



Lakehead Rotary Chronicle



March 8, 2018

International Women's Day



Maureen Nadin talks about "faith and science" in her presentation on METI

A mild morning for our meeting with 19 Lakehead Rotarians present; our regular visiting Rotarian Walter Hardie [Hamilton A.M. Club]; honoured guest City Council Member Rebecca Johnson; and our special guest Maureen Nadin. We were also pleased to welcome home Rotarian Graham Stewart who has enjoyed a long winter break in Antigua.

ON THE DOOR IN 2017/18:

Mo Papich was on the door today and for the meetings in March. Thank you Rotarians for your service to our Club. The sign-up sheet for 2017/18 is available now so pick a month and sign on to help.

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

OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH

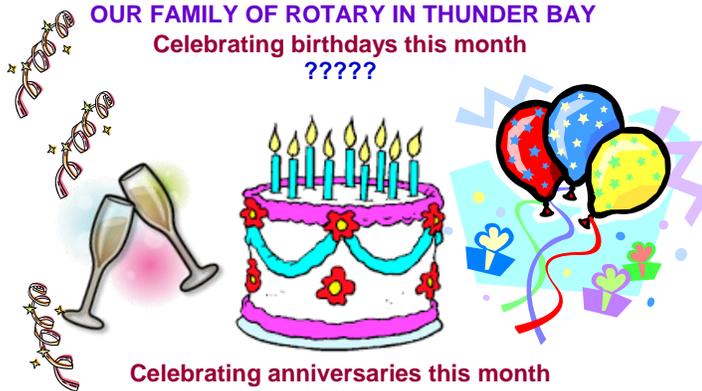
Rotarian Volker Kromm



Our sponsor this month is the Regional Food Distribution Association – thank you Rotarian Volker Kromm. Volker is not feeling well but Gail filled in nicely with news of plans for the RFDA to acquire a very large walk-in freezer as part of their long-range plans to use and process more of the food from local grocery stores that often goes to waste. The campaign for the new freezer will launch soon.

OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY

Celebrating birthdays this month
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Celebrating anniversaries this month
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CLUB CALENDAR

- MARCH IS ROTARY WATER & SANITATION MONTH**
- MAR 8 MAUREEN NADIN/MESSAGING
 - EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE [METI]
 - MAR 15 BUSINESS MEETING
 - MAR 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
 - MAR 22 WORLD WATER DAY
 - MAR 22 GARY DAVIES
 - NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA
 - MAR 29 CAROL VOTH – MS SOCIETY
 - MAR 30 GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

- APR 2 EASTER MONDAY
- APR 5 DOUG LUND/SALMON ASSOCIATION
- APR 12 MEETING CANCELLED !!!
- APR 12 SHRIMP FEST

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 OPEN
 MAY 17 BUSINESS MEETING
 MAY 21 VICTORIA DAY
 MAY 24 OPEN
 MAY 31 OPEN

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. Here is a direct link to get you started:

<http://rotary5580.org/page/2018-district-conference-thunder-bay-ontario>

You also 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>

Copies of this form will also be available at weekly Club meetings.

PRESENTATION:

Our special guest today was MAUREEN NADIN with her presentation on METI,

Maureen Arges Nadin

A freelance writer since jumping ship in 2005 from a 28-year career in the Public Service to pursue a life-long interest in writing and journalism. Since taking those first few steps of that adventure, she has had the privilege of writing a monthly “first person” perspective column on space exploration for the Thunder Bay Chronicle-Journal and has contributed periodic feature articles on various aspects of space travel, science and discovery including a public education series on exploration and mining in Northwestern Ontario.



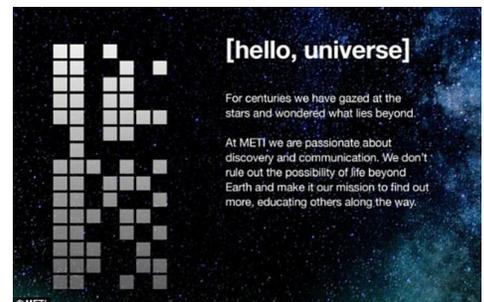
A proud member of the Professional Writers Association of Canada as well as the Superior Scribes writing group in Thunder Bay. Her freelance writing work has given her an opportunity to write about human interest topics and issues that she is interested in but she feels that she has a special mission to write about space exploration and discovery. She was thrilled to have an article appear in the nationally published “Sky News” and her article on an international radio astronomy project “The Square Kilometre Array: Scanning the Skies for Life” placed second in the 2009 International Year of Astronomy national writing competition. “Canada and the Stars.” was truly the genesis of her all-abiding passion for the search for life elsewhere in the Universe and understanding the societal and philosophical implications of such a discovery. The discovery that she believes is not only inevitable but imminent.

Her late and wise Irish mother always told her that she would be a writer as she was relatively good at it and enjoyed it immensely from an early age. Coming from a country with a deep literary tradition and history, her Mom loved all the major writers like Shaw and Keats as well as Shakespeare whose works she would read to her as soon as she felt she could grasp the concepts. She felt strongly that Maureen would be a writer at some point in time in her life but Maureen is pretty sure that this is not the type of writing her mother had in mind!

But here she is nonetheless and she feels blessed and privileged to not only be able to do work that fires her engine and stirs her soul but to live in a time when technology allows her to tap into the proverbial Global Village and “talk” and “listen to” others who share this interest. And to do it from her humble home on the shores of mighty Lake Superior—the “Great Big Lake” (Gitchigumi to the indigenous Ojibway people) that inspires and moves her on a daily basis.

Maureen is a practicing catholic and noted that she is sometimes asked about reconciling her faith and her interest in science, astronomy, and the possibility of extraterrestrial intelligence. She talked about participating in a Faith & Science session at the Vatican Observatory that provided opportunity for study and observation as well as reflection and prayer. The media and popular culture portray extraterrestrial life in movies, books, etc. but we really don't know what form life could take on planets that have the right conditions for life to develop. She talked about a recent opportunity to interview the head of METI. Douglas Vakoch, President of METI, a nonprofit research and educational organization dedicated to transmitting intentional signals to nearby stars, as well as fostering sustainability of human civilization on multigenerational timescales—a prerequisite for a project that could take centuries or millennia to succeed. He is an elected member of the International Institute for Space Law, and he serves as chair of the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) Study Group on Active SETI: Scientific, Technical, Societal, and Legal Dimensions. Prior to founding METI, for sixteen years Dr. Vakoch worked at the SETI Institute, where he was Director of Interstellar Message Composition.

Maureen's presentation opened up many great questions and comments from our members and our meeting could have continued for some time.



WHAT IS METI

The primary objectives and purposes of METI International are to:

- Conduct scientific research and educational programs in Messaging Extraterrestrial Intelligence (METI) and the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI).
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- Promote international co-operation and collaboration in METI, SETI, and astrobiology.
- Understand and communicate the societal implications and relevance of searching for life beyond Earth, even before detection of extraterrestrial life.
- Foster multidisciplinary research on the design and transmission of interstellar messages, building a global community of scholars from the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and arts.
- Research and communicate to the public the many factors that influence the origins, evolution, distribution, and future of life in the universe, with a special emphasis on the last three terms of the Drake Equation: (1) the fraction of life-bearing worlds on which intelligence evolves, (2) the fraction of intelligence-bearing worlds with civilizations having the capacity and motivation for interstellar communication, and (3) the longevity of such civilizations.
- Offer programs to the public and to the scholarly community that foster increased awareness of the challenges facing our civilization's longevity, while encouraging individual and community activities that support the sustainability of human culture on multigenerational timescales, which is essential for long-term METI and SETI research.

50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:

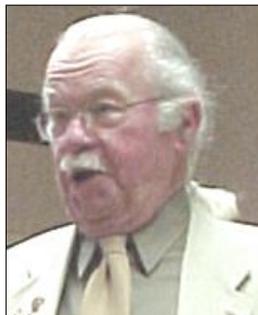
Michel Caza was our winner today and his winnings will be sent to the Rotary Foundation in June along with all other donations and 50/50 winnings from January to June.

FINES:

Karl was on the cup today starting out with tribute from President Wayne for some good reason. He invited Clifford to share his story about his tardiness today – he brought his father to the airport early and was heading home when he remembered it was Rotary meeting day [prompted by hearing the FW Rotary Canada House Lottery ad on the radio]...as he coasted through the intersection at Arthur. There is no room for a U-turn on the expressway so he had to take the long way back to the Valhalla and we are happy to have his company this morning. In the interest of time, Karl collected tribute from all those who have not been to Rome...and if any escaped this he welcomed tribute from those not wearing red socks this morning. Gail Kromm offered the first happy dollar to say she was in Toronto for a week spending time with the new twins in their family. Paul happily reported on the recent news that an anonymous donor has given Grace Place \$170,000 to pay off their mortgage, thus allowing Grace Place to put more money toward its primary purpose. Carol was happy to report that her broken wrist will not require surgery and is mending well. Graham was happy to be home and to tell us how hot it was down in Antigua. Don closed this round with his happy news announcing the arrival of their second grandson – Caleb.

BILL'S STUFF...

Welcome regular contributor to your weekly Club Chronicle – Bill Butuk with his "Bill's Stuff" Column.



BIG JOE WILLIAMS



Joseph Lee Williams (born October 16, 1903 in Crawford Mississippi—died December 12, 1982 in Macon, Mississippi) was an American Delta blues guitarist, singer and songwriter who was active from the 1930s to the 1970s. Also known as Joe Lee Williams, he was a powerhouse vocalist, a cantankerous fighter, who was well respected as an elder statesman by those who knew him well. He was known for the distinctive sound of his 9 string guitar.

As a youth he wandered around the United States busking and playing for tips in the bars, store porches and work camps. In the early 1930s he was a member of the Rabbit Foot Minstrel Revue and recorded with The Birmingham Jug Band on Okeh Records. He had a loose arrangement with Okeh that allowed him to hitch-hike across the Mississippi Delta and East Texas and playing in the Delta juke joints and East Texas lumber camps. This process allowed him to develop his own personal style of country blues. He improvised a 9 string guitar and slapped it like a drum

Big Joe's travels took him to St. Louis, Missouri to play with his cousin J.D. Short. Through Short, Big Joe met Lester Melrose, a producer for Bluebird Records. Melrose quickly signed Big Joe to a contract with Bluebird. Big Joe's songs "Baby Please Don't Go" was a big hit in 1935 as was "Crawlin' King Snake" in 1941 both of which are still played today by many of the blues musicians. He stayed with Bluebird for 10 years recording with other blues artists such as Robert Nighthawk, Peetie Wheatstraw, and Sonny Boy Williamson. Big Joe had a large repertoire of old Blues and Folk songs which allowed him to record for 7 labels. This happened because the originators of early blues music were "re-discovered" in the late 1950s. Big Joe's eccentricity was a natural for coffee houses and the college and festival circuits.

In the 1960s, he toured Europe several times, recording his album "Hand Me Down My Old Walking Stick" in London, England in 1965. By the 1970s, he was noticed by several film makers and appeared in 3 documentary films. He expanded his touring to include Japan. He was a welcome guest to modern blues artists such as Mike Bloomfield and Charlie Musselwhite. Big Joe went back to Mississippi where he died in 1982. His headstone was paid for primarily by friends with additional funds from a collection taken from a group of musicians at Antone's night club in Austin, Texas. Big Joe was inducted in to the Blues Hall of Fame in 1992. Watch and listen to Big Joe Williams at:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g22l1hnAnIA>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDoeZa50Z8g>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xd9ilokI9PY>

**NEXT MEETING MARCH 15/18
BUSINESS MEETING**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
JUNE 23 – 27**

<http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto>

Register by March 31 to get early registration discounts

In partnership with Rotary International, the Host Organizing Committee invites you to join us in Toronto, Canada June 23-27 2018. With the spirit of true Canadian hospitality, we wish to welcome Rotarians from around the world to experience everything Toronto and the Golden Horseshoe has to offer.





About International Women's Day

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. International Women's Day (IWD) has been observed since the early 1900's - a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies. International Women's Day is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity. No one government, NGO, charity, corporation, academic institution, women's network or media hub is solely responsible for International Women's Day. Many organizations declare an annual IWD theme that supports their specific agenda or cause, and some of these are adopted more widely with relevance than others.

"The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights," says world-renowned feminist, journalist and social and political activist Gloria Steinem. Thus International Women's Day is all about unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy and action - whatever that looks like globally at a local level. But one thing is for sure, International Women's Day has been occurring for well over a century - and continues to grow from strength to strength. Learn about the [values](#) that guide IWD's ethos.



What colours signify international Women's Day?

Internationally, purple is a colour for symbolizing women. Historically the combination of purple, green and white to symbolize women's equality originated from the Women's Social and Political Union in the UK in 1908. Purple signifies justice and dignity. Green symbolizes hope. White represents purity, but is no longer used due to 'purity' being a controversial concept. The introduction of the colour yellow representing a 'new dawn' is commonly used to signify a second wave of feminism. Thus purple with green represents traditional feminism, purple with yellow represents progressive contemporary feminism.

2018 and beyond

The world has witnessed a significant change and attitudinal shift in both women's and society's thoughts about women's equality and emancipation. Many from a younger generation may feel that 'all the battles have been won for women' while many feminists from the 1970's know only too well the longevity and ingrained complexity of patriarchy. With more women in the boardroom, greater equality in legislative rights, and an increased critical mass of women's visibility as impressive role models in every aspect of life, one could think that women have gained true equality. The unfortunate fact is that women are still not paid equally to that of their male counterparts, women still are not present in equal numbers in business or politics, and globally women's education, health and the violence against them is worse than that of men. However, great improvements have been made. We do have female astronauts and prime ministers, school girls are welcomed into university, women can work and have a family, women have real choices. And so each year the world inspires women and celebrates their achievements. IWD is an official holiday in many countries including Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, China (for women only), Cuba, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Eritrea, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Madagascar (for women only), Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nepal (for women only), Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Zambia. The tradition sees men honoring their mothers, wives, girlfriends,

colleagues, etc. with flowers and small gifts. In some countries IWD has the equivalent status of Mother's Day where children give small presents to their mothers and grandmothers.

A global web of rich and diverse local activity connects women from all around the world ranging from political rallies, business conferences, government activities and networking events through to local women's craft markets, theatrical performances, fashion parades and more. Many global corporations actively support IWD by running their own events and campaigns. For example, on 8 March search engine and media giant Google often changes its Google Doodle on its global search pages to honor IWD. Year on year IWD is certainly increasing in status.

So make a difference, think globally and act locally! Make every day International Women's Day. Do your bit to ensure that the future for girls is bright, equal, safe and rewarding.

Watch International Women's Day videos

Watch some of the inspiring and thought-provoking International Women's Day videos available from around the world, or use them as great discussion starters and resources.

[Watch IWD videos](#)

WORLD WATER DAY – MARCH 22

What is World Water Day?



World Water Day, on 22 March every year, is about focusing attention on the importance of water. The theme for World Water Day 2018 is '[Nature for Water](#)' – exploring nature-based solutions to the water challenges we face in the 21st century.

Damaged ecosystems affect the quantity and quality of water available for human consumption. Today, 2.1 billion people live without safe drinking water at home; affecting their health, education and livelihoods. Sustainable Development Goal 6 commits the world to ensuring that everyone has access to safe water by 2030, and includes targets on protecting the natural environment and reducing pollution.

This year's theme – Nature for Water – explores how we can use nature to overcome the water challenges of the 21st century.

Environmental damage, together with climate change, is driving the water-related crises we see around the world. Floods, drought and water pollution are all made worse by degraded vegetation, soil, rivers and lakes.

When we neglect our ecosystems, we make it harder to provide everyone with the water we need to survive and thrive. Nature-based solutions have the potential to solve many of our water challenges. We need to do so much more with 'green' infrastructure and harmonize it with 'grey' infrastructure wherever possible. Planting new forests, reconnecting rivers to floodplains, and restoring wetlands will rebalance the water cycle and improve human health and livelihoods.

Lakehead Rotary has taken an active role in one small part of the world to provide students and teachers at Lifesong Schools/Orphanages in Kitwe, Zambia with safe and reliable water. We will say more about this project – our first international project – in the March 22nd edition of the Club Chronicle. We have photos and words to share with you.