



Lakehead Rotary Chronicle



April 19, 2018



**BUILDING BRIDGES
GOODWILL & FRIENDSHIP**

Our District Conference is set to go next week with close to 300 participants – Rotarians, family and friends from all over our Rotary District. The Conference planning committee holds its final pre-conference meeting next Tuesday to make sure everything is ready to welcome our fellow Rotarians and guests.

A warm spring morning for our monthly Business meeting with 21 Lakehead Rotarians on hand.

ON THE DOOR IN 2017/18:

Karl Ratz was on the door today and for the meetings in April. 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	Karl Ratz
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	MS Society/Sandy
NOVEMBER	NOSM/Gail	MAY	Salvation Army/Gail
DECEMBER	open	JUNE	5 Star Rotarians

OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH



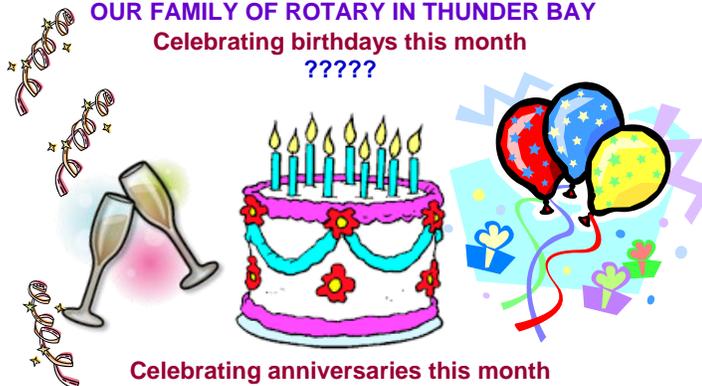

Rotarian Sandy Lychowyd

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.

The carnations campaign is very important to the MS Society and they always run short of volunteers for all the locations. Sandy invites us to contact her if we can help with any of the locations.

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 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**

BUSINESS REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Wayne congratulated and thanked the Conference planning committee for their work over the past two years to plan and prepare for the District Conference. The DC was last held in Thunder Bay in 2005. He also noted that Brian Brescia recently attended the L.E.A.D. [PETS] session in Duluth. It's the annual training/orientation session for all Presidents-Elect in our District.

CLUB SERVICE:

Membership:

Sandy reported that Claudio Monteleone will not be renewing his membership in 2018/19 but hopes to return to active membership in the future. Rev. Jonathon Blanchard has similarly decided to leave the Club – bringing our membership total down to 38 at the end of June.

Chris Davidson's request for a Leave of Absence for 18/19 was approved at our last Board meeting. Ken Boshcoff and Chris will be on their LOA but remain Rotarians in all respects save the requirement to attend meetings.

Programming:

Shirley reviewed programming for meeting through to the end of June. She is stepping down from this role in 18/19 and she is pleased to report that new member Carol Dagenais has taken up the challenge to lead our programming starting July 1st. She has some ideas for speakers but invites all members to pass along suggestions and leads.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Donations:

Clint provided a summary of donations approved by the Board to date. No new requests to report.

Finance:

Clint circulated copies of a financial statement as at March 31/18.

LAKEHEAD ROTARY CLUB						
2017/18 OPERATING BUDGET [STATEMENT]						
[As at March 31/18]						
REVENUE:		BUDGET		YR TO DATE		
			%		%	
1 Member Dues	\$220,000	35	\$ 7,700.00	11%	39	\$ 8,672.00 13%
2 New Member Admissions		2	\$ 180.00	0%		\$ 285.00 0%
3 Meeting Fees			\$ 9,000.00	13%		\$ 6,064.00 9%
4 President's BBQ			\$ 1,400.00	2%		
5 Meal Cards			\$ 1,500.00	2%		\$ 1,545.00 2%
6 Fellowship Fines			\$ 1,000.00	1%		\$ 962.00 1%
7 50/50			\$ 600.00	1%		\$ 364.00 1%
8 December Dreams			\$ 15,980.00	24%		\$ 14,942.00 23%
9 Spirit of Thunder Bay			\$ 16,700.00	25%		\$ 12,678.00 19%
10 2017 Shrimp Fest			\$ 11,530.00	17%		\$ 11,530.00 18%
11 Rotary Christmas Parade			\$ -	0%		\$ 7,950.00 12%
12 Month Sponsorships			\$ 1,000.00	1%		\$ 350.00 1%
13 Rotary Anniversary			\$ -	0%		
14 District Conference			\$ -	0%		
15 Misc. Revenue			\$ 50.00	0%		
16 Donations Account Surplus	(2016/17)		\$ 1,125.00	2%		\$ 1,125.00 2%
17 TOTAL REVENUE			\$ 67,765.00	100%		\$ 85,342.00 100%
EXPENSE:						
18 Club Dues [Rotary Int'l]			\$ 3,500.00	5%		\$ 3,933.56 7%
19 Club Dues [District 5580]			\$ 3,028.00	4%		\$ 3,027.77 5%
20 Meeting Expenses			\$ 11,000.00	16%		\$ 8,838.90 15%
21 Membership Recruit. & Recognition			\$ 500.00	1%		\$ 362.05 1%
22 Club Supplies/Equipment			\$ 400.00	1%		\$ 147.90 0%
23 Insurance			\$ 773.28	1%		\$ 773.28 1%
24 RYLA Fees/Expenses			\$ 1,300.00	2%		\$ 1,291.24 2%
25 Club Event Expenses:						
26 Terry Fox Run			\$ 500.00	1%		\$ 75.00 0%
27 December Dreams			\$ 9,128.00	13%		\$ 8,364.11 15%
28 Spirit of Thunder Bay			\$ 6,450.00	10%		\$ 5,481.00 10%
29 2017 Shrimp Fest			\$ 5,636.45	8%		\$ 5,636.45 10%
30						
31 President's BBQ			\$ 1,800.00	3%		
32 Donations			\$ 19,622.00	29%		\$ 15,620.00 27%
33 Canada Club Event Expenses:				0%		
34 Rotary Christmas Parade			\$ 300.00	0%		\$ 142.99 0%
35 Rotary Anniversary			\$ -	0%		\$ 169.82 0%
36 Peace Pole Ceremony			\$ -	0%		
37 District Conference			\$ 2,000.00	3%		\$ 1,500.00 3%
38 Bank & Credit/Debit Card Fees			\$ 700.00	1%		\$ 660.29 1%
39 Club Donation to Foundation			\$ -	0%		\$ 100.00 0%
40 Memberships/Subscriptions			\$ 288.00	0%		\$ 285.55 0%
41 Storage Fees			\$ 300.00	0%		\$ 300.00 1%
42 Postage/Freight			\$ -			
43 Printing/Photocopy			\$ -			
44 ClubRunner/Website			\$ 500.00	1%		\$ 473.92 1%
45 TOTAL EXPENSE			\$ 67,625.73	100%		\$ 57,183.83 100%
46 NET			\$ 139.27			\$ 8,158.17
EVENT PROFIT/LOSS						
December Dreams			\$ 6,852.00			\$ 6,577.89
Spirit of Thunder Bay			\$ 10,250.00			\$ 7,197.00
Shrimp Fest 2017			\$ 5,893.55			\$ 5,893.55
District Conference			-\$ 2,000.00			-\$ 1,500.00

LAKEHEAD ROTARY CLUB			
CLUB DONATIONS - 2017/18			
[as at March 27/18]			
	REVENUE	DONATIONS	
Opening Balance/Funds Available as at July 1/17	\$1,125.00		
Proceeds from 2017 Shrimp Fest [80% share]	\$4,714.00		
Proceeds from December Dreams [80% share]	\$5,262.31	N2	
Proceeds from Spirit of Thunder Bay [100% share]	\$7,197.00		
Approved & Projected Donations:			
CNIB Programs for Children & Seniors		\$1,000.00	
MS Society			\$1,500.00
Dew Drop Inn Annual Appeal			\$1,250.00
Rotary Shelter Annual Appeal			\$1,250.00
RFDA Annual Appeal			\$1,250.00
Thunder Bay Police Youth Corps			\$1,600.00
Easter Seals			\$1,000.00
St. John Ambulance		\$250.00	
Shelter Box Canada			\$1,200.00
NOSM Bursary [top-up donation]			\$540.00
March of Dimes			\$900.00
New Requests:			
Thunder Bay Public Library	\$1,000		
Wilderness Discovery Camp	\$10,000	N1	\$2,580.00
NAN Youth Awards			
Guatemala Literacy Project	\$100 U.S.		\$130.00
TOTALS	\$18,298.31	\$1,250.00	\$13,200.00
BALANCE FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$3,848.31		

BUDGET NOTES:	
REVENUE:	
1 Member Dues	Based on 35 active members plus 1 honorary at start of year New Members: Clifford M ushquash, Peter Holt-Hindle, James Pedwell Carol Dagenais, and Jennifer Kahan
2 Admissions	Three New Members during the year to pay admission fee
3 Meeting Fees	Based on current meal fees to cover actual costs
11 Rotary Parade	Sponsorship revenue to cover most of the policing costs for the Parade 3 Thunder Bay Clubs to share equally in balance of policing costs
EXPENSE:	
18 Rotary Int'l Dues	RI Dues based on 35 active members plus 1 honorary member as of July 1/17 Semi-Annual Dues invoiced on July 1/17 and January 1/18
19 Rotary 5580 Dues	District 5580 Total Annual Dues based on 34 active members as of June 30/18
21 Memb. Recruit.	Printing brochures, After Business event, P.Pres. Luncheons, Recognition, etc.
24 RYLA Fees	Sponsorship of 2 students plus travel and 1 night accommodation expense
26 Terry Fox Run	Policing and St. John Ambulance costs
27 December Dreams	Revised Expense due to Perfect Parties donation resulting in new net profit
32 Donations	Projected total donations in 2017/18 Note: does not include \$2,000 U.S. for W.D. [to issue once grant is approved]
34 Rotary Parade	Share of expense for Rotary Float
37 D. Conference	Sponsorship and expenses
38 Bank Fees	Global Credit/Debit Card Fees plus cheques resupply cost of \$65.09
40 Memb/Subs	Chamber of Commerce membership
41 Storage	Annual Share of archives and Dreams show storage cost
44 ClubRunner	ClubRunner annual fee & upgrades

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DUES – SEMI-ANNUAL INVOICE:

The total due is \$1,502.00 U.S. [\$1923.00 CDN] based on 39 active members at December 31, 2017. RI S-A Dues were paid and the Club is in good standing.

CLUB DUES 2018/19:

Membership Dues are approved for 2018/19 at same level - \$220.00. Members will continue to have the option to pay their dues in 2 installments – July 1/18 and January 1/19. Dues invoices were issued to members as of April 1/18.

NOTES:
 N1 Request to fund start-up costs for new WD Camp. Lakehead unlikely to afford \$10,000 in one year. Will have to consider funding over 2 or more years or develop a new fund raising event solely for WD in conjunction with others
 The Board approved a donation of \$5,000 for WD in October '17 using the unassigned funds from the reserved funds raised over years through the Spirit event for the Lifesong School project and community donations
 PA Rotary and FIV Rotary will apply for a District Grant for WD to match their Clubs' contributions of \$2,000 U.S. and asked Lakehead to also contribute \$2,000 U.S. to generate matching funds in a District Grant [application to be submitted March 31/18]
 The Board approved a donation of \$2,000 U.S. to be released once the grant is approved.
 N2 Revised/increased revenue due to generous donation of Perfect Parties

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

SHRIMP FEST:

Clint and Allan commented on this year's Shrimp Fest held at the RFDA. Revenue was short vs. budget and the silent auction did not achieve the budget target but did perform well with an overall average of 80% of stated value. The Chinese Auctions exceeded expectations. On the expense side, the cost of food has increased this year due to the addition of the Valhalla's "banquet fee" and tax for the meal as well as the cooked and bagged shrimp. These increases will have to be addressed in the next SF budget. More members will be recruited to help with the event as it is now being organized by two members.

Year	Order	Weight	Price	Total	Notes
2007	Shrimp Order	200 lb.	\$ 9.25/lb.	\$1,850.00	
2008	Shrimp Order	300 lb.	\$ 9.95/lb.	\$2,985.00	N1 Club/Donations Share revised in 2012 only = 40/60
2009	Shrimp Order	400 lb.	\$ 8.80/lb.	\$3,520.00	N2 Valhalla Inn purchased the shrimp in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016
2010	Shrimp Order	400 lb.	\$ 8.75/lb.	\$3,500.00	N3 Graham Stewart Sponsorship
2011	Shrimp Order	400 lb.	\$10.25/lb.	\$4,100.00	
2012	Shrimp Order	400 lb.	\$ 9.85/lb.	\$3,940.00	
2013	Shrimp Order	250 lb.	\$ 9.25/lb.	\$2,312.50	N2
2014	Shrimp Order	272 lb.	\$10.75/lb.	\$2,925.00	N2
2015	Shrimp Order	210 lb.	\$11.30/lb.	\$2,373.00	N2
2016	Shrimp Order	240 lb.	\$10.29/lb.	\$2,469.60	N2
2017	Shrimp Order	270 lb.	\$12.00/lb.	\$3,240.00	N2
2018	Shrimp Order	248 lb.	\$12.00/lb.	\$2,976.00	N2

Year	ACCU. PROFIT	PROFIT	ACCU. PROFIT	CLUB SHARE	TOTAL CLUB SHARE	DONATIONS	TOTAL DONATIONS SHARE
2007	\$455.99	\$455.99	\$455.99	\$138.90	\$138.90	\$319.18	\$319.18
2008	\$2,276.41	\$2,276.41	\$2,732.40	\$892.92	\$892.92	\$1,590.49	\$1,590.49
2009	\$5,889.65	\$5,889.65	\$8,622.05	\$1,766.90	\$1,766.90	\$4,122.76	\$4,122.76
2010	\$6,463.89	\$6,463.89	\$15,075.94	\$1,936.17	\$1,936.17	\$4,517.72	\$4,517.72
2011	\$6,001.85	\$6,001.85	\$20,077.79	\$1,600.56	\$1,600.56	\$3,501.30	\$3,501.30
2012 N1	\$7,915.05	\$7,915.05	\$27,992.84	\$3,166.02	\$3,166.02	\$4,749.03	\$4,749.03
2013	\$5,794.74	\$5,794.74	\$33,787.58	\$1,198.95	\$1,198.95	\$4,636.79	\$4,636.79
2014	\$7,126.61	\$7,126.61	\$40,914.19	\$1,425.32	\$1,425.32	\$5,701.29	\$5,701.29
2015	\$4,267.93	\$4,267.93	\$45,172.12	\$851.59	\$851.59	\$3,406.34	\$3,406.34
2016	\$7,038.29	\$7,038.29	\$52,210.41	\$1,407.66	\$1,407.66	\$5,630.63	\$5,630.63
2017	\$5,893.55	\$5,893.55	\$58,103.96	\$1,178.71	\$1,178.71	\$4,714.84	\$4,714.84
2018	\$2,751.15	\$2,751.15	\$60,855.11	\$550.23	\$550.23	\$2,200.92	\$2,200.92

ROTARY SHRIMP FEST - BUDGET STATEMENT

	2007 ACTUAL	2008 ACTUAL	2009 ACTUAL	2010 ACTUAL	2011 FINAL	2012 FINAL	2013 FINAL	2014 ACTUAL	2015 ACTUAL	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ACTUAL	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL
REVENUE													
Ticket Price	\$35	\$35	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$45	\$45	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Tickets Sold	100	130	159	127	111	107	110	110	110	124	104	125	84
Comp. Tickets						4						8	
Shrimp Sales	\$590.00	\$1,990.00	\$2,682.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,800.00	\$4,845.00	\$1,910.00	\$1,910.00	\$1,910.00	\$1,725.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,520.00
Silent Auction/Live Auctions	\$915.00	\$821.00	\$3,130.00	\$3,455.00	\$3,545.00	\$3,840.00	\$2,170.00	\$2,985.00	\$1,655.00	\$2,425.00	\$3,030.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,749.00
Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Media Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
50/50 Draw/Chinese Auction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$245.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.75	\$791.00	\$802.00	\$1,163.00	\$1,315.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,745.00
Rotarian Donations/ C. Auctions											\$200.00		\$425.00
Sale of Surplus Food				\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hall Rental In-kind Donation					\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Revenue/Donations											\$55.00		\$150.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,005.00	\$7,361.00	\$12,317.00	\$12,156.00	\$12,385.00	\$14,100.00	\$9,495.75	\$11,916.00	\$8,172.00	\$11,513.00	\$11,530.00	\$12,250.00	\$10,788.00
EXPENDITURES													
Food & Shrimp Expense	\$2,547.08	\$3,064.24	\$4,141.15	\$4,104.61	\$5,998.05	\$4,703.48	\$3,020.96	\$4,038.75	\$3,214.11	\$3,321.55	\$4,344.12	\$4,500.00	\$6,455.92
Performance Fees/Entertainment	\$1,050.00	\$335.00	\$208.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hall Rental & Fees	\$375.00	\$1,127.50	\$1,127.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,187.63	\$800.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
Venue Decor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Silent Auction Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. Auction Expenses	\$576.93	\$557.85	\$803.90	\$287.50	\$135.10	\$178.65	\$8.05	\$100.64	\$99.96	\$553.16	\$215.15	\$0.00	\$425.00
Marketing Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$556.93
Tickets Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Credit Card Fees/Bank Expenses			\$46.35	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Misc. Expenses			\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,849.01	\$5,084.59	\$6,427.35	\$5,702.11	\$7,383.15	\$6,184.95	\$3,701.01	\$4,789.39	\$3,914.07	\$4,474.71	\$5,636.45	\$6,700.00	\$8,037.85
TOTAL PROFIT	\$455.99	\$2,276.41	\$5,889.65	\$6,453.89	\$5,001.85	\$7,915.05	\$5,794.74	\$7,126.61	\$4,257.93	\$7,038.29	\$5,893.55	\$6,550.00	\$2,751.15
DONATIONS SHARE	\$319.19	\$1,593.49	\$4,122.76	\$4,517.72	\$3,501.30	\$4,749.03	\$4,056.32	\$4,988.63	\$3,406.34	\$5,630.63	\$4,714.84	\$5,240.00	\$2,200.92
CLUB PROGRAM SHARE	\$136.80	\$682.92	\$1,766.90	\$1,936.17	\$1,500.56	\$3,166.02	\$1,738.42	\$2,137.98	\$1,277.35	\$1,407.66	\$1,178.71	\$1,965.00	\$550.23

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

POLIO PLUS & ANNUAL FUND:

FOUNDATION GOALS REPORT - 2017/18				As at March 31/18			
Note:	All amounts shown in U.S. dollars						
FUND	GOAL	M	TO MARCH 31/18	50/50 PLUS	PLUS OTHER	TOTAL	% OF GOAL
					MEMB. DONATIONS		
ANNUAL FUND	\$ 2,520.00	35	\$ 2,061.24	\$ 100.00	N1 \$ -	\$ 2,161.24	86%
POLIOPLUS	\$ 1,700.00		\$ 1,249.44	\$ 373.30	N2 \$ -	\$ 1,622.74	95%
NOTES:							
N1	Member contributions at weekly meeting since Jan. 4/18 plus 50/50 shares						
N2	Includes 25% share of proceeds from the Anniversary event					\$481.56 CDN	

YOUTH SERVICE:

CAMP RYLA:

Chris reported that the Clubs interviewed students for this year's RYLA and Lakehead's students have been selected. He noted that FW and PA Rotarians are looking after the ride to Duluth to connect with the bus to Crookston, MN. The return ride from Duluth will take place on July 14th and Chris is looking for members from our Club who may be able to assist.

CANADA CLUB SERVICE:

The Canada Club [Exec. of the 4 area Clubs] will meet at noon today.

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:

This year's anniversary hosted by the PA Club was a success and each of the 4 area Clubs has received its 25% share to forward to the Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus. Next year, it's Lakehead's turn to host the Anniversary event. The ICC has been booked for Friday, February 22nd and Rotarians Sandy Lychowyd and Clifford Mushquash will co-chair the event.

50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:

Clint was our happy winner today and his winnings will be sent to the Rotary Foundation in June along with all other donations and 50/50 winnings from January to June.

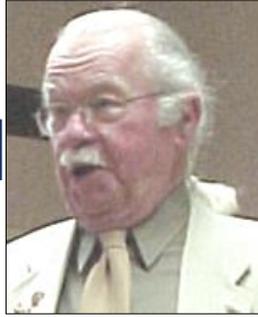
FINES:

Volker scored a fine sweep today starting out with tribute from those who had experiences with delayed or cancelled flights. Many hands went up and loads of stories were shared. Happy dollars then flowed including one from Carol who is not sporting her cast – the wrist is feeling good. Audrey happily reported that her neighbour's dogs who flew the coop returned home safely. Clifford was happy to take in two musical performances at the Community Auditorium – musicals "Kinky Boots" and "2 Cellos". Allan was happy to give thanks to members who came up with items for the Shrimp Fest Silent Auction. Gail Kromm was happy to receive acknowledgement from members present for the Salvation Army's recent recognition at the Chamber of Commerce Awards. Allan had another happy dollar as he is about to head off on his spring golf vacation in Virginia. Volker closed out this round with his happy dollar for being stranded in Toronto during the nasty ice storm, but it allowed him to spend two fine days with grandkids.

BILL'S STUFF...

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

HARRISON KENNEDY



Harrison Kennedy (born March 9, 1942 in Hamilton Ontario) is a Canadian blues, R&B and soul singer and multi-instrumentalist (guitar, harmonica, and mandolin) who has been active from the late 1960s to the present. His family had roots in New Orleans Louisiana, and Tennessee as his ancestors walked to freedom in Canada via the “underground railroad”. Hamilton Ontario has been his home since he was a kid.

His father was Giovanni Eric Angelo, a black Sicilian who died when Harrison was young. His mother re-married a Kennedy. Growing up in Hamilton, Harrison sang in the Stewart Memorial Church choir as a boy. There was always music in the home. The family had visitors like Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday and Lonnie Johnson who came because his parents were boot-leggers on the weekend. His uncle Jack Washington used to bring these visitors to the house. He grew up in a Jewish-Italian neighbourhood where he learned to be resourceful, wheeling and dealing on items carried on his own home-made steel, wagon made from spare parts. As a boy he went with his family to visit relatives in Detroit, Arkansas, and Tennessee where he was exposed to the blues which he immediately liked. He would go to his aunt's church in Detroit after which they would go over to Aretha Franklin's church. He grew up with the kind of gospel music sung by the Dixie Hummingbirds.

In the late 1960s, Harrison was going to University and playing in a Toronto band called the “Master Hand” to make money to continue in school. In 1970 he took a hiatus from school, and because he had relatives in Detroit, he went there to become lead singer of the group “The Chairman of the Board”. After a string of hit records and touring the world, Harrison left the group in 1974 to pursue a solo career. Having spent almost 30 years out of the music industry including serving with the United States Air Force and working for Allied Chemical Corporation, he returned in 2003 as a blues singer and guitarist with the album “Sweet Taste”.

In 2007 he signed a new record contract and released a number of internationally acclaimed albums. His 2007 release of “High Country Blues” was nominated for a JUNO Award in 2008. In 2011 he placed second in the solo/duo category of The International Blues Challenge

In 2014 he released “Soulscape” on which he played a variety of instruments followed by a JUNO and France's Grand Prix du Blues Awards for “This Is from Here” as 2015 Best Blues Album of the year. Watch and listen to Harrison Kennedy at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYP6vmLadmo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DXayQJjLeo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GUbXQCzHobg>

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