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2018/19 President—Brian Brescia



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A full house today for our first meeting in September

A beautiful late summer morning for our meeting with 22 Lakehead Rotarians on hand; President Brian at the podium; visiting Rotarian and prospective new member for our Club Don MacDonald [Winnipeg Rotary Club]; and our special guest Brian Edwards.

ON THE DOOR IN 2017/18:

Graham was on the door today. 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	Shirley DeWilde	FEBRUARY	
SEPTEMBER	4 Amigos	MARCH	
OCTOBER		APRIL	MS Society
NOVEMBER	Clint Kuschak/TBAG	MAY	Salvation Army
DECEMBER	N.O.S.M.	JUNE	5 Star Rotarians

OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH!

Four Amigos
Rotary

Richard Kehrig, Graham Stewart, Wayne Robinson & Roy Lucas

Graham was the first amigo to use the sponsor's moment to note that he came to Thunder Bay 30 years ago. He is amazed by all the things that have changed over that time...mostly positive. He praised the community's growth and achievements noting that our City was among the first to restrict smoking in public places. He is very proud to be a citizen of Thunder Bay.

OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY Celebrating birthdays this month



Celebrating anniversaries this month
ALLAN & LORI-ANN KOZLO
ROY & JANE LUCAS
KARL & EVIE RATZ

CLUB CALENDAR

- SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH**
- SEP 13 BETTINA JACOBSON – EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING
 - SEP 20 CLUB BUSINESS MEETING – OFFSITE @ BAY VILLAGE COFFEE
 - 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 - MEMBERSHIP

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



PRESENTATION:

Our special guest today was Brian Edwards who talked about the Red Nose Campaign delivered by St. John Ambulance.



Born in Timmins, Ontario, Brian moved to Thunder Bay in the early 80s where he remained until graduating from LU in 2002. After earning his BA in Psychology he immediately began a 3-year journey as a Mental Health Counsellor with the James Bay Community Mental Health Program in Moosonee, Ontario and also served on the Crisis Response Team. He eventually moved back to Thunder Bay, settling into a small country home in Lappe in 2008, where he lives today. He is now working for St. John Ambulance as Fund Development and Volunteer Co-ordinator. A main responsibility is the recruitment and retention of volunteers for their different service units including the Therapy Dog Unit, Car Seat Safety Team, Medical First Response Unit and Youth Cadet Program. He is also responsible for seeking volunteers for major fundraising opportunities such the Operation Red Nose Campaign. Brian is an avid fisherman, hunter and volunteer firefighter and first responder with the Lappe Fire Department. He is also a new parent to a puppy named Eleanor.

Operation Red Nose encourages responsible behavior (in a non-judgmental manner) with regard to impaired driving by enabling communities to provide a free and confidential chauffeur service to their members, the financial benefits of which are redistributed to local organizations dedicated to youth.

HISTORY

In 1984, Jean-Marie De Koninck was a mathematics professor (he still is today) and, in his free time, the head coach of the swim club at Laval University. Wanting to provide bursaries for student athletes, he was looking for an original way to raise funds for his team. One day, at the end of September 1984, as he was driving, he was listening to a radio show about the serious problems caused by impaired driving. At the time, statistics showed that more than 50 % of fatal crashes were caused by motorists who had consumed alcohol.

Next, a bartender came on to talk about a disturbing trend he'd noticed at the bar where he worked. At closing time, many customers didn't want to leave their vehicle behind and take a cab home not because the cab fare was too expensive, but because every good Quebecker likes to have his car in his driveway and have access to it at all times. That's when De Koninck came up with an idea: he'd get his 25 swimmers to offer motorists who had had a few drinks to drive them home in their own vehicle. With the collaboration of the Quebec City municipal police and CHRC radio station, the very first Operation Red Nose campaign was thus launched from December 13th to the 23rd, 1984.

Needless to say, that first campaign was a success, and the Operation Red Nose campaign has been held during every holiday season since 1984. From a mere fundraising idea, De Koninck has developed a road safety campaign which benefits the population all year long.

**NEED A RIDE HOME
CALL 683-NOSE (6673)**

Service Dates
November 24, 25, and 30
December 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30

Operation Red Nose is a free service but donations are gratefully accepted! All funds raised from Operation Red Nose Thunder Bay goes to support your local St. John Ambulance community service programs.

ROAD TEAMS

You could be part of a three-member team that picks up clients who call the service for a ride. The team drives to the pick-up location in an escort car. One team member (Designated Driver), accompanied by a second team member (Navigator) for safety reasons, drives the client and any passengers to the destination of their choice, in the client's car. The third team member (Escort Driver) follows in the escort car and, at the end of the trip, takes the whole team back to the local headquarters or on to the next call.

Road Team members:

- **Escort Driver** (Driver's Licence required, Minimum age requirement is 21 years)
- **Designated Driver** (Driver's Licence required, Minimum age requirement is 21 years)
- **Navigator** (Driver's Licence NOT required, Minimum age requirement is 19 years)

Headquarters:

- **Telephone Operator** (Driver's Licence NOT required, Minimum age requirement is 19 years)
- **Dispatch Operator** (Driver's Licence NOT required, Minimum age requirement is 19 years)

Rudy Duty:

- **Mascot Duty** (Driver's Licence NOT required, Minimum age requirement is 19 years)

FELLOWSHIP FINES:

Audrey took a turn on the cup opening with tribute from President Brian for one of many good reasons including his keen sense of organization...an easy target today. She then turned her attention to those in the room who have never helped out with the Red Nose Campaign. Those who have not helped but would like to help the Red Nose effort this year were also invited to pay tribute. Someone in the room suggested we could take on one night of service for Red Nose and call it a Club event. She had to recognize our speaker for his remarks about "fixing" his dog though some thought he was talking about his "child". Brian happily paid this fine for this misinterpretation. Wayne was first up with his happy dollar as he is off to Italy for a week – this is his 70th birthday treat that was originally planned as his 60th birthday treat. Better late than never. Don MacDonald was happy to report on his successful move from Winnipeg to Thunder Bay – his furniture and other goods arrive today. He is also looking forward to joining our Club. Gail Kromm was happy to report that they have received loads of veggies and other food to re-supply their pantry at the S. Army. Gail Brescia was next up with her happy dollar for being welcomed to the cycling [drinking] group that Graham is a member. Allan was happy to remind us that Graham hired him long ago. Allan and Lori-Ann will be celebrating their 13th anniversary this month. Jennifer was happy to report on progress at Wilderness Discovery and to thank those who have come out to help with all the work that has been done. Donna was happy to report that the Investors Group will once again host a Comedy Night – this year's event will be at the Community Auditorium on September 15th and will feature 3 comedians. She offers us tickets if we are interested – please contact her

New Member, Lori Martineau, receives her Membership Plaque from President Brian. It was back-ordered at the printer but she has it now to display at work or home.



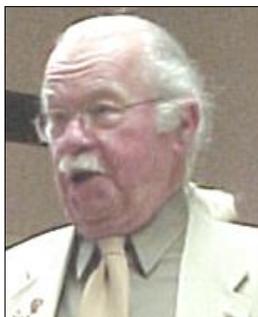
50/50:

Kathryn 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...

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

BIG HEAD TODD AND THE MONSTERS/ BIG HEAD BLUES CLUB



Big Head Todd and The Monsters is an American blues-rock band formed in Boulder Colorado in 1984 and has been active from 1986 to the present. The band also performs as The Big Head Blues Club when they add guitarists Cedric Burnside and Lightnin' Malcom and singer Ruthie Foster as well as, on a rotating basis, blues greats such as B.B. King, David Honeyboy Edwards, Hubert Sumlin and Charlie Musselwhite. The band(s) had developed a sizeable following especially in the American mountain states.

Founding members Todd Park Mohr, Brian Nevin, and Rob Squires were high school friends in Boulder, Colorado. In 1986 Mohr was a student at Colorado State University in Boulder but transferred to the University of Colorado in Fort Collins to join Nevin and Squires. There they formed Big Head Todd and The Monsters with Mohr on guitar and vocals, Nevin on bass and vocals and Squires on drums and vocals. The band found an audience in its home state of Colorado. Soon it began travelling on the U.S. West coast and the mountain states.

In 1989 they formed their own record label Big Records through which they released their first album "Another Mayberry". In 1991 they released their second album "Midnight Radio" which was a collection of live recordings. By 1993 Big Head Todd and The Monsters had developed a large live following and released "Sister Sweetly" which went platinum and spawned three songs that hit the rock charts. In 1999 blues legend John Lee Hooker played with the band on a version of his best-known song "Boom-Boom". In 2004 singer/keyboardist Jeremy Lawton joined the band.

In 2005, the band released "Blue Sky" a song that was written at the request of the crew members of the Space Shuttle Discovery and was performed as a tribute to all the people involved in the U.S. Space program. Also, the song was used as Senator Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign song, in 2008. The band performed at the Denver Broncos Super Bowl 50 Parade. In 2010 the expanded group went to the Ardent Studio in Memphis and recorded an album of all songs associated with Robert Johnson ("100 Years of Robert Johnson") who recorded only 29 songs between 1936 and 1937.

In 2016 the band toured extensively as both Big Head Todd and The Monsters and Big Head Blues Club, performing at major venues like Memphis' Beale Street Music Festival and The Portland Waterfront Blues Fest. Watch and Listen to Big Head Todd and the Monsters and Big Head Blues Club at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXo-ACXBSp8>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZyT5lugA0A>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Umavm7bAIOU>

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
BETTINA JACOBSON – EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING