



Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

August 16, 2018



President Brian casting a magic spell on the assembly

A beautiful summer morning for our meeting with 20 Lakehead Rotarians on hand; President Brian at the helm; visiting Rotarians Donald MacDonald [Winnipeg A.M. Rotary] and brother Douglas MacDonald [Calgary Heritage Rotary]; Paul's guest and prospective new member Will Wilson; and Shirley's guest and new business partner Jeff Garofalo.

ON THE DOOR IN 2017/18:

Clifford was on the door today and for the meetings in August. Thank you Rotarians for your service to our Club. Help your Club this year by taking on the door for one of the months – confirm your choice with Clint.

JULY	Mo Papich	JANUARY	
AUGUST	Clifford Mushquash	FEBRUARY	
SEPTEMBER	Graham Stewart	MARCH	
OCTOBER	Richard Kehrig	APRIL	
NOVEMBER	Jennifer Kahan	MAY	
DECEMBER	Carol Dagenais	JUNE	Gail Brescia

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	CEDC	JANUARY	
AUGUST	S. DeWilde	FEBRUARY	
SEPTEMBER	4 Amigos	MARCH	
OCTOBER	S. DeWilde	APRIL	MS Society
NOVEMBER	Clint Kuschak/TBAG	MAY	Salvation Army
DECEMBER	N.O.S.M.	JUNE	5 Star Rotarians

OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH!

Shirley DeWilde and her business partner Jeff Garofalo are sponsoring out meetings this month. They are bringing a new health and fitness device/service. It's like a Fitbit but also offers health monitoring including blood sugar monitoring and an ECG. Jeff wears one of these discreet devices on his wrist and will be bringing more details next week with print handouts.



OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY

Celebrating birthdays this month

KARL RATZ



Celebrating anniversaries this month

**CLINT & BARBARA KUSCHAK
DON & BETSY MORRISON**

CLUB CALENDAR

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

AUG 23 SANDY LYCHOWYD - MEMBERSHIP
AUG 30 RYLA STUDENT

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

SEP 3 LABOUR DAY
SEP 6 BRIAN EDWARDS – OPERATION RED NOSE
SEP 13 BETTINA JACOBSON – EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING
SEP 20 OFFSITE AT BAY VILLAGE COFFEE
221 BAY STREET [corner of Bay & Water]
[HOST – GARY MACK]
SEP 27 MAJOR LORI MITCHELL – SALVATION ARMY

OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

OCT 4 GAIL & BRIAN BRESCIA – DRAGON BOATS & TRAVELS IN ITALY
OCT 8 THANKSGIVING
OCT 11 CHARLIE BROWN – THE ALEXANDER HENRY
OCT 18 CLUB BUSINESS MEETING
OCT 25 JAMIE SITAR - LHIN
OCT 31 HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

NOV 1 MME ELOIDE et PAULA AFNOO
NOV 8 RESERVED – ARMY CADETS
NOV 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY
NOV 15 BUSINESS MEETING
NOV 22 CINDY LEVANTO-KAWAHARA
HEARTS FOR HOME

DECEMBER IS FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH

DEC 1&2 DECEMBER DREAMS
DEC 6 OPEN
DEC 13 MEETING CANCELLED
DEC 13 CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP – NOR' WESTER
DEC 20 BUSINESS MEETING & ELECTIONS
DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
DEC 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
DEC 27 OPEN
DEC 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

BUSINESS MEETING - REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Our Club Executive and Board are in place and we have our President-Elect [Clifford] and President-Nominee [Sandy] lined up to lead so our focus for the next few years is to implement our Strat Plan.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The first draft of our 17/18 Year-end Statement should be presented to the Board on Tuesday. Clint is also working on the Club's 18/19 Budget and hopes to have a first draft for the September Board Meeting.

VALHALLA BREAKFAST COST & MEMBER FEES:

One element of our Budget is the Meeting cost [meal or coffee only] and corresponding fees charged to Members. These should match and the Club should break even over the course of a year. The Valhalla has indicated that the cost for our current menus will increase in part due to the increase in the minimum wage. The members present discussed various options including reductions in the menus to keep the existing fees in place. Half of our members pay for the full meal with the others paying for coffee only. The current fee for a full meal is \$17 plus \$1 for the 50/50 draw. Coffee is \$4 plus \$1 for the draw. Members present support the continuation of the current menus with few changes and would like to see the estimated cost with the Valhalla's new rates.

BOARD MEETING:

The first Board Meeting of our new Rotary Year takes place on Tuesday, August 21st at Northwood Family Dental [Georgina Voulgaris hosting our meetings for the year].

CLUB SERVICE:

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Sandy noted that our new member candidate, Lori Martineau, will be inducted this month and we have at least one other prospective new member in the process. The Membership Committee is meeting to discuss new approaches to membership recruitment, orientation, training, and retention.

PROGRAMMING REPORT:

Carol has scheduled speakers for almost all of our meetings in the first half of this Rotary Year.

OFFSITE – SEPTEMBER 20:

Sandy has been discussing an offsite meeting option with former member Gary Mack at his new business – Bay Village Coffee. Our morning meeting at the Valhalla would be cancelled in favour of breakfast at BVC and breakfast would include quiche, fresh muffins, and other breakfast fare for a fixed price of \$18.

PEACE DAY CELEBRATION – SEPTEMBER 22:

The PA Club is leading the 3 local Clubs in the planning of this year's Peace Day Celebration. They have opted to move the site for the celebration from the road by the Peace Pole to the Taiji Park. This removes the necessity of a permit to close the road and the related complications. The Taiji Park is more conducive to this celebration and more open space for visitors to assemble. Sandy is our Club's designated member on the planning committee and will keep us informed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

DONATIONS REPORT:

Clint noted that we have already received a number of donation requests and he will bring these to the Board on Tuesday. The Board will also review our current Donations Policy.

WILDERNESS DISCOVERY REPORT:

Jennifer related aspects of a report from Bob Hookham. Much work has been done by volunteers and professional tradespeople but more must be done.

TERRY FOX RUN – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:

Don noted that this year's Terry Fox Run will take place on Sunday, September 16th at Boulevard Lake starting at 2 p.m. Volunteers will assemble at 1 p.m. to prepare for the Run participants arrival. He has a supply of this year's Run t-shirt – cost of \$20. He will have lawn signs soon and has posters for members to use.



YOUTH SERVICE:

R.Y.L.A. STUDENT PRESENTATION:

Only one of the two students our Club sponsored made it to RYLA in Crookston, MN. The other student withdrew leaving insufficient time to find a substitute. The student who attended will make a presentation on his experience at our August 30th meeting.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

FOUNDATION – POLIO PLUS & ANNUAL FUND:

Our challenge this year is the same as last year – the goal for the Annual Fund will be \$70 U.S. per member and the goal for Polio Plus will be \$1,700 U.S. for the Club.

FELLOWSHIP FINES:

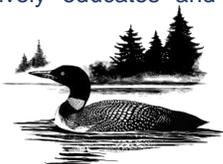
Richard scored another fine sweep starting out with President Brian for being heckled...only one heckler in the crowd today. Clifford was next up to talk about the generations of chiefs in his family. His father is Chief of Pays Platt First Nation and he hopes that Clifford or his brother will follow in his footsteps to continue the tradition. Clifford hopes his brother will be the next chief. Richard then recognized Clint for his "large" camera – a Canon SLR Digital – when most everyone now uses their pocket-sized iphone or android as a camera. Clint is not the only one to have and use an "old-fashioned" Device. Bill even has a Polaroid but finding film for it is tough. In tribute to Jeff Garofalo's monitoring device, those who keep track of their steps were invited to pay tribute. And, in true Rotary tradition, those who don't keep track were next to pay tribute. Graham shared his happy dollar to report on recent cycling exploits that led to a stop at the Stanley for a few pitchers of beer. Gail Brescia was happy to be having lunch soon with son Matthew's lady, Nicole. Don was happy to report on recent travels including some time in Poland to visit with one of our many Exchange Students - Wiebke Paulsen – who was sponsored by the Morrison family in 1999/00. Wiebke is 35 years old and a Pediatrician with two children of her own. Clifford shared a happy dollar for completing his "blanket exercise" training. He hopes to be able to engage our Members and perhaps Rotarians from the other Clubs in the blanket exercise – see a description of the Blanket Exercise following. Paul was happy to report that he made his bed this morning...a good thing since Anne is coming home from her travels in Scotland. Shirley was happy to note the number of people interested in becoming a Rotarian and joining our Club. Volker shared his happy dollar on behalf of a good friend who is living with Alzheimer's disease and for the opportunity to help raise funds and awareness in a "Ride for Alzheimer's" in Sudbury. Sandy shared her happy dollar to thank A&W for their sponsorship of MS Day at their restaurants across Canada. This is an important fund raising event for MS and Sandy hopes we will all pick up some Teen Burgers at one of the local A&W restaurants - \$2 from each Teen Burger goes to MS. Jennifer wrapped up this round with her happy dollar to see the photo of Clint sporting one of the many Monarchs fluttering about his garden this year.

THE BLANKET EXERCISE

In 1996, the Aboriginal Rights Coalition worked with Indigenous elders and teachers to develop an interactive way of learning the history most Canadians are never taught. The Blanket Exercise was the result; it has since been offered thousands of times and the fourth edition was released in 2016. Want to know more? Visit the [KAIROS Blanket Exercise Website](#)

How it works

The Blanket Exercise is based on participatory popular education methodology and the goal is to build understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada by walking through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. Everyone is actively involved as they step onto blankets that represent the land, and into the role of First Nations, Inuit and later Métis peoples. By engaging on an emotional and intellectual level, the Blanket Exercise effectively educates and increases empathy.



FUN & SUN AT LOON LAKE:

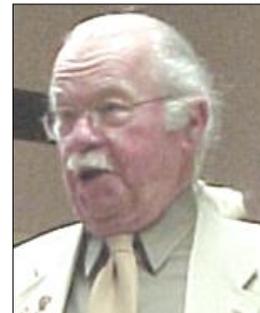
Roy and Jane Lucas will once again host us and our families for a day out at their cottage on Loon Lake. Mark the date in your books – **SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th**. It's a pot luck affair and we are invited to bring salads, entrees, or desserts. Roy has started a sign-up list so see him at meetings or contact him by email or his cell phone:

50/50:

Gail Kromm was our happy winner today and her share will be assembled with other weekly donations and forwarded to the Rotary Foundation in December.

BILL'S STUFF...

Bill Butuk is on his annual summer break but will return with his "Bill's Stuff" Column in September.



NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

August 22nd - 23rd, 2018
Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay, ON

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