

 **Rotary**   
**Lakehead Rotary Chronicle**

April 6, 2017



Our newest member Rev. Jonathan Blanchard shares some of his story

A fine spring morning for our first meeting in March with 19 Lakehead Rotarians on hand plus our prospective new members Kady Stachiw and Paige Martin; visiting Rotarian Clifford Mushquash [Sioux Lookout Rotary Club]; and our special guest and newest Lakehead Rotarian, The Rev. Jonathan Blanchard, with his classification talk.

**ON THE DOOR IN 2016/17:**

Wayne was on the desk this morning and for the month with Karl Ratz on deck for the month of May. See below our 2016/17 line-up. Thank you Rotarians for your service to our Club. The sign-up sheet for 2016/17 is available now so pick a month and sign on to help your Club.

JULY	Clint Kuschak	JANUARY	Gail Brescia
AUGUST	Mo Papich	FEBRUARY	open
SEPTEMBER	Graham Stewart	MARCH	Mo Papich
OCTOBER	Michel Caza	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>Wayne Robinson</b>
NOVEMBER	Wayne Robinson	MAY	Karl Ratz
DECEMBER	Volker Kromm	JUNE	

**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	NOSM	JANUARY	open
AUGUST	Blair Schoales	FEBRUARY	Beaux Daddy's
SEPTEMBER	Sunset Memorial	MARCH	RFDA – Volker
OCTOBER	Ken Boshcoff	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>Sandy Lychowyd</b>
NOVEMBER	Shelter House	MAY	Salvation Army
DECEMBER	Investors Group	JUNE	Star Rotarians

**OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH  
MS SOCIETY – THUNDER BAY**

Thank you Rotarian Sandy Lychowyd

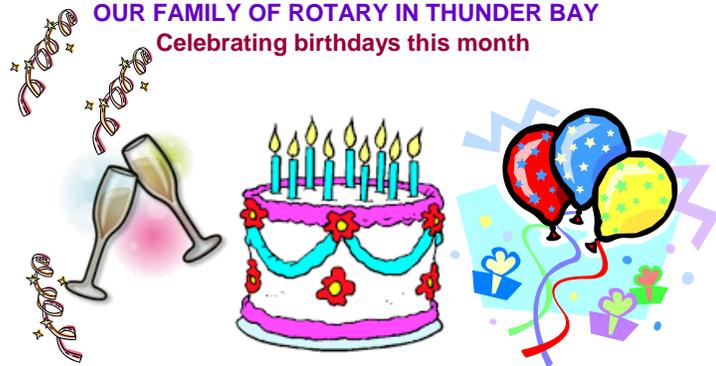



**Rotarian Sandy Lychowyd**

Sandy used her sponsor moment today to remind us that MS continues to affect more lives each year and Canada reports more cases than anywhere in the world. We have 1000 MS patients in our Thunder Bay area and each year, more clients are confirmed. The MS Society – Thunder Bay does not receive any government funding to provide support and services and must rely on the goodwill and donations of local individuals and organizations. May is MS month and there is significant focus on the programs and services of the MS Society as the call goes out for help and donations.

**OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY**

**Celebrating birthdays this month**



**Celebrating anniversaries this month  
GAIL & BRIAN BRESCIA**

**CLUB CALENDAR:**

**APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

- APR 8 PETS – DULUTH**
- APR 13 KELLY ROONEY – CNIB**
- APR 20 BUSINESS MEETING**
- APR 27 WAYNE ROBINSON**
- A LONG TIME AGO IN A FARAWAY LAND**
- APR 27 – 29 DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE – TOWER, MN**

**MAY IS YOUTH SERVICES MONTH**

- MAY 2 BOARD MEETING**
- MAY 4 MEETING CANCELLED**
- MAY 5 SHRIMP FEST – RFDA**

**MAY 8 LAKEHEAD ROTARY'S 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**MAY 11 GAIL BRESCIA – N.O.S.M. REPORT**  
**MAY 15 VICTORIA DAY**  
**MAY 18 BUSINESS MEETING**  
**MAY 25 OPEN**

**JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH**

**JUN 6 BOARD MEETING**  
**JUN 8 OPEN**  
**JUN 10 – 14 ROTARY CONVENTION – ATLANTA, GA**  
**JUN 15 OPEN**  
**JUN 22 MEETING CANCELLED**  
**JUN 22 CANADA CLUB MEETING**  
**JUN 22 PRESIDENT'S BBQ – VIKING ROOM**  
**JUN 29 BUSINESS MEETING – FINAL 16/17 MEETING**

**PRESENTATION:**

Our special guest today was our newest member Rev. Jonathan Blanchard with his classification talk. Jonathan was born in Pakistan while his parents were in the country. As a young child, Jonathan became quite ill and suffered frequent seizures. He firmly believes that God healed him on Halloween. As he grew in good health, he was deciding whether he would become an author or priest [member of the clergy] when he grew up. We know the answer to that question. He had a tough time in seminary but made it through, thanks in part to encouragement from his family. He has served in ordained ministry for 20 years now and has been to many places and has met many different people. In those 20 years, he has observed many changes in the church and acknowledges that congregations are dwindling steadily. There are fewer people attending church services and events in church and many churches have closed. The days of "hatch, match and dispatch" – births, marriages, and funerals – using the church to celebrate these major life events is passing away. Despite this decrease in church service attendance, Rev. Jonathan feels that faith is still relevant and people will continue to find new ways to express their faith and celebrate life's events together. He is honoured to be able to share his faith and positive outlook with others and we are honoured to welcome him to the family of Rotary and our Club. He closed his talk today with words of praise for his parents who will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in May.

**THE ROTARY CONVENTION 2017:**



Join thousands of Rotarians at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA - June 10 – 14, 2017. The celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100th Anniversary promises to be an unforgettable experience.

**50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:**

Clifford Mushquash was our winner today and his winnings will be added to the funds going to the Rotary Foundation in June.

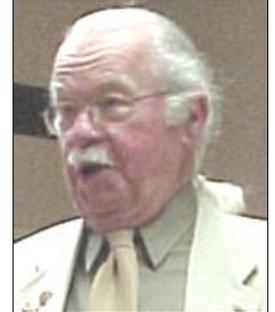
**FINES:**

Richard worked the cup today with tribute from President Chris for his late arrival this morning. Rev. Jonathan Blanchard was born in Pakistan and to honour his birth, all those who have been to Pakistan were spared the call for tribute. Audrey was happy to hear Jonathan's story today...and wondered if anyone remembered that she will be on vacation in two weeks. Wayne was very happy to report news of the birth of twin grandchildren...born just three days

ago. He was also happy to report that his son is in the U.K. for a new job. Chris shared his sad dollar to acknowledge that Beaux's Place at Intercity will be closing soon. Sandy wrapped up this round with her happy dollar to report that Rotarian Liisa Leskowski hopes to make it out to an occasional meeting with some help from caregivers and friends. She would also like to make it out to some of our events such as our Shrimpfest on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**BILL'S STUFF...**

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



**THE STRUMBELLAS**



The Strumbellas is a Canadian rock band that plays roots music, alternative country rock and indie rock, conceived in Lindsay Ontario, born in Toronto, and that has been active from 2008 to the present. (Indie rock is a genre of alternative rock that originated in the U.S.A. and the UK in 1980 that comes from an outside or underground perspective.) The band consists of songwriter Simon Ward (vocals and acoustic guitar), David Ritter (keyboards and vocals), John Hembrey (lead guitar), Isabel Ritchie (violin), Darryl James (bass guitar) and Jeremy Drury (drums). Ward, Drury, James and Hembrey are all original members from Lindsay, while Ritchie and Ritter responded to a Craigslist post from Ward.

In 2009, the band released its first EP "The Strumbellas" that received positive reviews and accolades from many media outlets as "the band to watch" (an EP is a recording that is cheaper and less time-consuming to produce and has fewer tracks than a full album). After this release, The Strumbellas religiously slugged it out in the Toronto and Southern Ontario areas. For a year they helped to build their sound by residencies at Toronto's Horseshoe Tavern, Cameron House, Yonge-Dundas Square, and appearances at festivals like the Peterborough Folk Festival. It can be difficult for an indie rock group to break through in Canada as there is no nation-wide rock station although rock bands get some exposure from outlets such as MUCH MUSIC and CBC RADIO. Most largely rely on audiences city by city- this is exactly what The Strumbellas did.

In 2012 they went into the Metalworks Studio in Mississauga to record their full length debut album "My Father and The Hunter" which was released independently. In 2013 the album was nominated for a Juno award for Roots and Traditional Album of the Year-Group Category. Also in 2013 the group signed with Six

Shooter Records and released their second album, "We Still Move on Dance Floors". In 2014, they won a Juno award for Roots and Traditional Album of the Year-Group Category. On April 23, 2016, the band released their third studio album "Hope", the first track from the album "Spirits" topped the Billboard alternative song charts the last two weeks of May. The album received considerable mainstream air play in Canada and some European countries. On April 1, 2017, the song "Spirits" won them a Juno Award for Best Single of the Year.

On April 21, 2016 the band was a featured performer on Stephen Colbert's "The Late Show". In the summer of 2016, the band embarked on an international tour to Europe, Australia (The Byron Bay Blues Festival in Byron Bay, New South Wales), Italy, and major U.S. cities such as Boston, Los Angeles, San Diego, Memphis, Milwaukee, and many others. Watch and listen to The Strumbellas at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqDfscH3TQQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVC9GXHp68o>

<https://www.youtube.com/WATACH?v=F9kXstb9FF4>  
(SPIRITS—the 2017 JUNO Award song)

**NEXT MEETING:**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017**  
**KELLY ROONEY – C.N.I.B.**

Rotary  Thunder Bay Rotarians Present

# Shrimpfest 2017



**Friday, May 5, 2017**  
**\$50 per person**

Symposium at 6:00 pm / Dinner at 7:00pm  
at the RFDA—Regional Food Distribution Association  
570 Syndicate Avenue South

Dinner includes 1 lb ready-to-eat Gulf shrimp, salads, sides and dessert  
...all prepared and served by the Valhalla Inn  
Fellowship and a great silent auction

Proceeds support local charitable organizations

Ticket Order Form at:  
[www.lakeheadrotary.com](http://www.lakeheadrotary.com)



The family of Rotary in Thunder Bay celebrates its many achievements and contributions to our community and our world in its Centennial Year