go through the month starting out with a flag raising at City Hall. Over the Mother's Day weekend [May 10 – 12], their well-known “carnations campaign” will be front and centre. Beaux Daddy's presents their “pint and a pound” event in support of MS and the big “Walk for MS” takes place at the end of the month at the CLE.

### OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY

Celebrating birthdays this month  
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Celebrating anniversaries this month  
**GAIL & BRIAN BRESCIA**

### CLUB CALENDAR

- APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH
- APR 19 BUSINESS MEETING
- APR 19 ROTARY CANADA CLUB MEETING
- APR 26 MEETING CANCELLED !!!
- APR 26-29 DISTRICT CONFERENCE – THUNDER BAY

**MAY IS ROTARY YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**

- MAY 3** VOLKER KROMM
- MAY 10** JENNIFER KAHAN – CLASSIFICATION TALK
- MAY 17** BUSINESS MEETING
- MAY 21** VICTORIA DAY
- MAY 24** CAROL DAGENAIS – CLASSIFICATION TALK
- MAY 31** CAROUSEL RESTORATION PROJECT

**JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH**

- JUN 7** OPEN
- JUN 14** OPEN
- JUN 21** MEETING CANCELLED !!!
- JUN 21** PRESIDENT’S BBQ & ASSEMBLY
- JUN 23-27** ROTARY INT’L CONVENTION – TORONTO
- JUN 28** BUSINESS MEETING – FINAL MEETING OF 17/18



**BUILDING BRIDGES  
GOODWILL & FRIENDSHIP**

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE – 2018 THUNDER BAY**

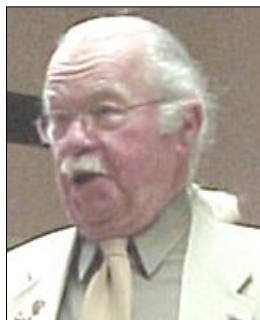
Our District Conference will be held in Thunder Bay this year with the Valhalla Inn serving as the host hotel for most of the events. Conference Registration is now open on our District website – register today.

**You have the option to register and pay in Canadian dollars. Here is the link to this registration form that can be found on our Club’s website in the Downloads Section:**

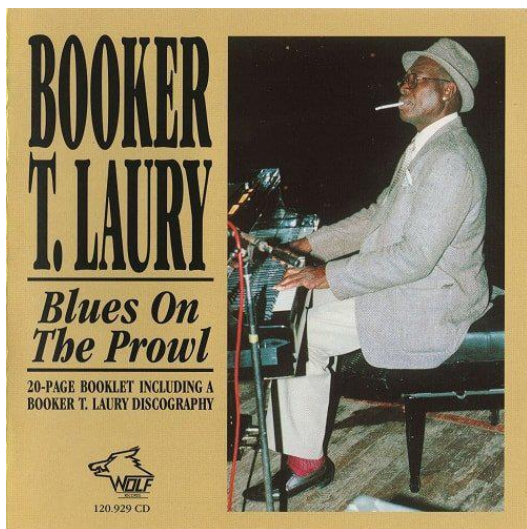
<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000001036/en-ca/files/homepage/district-conference-registration-form/Registration-Form---Canadian-Dollars.pdf>

**BILL’S STUFF...**

Welcome regular contributor to your weekly Club Chronicle – Bill Butuk with his “Bill’s Stuff” Column.



# BOOKER T. LAURY



Lawrence (Booker T.) Laury (born September 2, 1914 in Memphis Tennessee – died September 23, 1995 in Memphis Tennessee) was an American blues, boogie-woogie piano player and singer of the barrel-house style, who was active from the 1930s to 1995. He is considered to be one of the pioneers of Memphis blues. He grew up in the North Memphis Binghampton neighborhood with his life-long friend pianist Memphis Slim. When he was 6 years old he helped his mother play the family pump organ. After that he learned to play keyboards developing in the 1930s a barrel house style along-side his friend Memphis Slim. Both were influenced by Memphis performers Sunnyland Slim, Roosevelt Sykes and Speckled Red. They joined with the younger Mose Vinson and began playing in Memphis clubs.

In 1935 Sykes suggested that Laury and Slim move to Chicago and try to get a recording contract. Slim took the suggestion but Laury decided to stay in Memphis. For decades he played at the same Memphis clubs and at The Blues City Cafe on Beale Street for the rest of his life. In the 1950s he had an accident with a circular saw, losing one finger on his left hand. Fortunately, Laury had a large hand width which allowed him to span 10 keys, his playing dexterity was such that he could still play with the loss of one of his fingers.

In the 1960s the area around Beale Street was beginning to degenerate and Laury began to travel around Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri. Laury and Slim had different successes but their friendship did not diminish up until Slim's death in 1988. In 1989 Laury had a cameo scene in the film “Great Balls Of Fire”, based on the life of Jerry Lee Lewis, played by Dennis Quaid. Laury can be seen playing “Big Legged Woman” in a juke joint. This performance helped Laury to get a chance to record his own LP “Nothin’ but the Blues”. This was his first and only American album, released in 1993. After the movie, Laury toured with Quaid and his band touring in France, Spain, Austria, Switzerland, Germany and Israel. In 1993, Laury’s name was placed on a brass musical note on the Beale Street Walk of Fame. He appeared in the 1993 documentary film. “Deep Blues”. However, Booker T. Laury had a lifetime of being over-looked. Watch and listen to Booker T. T Laury at:

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGni\\_wq3OQk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGni_wq3OQk)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zYDv-OKW1k>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tT2Bf6f6Kf4>

**NEXT MEETING APRIL 19/18  
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TORONTO  
JUNE 23 – 27**  
<http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto>

**THUNDER BAY ROTARY HAS LOST A DEAR FRIEND**

The Family of Rotary in Thunder Bay has lost a great friend - Port Arthur Rotarian for many years, DON CHASE, has died. An obituary will be found in the April 14<sup>th</sup> edition of The Chronicle-Journal. Many of us will remember him fondly as the owner and ever-present sales person at his classy Treasure House.

