



Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

May 3, 2018



President Wayne was in fine spirits today [post-Conference]

A fine spring morning for our meeting with 19 Lakehead Rotarians and visiting Rotarian Walter Hardie [Hamilton A.M.]. Our special guest was our own Volker Kromm from the R.F.D.A.

ON THE DOOR IN 2017/18:

Karl Ratz was on the door today and for the meetings in May. Thank you Rotarians for your service to our Club.

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	Karl Ratz
DECEMBER	Mo Papich	JUNE	Mo Papich

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 GAIL KROMM
Salvation Army



Giving
Hope
Today



Our sponsor this month is the SALVATION ARMY – thank you Rotarian Gail Kromm. Gail used her sponsor's moment today to talk about their mandate and progress on their new building. They are a member of the RFDA and rely on them for food in their food bank as well as soup and sandwiches for their new Soup Van. The new SA building will include an expanded food bank and kitchen for the preparation of food including wild game. A separate kitchen area will be set up to prepare wild game for those who have been raised on such food. Gail was pleased to let us know that the Ground Breaking ceremony for the new building will take place on:

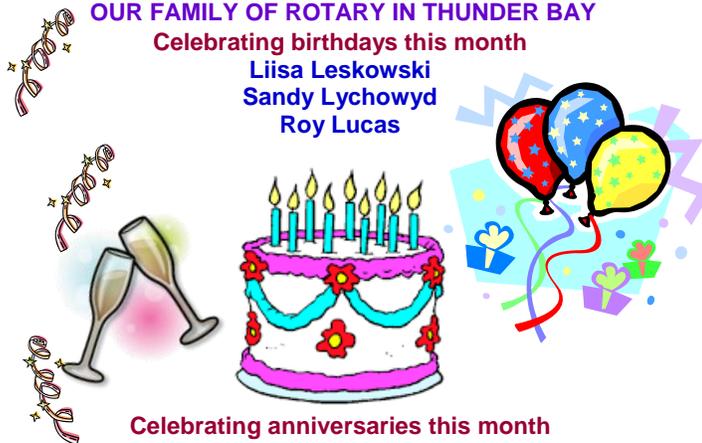
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16th

and everyone is welcome to attend.

OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY

Celebrating birthdays this month

Liisa Leskowski
Sandy Lychowyd
Roy Lucas



Celebrating anniversaries this month
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CLUB CALENDAR

- MAY IS ROTARY YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**
- 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



DISTRICT CONFERENCE – 2018 THUNDER BAY

The Conference Committee holds its final meeting on Tuesday, May 15th to evaluate all aspects of the Conference and to receive final reports from division leaders. The results will be assembled in a final report for future reference.

PRESENTATION:

rfda



Our special guest today was our own Volker Kromm, Executive Director of the Regional Food Distribution Association. When he started there 10 years ago, it was about getting enough food in for the many food banks in Thunder Bay and in communities of Northwestern Ontario. The role of the RFDA has evolved in the past 10 years to address issues of food security and the need for equality of access to good food across N.W.O. Volker is often away for our weekly meetings as he delivers food and supplies to northern communities including First Nations people who live in the far north. He also travels for work to advocate for private and public support and to meet with others who are working across Canada on the issues of food security and equal access to healthy food.

The RFDA's role has expanded to fill important needs. They still provide reliable emergency food when it is needed most, to thousands of our neighbours. Some of their members do much more. They...

- Serve healthy meals
- Teach cooking skills
- Plant gardens
- Preserve foods
- Support local business
- Assist entrepreneurs
- Promote active lifestyles
- Provide service referrals
- Engage in partnerships
- Celebrate our diversity

An increasing number of community gardens bring more food resources and the RFDA is responding with food storage and hopes to have a "monster" freezer soon to hold prepared food including frozen meat. Wild game [comfort food for many in our area] will also feature in this plan as wild game becomes a staple. Greenhouses are also on the rise but these require people who are trained and equipped to operate greenhouse structures, especially in far north communities. Transportation of food and supplies across the region is a major issue and when food is trucked or flown into communities, the related issue of secure food storage is a concern. Not all communities have the necessary infrastructure to accept large quantities of food. Similarly, communications across the region is an issue and access to the internet is not yet equitable. The planes and trucks that transport food and other goods into area communities require fuel and this is a significant expense, especially when you look at the vast area serviced by the RFDA and its partners.

50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:

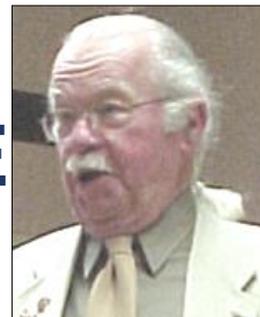
Walter Hardie was our happy winner today and his winnings will be sent to the Rotary Foundation in June along with all other donations and 50/50 winnings from January to June.

FINES:

Richard was on the cup today starting out with tribute for President Wayne's "story". He followed up with invitations from members to share their stories of travels to northern communities. Clifford shared his stories of travel in the north and the importance of "ziplock bags". Audrey talked about travelling to Bearskin Lake often as their credit union operated a branch there. Allan travelled with his father to many northern communities as his father was an elections officer for the government. Many more hands went up with offers to share travel experiences. Richard closed with an invitation from those who have not travelled in our north to pay tribute. Sandy closed this round with her happy dollar to remind us about the MS Walk and shared a pledge sheet on behalf of Marc Laroque, a volunteer for MS. We met him when he made a presentation to our Club on life with MS.

BILL'S STUFF...

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



IRON MIKE NORTON



Iron Mike Norton (born Michael Shaun Norton October 20, 1973 in Fort Gordon Georgia) is an American blues musician best known as a slide guitar player who has been active from 1997 to the present.

He is considered to be one of the top slide guitarists in the world. He combines hill country blues with urban hip hop beats to create a sound known to blues fans around the world as "swamp stomp". Mike grew up in Springfield, Missouri and St. Petersburg Florida. While still a teen in Florida he started a professional career as a sessional bass player and a sound engineer in the Tampa hard rock and metal scene. From there Mike moved on to form a moderately successful country act that signed a recording contract in 1995.

He toured with many country legends such as Wynona Judd, Lyle Lovett and Willie Nelson. From 1995 to 1997 he was the lead singer for a country act called "Ozark" that was nominated for a King Eagle Country Music Award. While in Florida he became friends with legendary Florida slide guitarist Sonny Landreth. He became inspired by the sounds that Landreth made, so he left the country music scene in 1997 and began to study slide guitar in Landreth's specific style. He is currently considered to be one of the foremost practitioners of Landreth's slide technique.

In 2002 he broke into the blues scene with his debut CD "Spooky and the Blue Voodoo Tribe" which brought an entirely new sound to the blues. However, blues critics across the U.S. were aggravated by the powerful road house vocal style and dark musical themes. Also in 2002 he signed a recording contract with now defunct B&M Records and recorded 3 more CDs that further cemented his image as a blues outcast with titles like "Spooked", "Dead Man's Stomp" and "Congo Square". In early 2006 he took his performances to the Ozarks where he hyped his shows by using guitars made from unusual objects such as automobile mufflers and toilet seats. He eventually returned to normal guitars.

In 2007 he moved away from the blues to record his first progressive rock CD that featured his slide guitar wizardry "Live Free or Die". Things were going well for Mike until early 2010 when he was severely injured in a motorcycle accident that put him into a wheel chair for a period. He began writing songs and eventually a traditional 2 piece Mississippi Hill Country album "Dirty South", a very successful blues record of a deep south style usually associated with R.L. Burnside and Hound Dog Taylor. He has toured the U.S. every year since 2012, Canada in 2014 and in 2015 was the main subject of the documentary film "Devil in my Kitchen". Since 2015 he has released 4 albums "Bad Monkey", "Bloody Knuckles", "Box Full of Bones" and "Swamp Stomp". Watch and listen to Iron Mike Norton at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BM3HAnOYUbw>

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Fq1kzi6QFE>

NEXT MEETING MAY 17/18
BUSINESS MEETING

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
JUNE 23 – 27

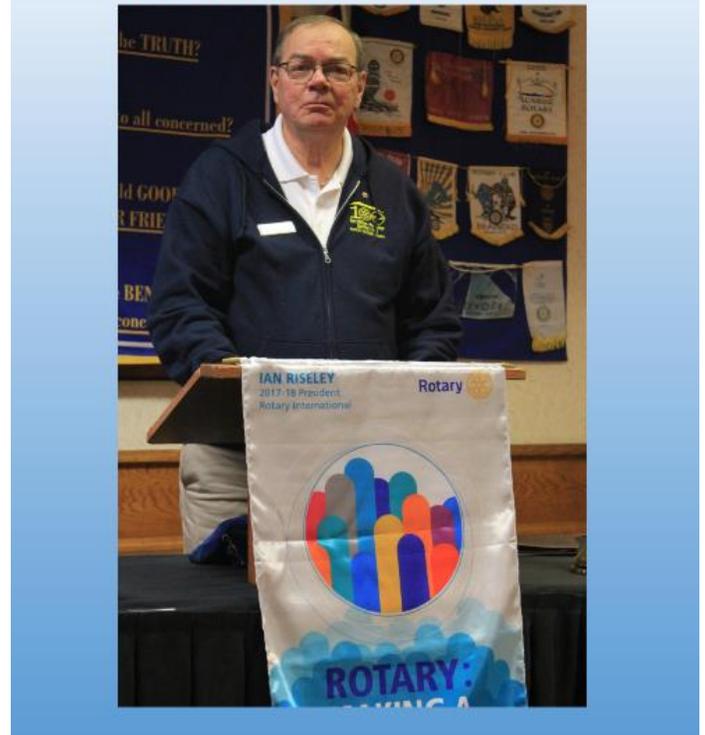
<http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto>

In partnership with Rotary International, the Host Organizing Committee invites you to gather 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.



SAVE THE DATE...FOR OUR ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S BBQ

PRESIDENT'S BBQ—JUNE 21
6:00 P.M.—VALHALLA INN
VIKING ROOM & COURTYARD



Here's an invitation from Rotarian Kevin Holloway...

I am sending this to announce a great dance opportunity. The Roy Coran Big Band is putting on a dance, billed as **Roy Coran's Swing into Spring**. This will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at the Moose Hall. Dance Lessons start at 7pm and the band begins at 8 pm for a 3 hour dance.

Tickets (\$25) are available from Music World Academy or from any band member. I have tickets and would be happy to deliver to you - just email, text or call me with your order. Thanks

Hope to see you there.

Kevin Holloway
767-6915 (home)
628-2818 (cell/text)

