

# Lakehead Rotary Club—Thunder Bay

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# Rotary



2018/19 President—Brian Brescia



# Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

April 4, 2019



As the sun was rising over Thunder Bay, 19 Rotarians and 1 guest made their way to the Valhalla to begin our morning meeting. Our guest was Port Arthur Rotarian and special speaker Michael Nitz.

As neither President Brian Brescia nor President Elect Clifford Mushquash was able to attend the meeting, our next in line President, Sandy Lychowyd chaired the meeting.

### ON THE DOOR IN 2018/19:

A big shout out to Karl Ratz for his work on the door this morning.

We still have opportunities for you to volunteer to provide door services for the club. If you are able, please let Clint know which month works for you.

JANUARY	Mo Papich	JULY
FEBRUARY	Karl Ratz	AUGUST
MARCH	Karl Ratz	SEPTEMBER
APRIL	Karl Ratz	OCTOBER
MAY		NOVEMBER
JUNE	Gail Brescia	DECEMBER

### 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 list for this for this Rotary year:

JANUARY	Scouts Canada - Don MacDonald
FEBRUARY	Thunder Bay Art Gallery - Clint Kuschak
MARCH	RFDA (Regional Food Distribution Association) - Volker Kromm
APRIL	Salvation Army – Gail Kromm
MAY	MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Society – Sandy Lychowyd
JUNE	5 Star Rotarians

These months are still available

- JULY
- AUGUST
- SEPTEMBER
- OCTOBER
- NOVEMBER
- DECEMBER

## OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH!

SALVATION ARMY  
Rotarian Gail Kromm

Giving  
Hope  
Today

Our sponsor for the month of April is Gail Kromm with The Salvation Army.

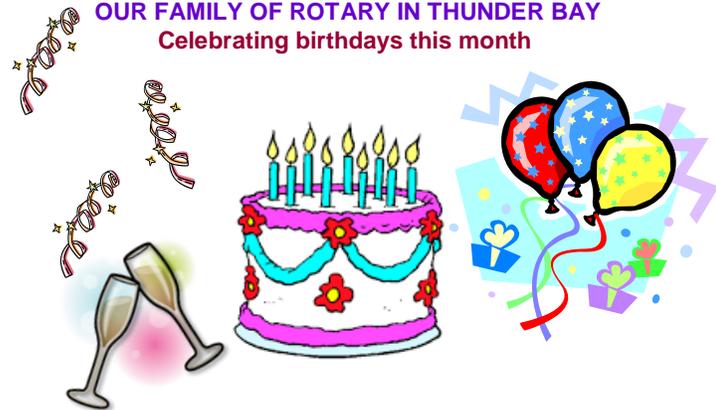
This week, Gail informed us of their premier fundraising event of the spring. The Journey to Life Dinner will be held April 30, 2019 at the Valhalla Inn. Tickets are \$50.

*"This fundraising event hosted by Lisa Laco includes a "Step into my Shoes" reception along with a delicious dinner, and silent auction. A film presentation will be made sharing how The Salvation Army helps those we serve to move forward on their journey". Major Lori Mitchell will also share some words with their guests.*

*"Come learn about those we serve and how you can share in their journey."*

For more information visit The Salvation Army at <https://satbcars.com/> or their Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/thunderbaysalvationarmy>

## OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY Celebrating birthdays this month



### Celebrating Rotary anniversaries this month

- Paige Martin – 2 years
- Gail Kromm – 7 years
- Volker Kromm – 7 years
- Don Morrison – 27 years

## CLUB CALENDAR

*April is Maternal and Child Health Month*

*Did you know that “an estimated 5.9 million children under the age of 5 die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care and poor sanitation – all of which can be prevented”?*

*“Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.”*

To find out more, go to

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/saving-mothers-and-children>

APR 1            **Membership Dues Invoices 2019/2020 arrive**  
APR 4            **Michael Nitz - BDC**  
APR 6            **LEAD (President Elect Training)**  
APR 11          **Bailey Whitefield – Miracle Ear**  
APR 17          **Club Board Meeting**  
APR 18          **Club Business Meeting**  
APR 18          **Canada Club Meeting**  
APR 19          **Good Friday**  
APR 21          **Easter Sunday**  
APR 22          **Easter Monday**  
APR 25          **Louisa Costanzo– Special Olympics 2020**  
Apr 25 – 27    **District Conference – Minot**  
<https://rotary5580.org/50019/Page/Show?ClassCode=Page&Slug=district-conference-2019-minot-nd>

*May is Youth Service Month*

MAY 2           **Jordan - Naturalist**  
MAY 8           **Lakehead Rotary’s 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
MAY 9           **Open**  
May 12          **Mother’s Day**  
MAY 15          **Club Board Meeting**  
MAY 16          **Club Business Meeting**  
MAY 23          **open**  
MAY 24          **Shrimp Fest**  
May 27          **Victoria Day**  
May 30          **Open**

## PRESENTATION



Our guest speaker, Michael Nitz, didn’t really require a formal introduction. Most of us have seen him around from time to time. He is an active member of the Port Arthur Rotary Club and supports many events in the community. Michael is the manager of the Business Centre, Ontario North, BDC.

After giving us a brief history of the Business Development Bank, Michael asked us what we knew about the BDC. BDC is a Crown Corporation dedicated to entrepreneurs. The BDC is in the business of lending money. They work with the mainstream banks to help make new and existing companies financially sustainable.

What we didn’t know was that BDC spends a lot of their efforts in advisory services to industries all across Canada. BDC is profitable, at no cost to the Canadian taxpayer. They have one shareholder – the Government of Canada.

BDC provides advisory services in 3 main areas: Increasing Revenues, Decreasing Costs, and Managing Business. BDC helps small businesses with strategic planning, financial and performance management and coaching. They also help larger businesses with market planning, lead generation and sales strategy. They will even help Canadian companies with international expansion and export. They do all of this at 40% of cost to the entrepreneur. They are able to do this by performing a thorough prospect assessment. They are different from traditional lenders. They offer longer repayment cycles, repayments matched to cash flow, terms and conditions that remain throughout the period. They have a higher risk tolerance, and personal assets are not taken as collateral for a loan. You can even go on line to apply for a small business loan and get approval within 5 business days.

One of the things that BDC is very proud of is their B Corp certification. BDC was the first financial institution in Canada to receive the Beneficial Corporation certification and the 100<sup>th</sup>

Canadian company to join the B Corp community. B Corps are companies that benefit society rather than concentrating on profits.

One example of this is their initiative to boost growth for women entrepreneurs. They also have a dedicated department specially designed for Indigenous entrepreneurs.

BDC acts as your partner in your business.

#### **FELLOWSHIP FINES:**

Fine master Audrey was able to extract \$33 from the crowd today. President stand-in Sandy was fined for standing it, and doing such a good job of it. It was noted that Michael mentioned that the BDC went fished of a different kind of fish, or more fish, but they were definitely doing some fishing. Anyone in the audience who enjoyed going fishing was fined. For those who didn't go fishing, anyone who enjoyed eating fish was also fined.

#### **HAPPY BUCKS:**

Clint for sourcing shrimp in NW Ontario in the future  
Volker for spending time with his family, but more so for meeting so many wonderful Canadians of various ethnicities. He challenged everyone to take the time to meet some of these new-comers to Canada.

Michael for meeting with the Thunder Bay clubs and planning to do more great work together in the future.

Shirley for a week in Arizona on invitation from a client.

Alan for a wonderful time in Portugal and Mia being accepted in an exchange program.

#### **CLUB SOCIAL:**

The mini bonspiel is a go! Bill asked everyone to meet at Curling Club this Saturday (April 6) around 6:30 p.m. Teams will be determined at that time. Bring your registration and prepare to have fun.

#### **50/50:**

Graham was our happy winner today and his share will be assembled with other weekly donations and forwarded to the Rotary Foundation in July.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11  
VALHALLA INN**

Remember to invite all your friends to Shrimpfest 2019. We will be offering "wild-caught" shrimp.

**Rotary**  **Thunder Bay Rotarians Present**

# *Shrimpfest 2019*



**Friday, May 24, 2019**  
**\$60 per person**  
**Symposium at 6:00 pm / Dinner at 7:00pm**  
**SCANDIA ROOM—VALHALLA INN**

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

**Proceeds support local charitable organizations**

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

BE THE INSPIRATION



**Foundation Minute for the Week of April 1, 2019:**

Submitted by Corliss Klaassen, Zone 28 & 29 Foundation

In Eastern Ukraine, thousands have died and millions have been displaced by the fighting between pro-Russian rebels and the Ukrainian military. Children, many of whom have lost a parent or sibling, are among those affected by the violence, often suffering deep emotional scars. When the conflict in Ukraine began in early 2014, Rotary members throughout Poland stepped up to help. Working with Rotary's Poland-Ukraine Intercountry Committee, (Poland, Ukraine, Sweden and Slovakia.) Rotarians began an annual two-week camp that allows kids to enjoy games, field trips, and outdoor activities while receiving support from mental health professionals. It's a peaceful place where they can begin to heal from the trauma of war.

Children who experience violence can be prone to violent behavior themselves. This camp shows them a different path.

More than 100 children have attended over the past four years. At first, some endure sleepless nights or nightmares. A few withdraw and emotionally shut down. But over the two weeks, many relax, learn coping strategies, build connections to others with similar experiences and, perhaps most important, rediscover how to be kids again.

Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation enables this to happen. Thank you.