



Lakehead Rotary Chronicle



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Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux shared some of her personal experiences and commented on aspects of Truth and Reconciliation

A crisp late summer morning for our meeting with 21 Lakehead Rotarians; regular visiting Rotarian Walter Hardie [Hamilton A.M. Club]; Wayne's guests Gail and Brock Marshall; and our special guest Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, Chair on Truth and Reconciliation at Lakehead University. The Valhalla Inn was very busy today so we enjoyed fellowship and breakfast in Runway 25. Those of us who were there early got to see the monster Antonov plane take off...heading west into the wind. The air is different now that fall approaches. Your Chronicler had to turn on the warm defrost to drive here and turned back to A/C for the return home after the meeting. Kathryn had to scrape her windows out on Pole Line Road this morning. It's that time of year.

ON THE DOOR IN 2016/17:

Karl was on the desk today and for all of the meetings in the month of August with Graham on deck for September. 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 your Club.

JULY	Clint Kuschak	JANUARY	Clifford Mushquash
AUGUST	Karl Ratz	FEBRUARY	open
SEPTEMBER	Graham Stewart	MARCH	open
OCTOBER	open	APRIL	open
NOVEMBER	open	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	Graham's Group	MARCH	RFDA/Volker
OCTOBER	Nexus/Audrey	APRIL	MS Society/Sandy
NOVEMBER	NOSM/Gail	MAY	Salvation Army/Gail
DECEMBER	open	JUNE	5 Star Rotarians

TODAY'S ROTARY MOMENT:

President Wayne introduced a new element for our weekly meetings – a “Rotary Moment” – for members to reflect on why they became a Rotarian, what expectations they had at the time they joined our Club and any new expectations they have now, and what they get out of being a Rotarian.

It was Clint's turn today to share his Rotary Moment. He became a Rotarian in October 1998 while he was on the job as the Community Auditorium's General Manager. He was invited to join Lakehead Rotary by his friend Sandy Lychowyd. He was looking to the future and eventual retirement and the opportunity to work with others in a volunteer capacity. He wanted to be able to have an outlet to use many of the skills he acquired through his working years. Rotary was a good choice but Lakehead's early morning meetings were a challenge at first...and for a few years considering the very long and late hours as GM for the Community Auditorium. After a few years, he would be getting up on Thursdays [and most days] around 5 am without the benefit of an alarm clock. Networking was part of his reason for joining and still is to be able to work on Lakehead Rotary's projects and fundraising events. He is a big fan and financial supporter of the Rotary Foundation and praises the success of the PolioPlus program as an example of what a large group of like-minded volunteers can do in the world.

OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH




Rotarian Ken Boshcoff

Our sponsor this month is the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra. Thank you Rotarian Ken Boshcoff. Check out the TBSO website for all you need to know about the Orchestra and the concerts and events in their new season.

www.tbso.ca

NEW BEGINNINGS

OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY
Celebrating birthdays this month
KARL RATZ



Celebrating anniversaries this month
CLINT & BARBARA KUSCHAK
DON & BETSY MORRISON

CLUB CALENDAR:

AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

AUG 25 – 27 RIBFEST – WATERFRONT DISTRICT

AUG 31 RICHARD TOGMAN
NEW DIRECTIONS SPEAKER'S SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

- SEP 1 – 10 WORLD BASEBALL U-18 TOURNAMENT**
- SEP 3 LOON LAKE PICNIC – JANE & ROY LUCAS**
- SEP 4 LABOUR DAY**
- SEP 7 MAC SQUIRES – DYNAMIC FOREST**
- SEP 9 SHELTER HOUSE FOOD DRIVE - METRO**
- SEP 14 RYLA "CAMPERS" KELSEY DOUGLAS & MARIA PIOVESANA**
- SEP 15 – 16 SAVOUR SUPERIOR – CLE COLISEUM**
- SEP 17 TERRY FOX RUN – BOULEVARD LAKE**
- SEP 19 BOARD MEETING**
- SEP 21 BUSINESS MEETING & TRAVIS BATTING**
- SEP 21 INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY**
- SEP 23 PEACE DAY CELEBRATION – MARINA**
- SEP 23/24 THUNDERCON – VALHALLA INN**
- SEP 28 LYNDA LAHTENMAA/HOGARTH HT PROGRAM**

OCTOBER IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

- OCT 5 GOVERNOR DEBRA WARNER – CLUB VISIT**
- OCT 9 THANKSGIVING**
- OCT 12 OPEN**
- OCT 17 BOARD MEETING**
- OCT 19 BUSINESS MEETING**
- OCT 25 SHELTER HOUSE MEAL**
- OCT 26 OPEN**
- OCT 31 HALLOWEEN**

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

- NOV 2 OPEN**
- NOV 9 OPEN**
- NOV 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY**
- NOV 14 BOARD MEETING**
- NOV 16 OPEN**
- NOV 18 ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARADE**
- NOV 21 BOARD MEETING**
- NOV 23 BUSINESS MEETING**
- NOV 30 OPEN**

PRESENTATION:

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux is the former Vice Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) at Lakehead University. Effective September 16th she is serving as the 1st Indigenous Chair on Truth and Reconciliation on behalf of Lakehead University, Thunder Bay and Orillia. She also serves as an adjunct asst. Professor for the Faculty of Anthropology and Research Affiliate of the Centre for Health Care Ethics. Her research and academic writing is directed towards understanding the continuing transmission of unresolved intergenerational trauma and grief primarily within the Indigenous

community of Canada. Cynthia is a Board Member for Healthy Minds Canada and the newly formed Teach for Canada Non-Profit. She also sits as a member of the Governing Council of the National Research Centre at the University of Manitoba, and has recently been inducted as a Honourary Witness by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

Interested in environmental and humanitarian causes she is actively engaged in a variety of initiatives across Canada and is an active and engaging media representative. Cynthia is a member of the Chippewa of Georgina Island First Nation in Lake Simcoe, Ontario and has dedicated her life to building bridges of understanding between people. She sees endless merit in bringing people from diverse cultures, ages, and backgrounds together to engage in practical dialogue and applied research initiatives, and is deeply committed to public education and active youth engagement.

Cynthia co-founded and chairs a youth project out of the University of Toronto, the University of Saskatchewan and Lakehead University. More information on the Canadian Roots Exchange can be found at: www.canadianroots.ca.

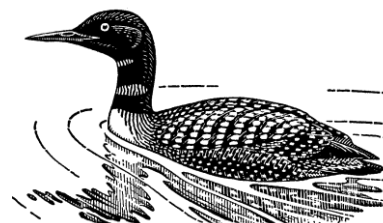
Cynthia's parents were both in the residential school program and the effects were different for each of them and how they were with their children. Cynthia dropped out of school at the age of 16 and later moved to Palm Springs, California. People took an interest in her and she eventually graduated from the Palm Springs High School. She attended university there but moved to Toronto where she finished her degree at the University of Toronto. She completed her Masters soon after that. In her doctoral studies, she tracked the impact on First Nations people right back to first contact and the effect of diseases like the Bubonic Plague and various wars. The Residential Schools were also part of her studies but this was a more recent development.

Cynthia believes in the importance of education for First Nations youth. While it is important to understand the effect of Residential Schools and to talk about reconciliation, it is very important to provide access and the necessary resources for the education of all youth in Canada.

She noted that the City recently received a grade of C+ for its progress so far on the recommendations that came out of the First Nations Youth Inquest last June. The Thunder Bay Police fared a little better with a grade of B+. She noted that the College and Lakehead University were not graded but should have been part of this. She feels that we are doing better as a community but more must be done. Youth don't feel safe here and we have to do more to make the community safe and welcoming. It is sad and upsetting to hear that students from remote communities who are dealing with a different culture and large city have to also contend with verbal attacks and threats as well as things like full pop cans and eggs being thrown at them from passing cars. Groups of people including service clubs could play a part in changing things. Even at the individual level we could do our part by being kind and welcoming. It starts with simple things like a smile. Perhaps our Club could engage indigenous youth in our programs or host events that help to welcome them to our community. Lots for us all to think about.

PICNIC POT LUCK AT LOON LAKE:

Jane and Roy Lucas once again offer their summer home at Loon Lake for fellowship and good food in the great outdoors. The date this year is Sunday, September 3rd starting around 3 pm. Their place is at 504 East Loon Lake Road. This is a pot luck affair and members are invited to contribute something for the feast.



**U-18 WORLD CUP BASEBALL
SEPTEMBER 1 – 10**



<http://www.thunderbay2017.com/tournament>

TERRY FOX RUN:

The 37th annual TERRY FOX RUN takes place around the world on Sunday, September 17th and Terry's many friends and supporters will gather in Thunder Bay by St. Ignatius High School to honour his legacy and continue his "Marathon of Hope". Hundreds of participants are expected and registration begins on site at 1:00 p.m. and the Run gets underway at 2:00 p.m.

Lakehead Rotarians will once again co-ordinate the Run lead by Rotarian Don Morrison. Rotary volunteers and friends will work the registration tables, provide water at stations around Boulevard Lake, and serve up Terry Fox Run Certificates and Stickers at the end of the Run as well as refreshments for the "runners". All ages participate in the Run including babes in strollers, cyclists, roller-blade skaters, first-time joggers, and experienced marathoners. It's a non-competitive event and everyone completes the course at their own pace.

Lakehead Rotary is honoured to be entrusted with the co-ordination of the annual Terry Fox Run and 100% of all donations turned in at the Run are forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation.



Here's a look at the new Terry Fox Run t-shirt this year...



Don is taking orders. See Don next week or send him a note to get your order in before they run out of certain sizes.

And now, for something completely different...



50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:

Mo was our winner today and his winnings will be sent to the Rotary Foundation in December along with all other donations and 50/50 winnings from May 25th to December.

FINES:

Richard worked the cup scoring another fine record-breaking sweep starting out with tribute from President Wayne for going into overtime today...couldn't be helped. All those who watched any part of the recent solar eclipse were next to pay tribute. Those who saw the immense Antonov plane land or leave were next up. And those who have not yet signed on to attend the Lucas Picnic at Loon Lake were next to be recognized. Bill shared a \$20 bill to celebrate wife Vicki's cancer-free 79th birthday and to also thank his drivers in the past few years – Mo Papich, Clint Kuschak, Ken Boshcoff, and Graham Stewart – who have made it possible for him to attend our weekly meetings. Volker's happy dollar was for one of his hives that will produce 60 lbs. of honey but he was also sad to report that another hive lost its queen. Shirley was happy to welcome Wayne's guests and encouraged members to also bring family and guests to meetings. Don was happy to announce that another grandchild will be coming along soon to join his happy home. Michel was happy to report that he heeded Ken's advice last week and did some catch-up work at home. Allan was happy for family time this week and to celebrate Lori-Ann's birthday today. Gail Brescia was happy to report on a new "Boobie Boogie" event in town to raise funds for her Dragons of Hope team prepare for their upcoming trip to Florence for a Dragon Boat Festival with 100 dragon boat teams made up of breast cancer survivors from around the world. The Boobie Boogie is on Saturday, September 30th at the CLE Coliseum starting at 9 pm and tickets are only \$10 per person advance or \$15 at the door. Clint was happy to be celebrating with Barbara their 46th wedding anniversary on Monday.

BILL'S STUFF...

Bill takes a break in August and he will be back in September. If you miss the weekly links to musical treats of his featured performer, you could always open a past edition of the CC [available on our Club website in the Downloads section] and go to Bill's articles.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION...IN CANADA:

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.



NEXT MEETING:

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31
RICHARD TOGMAN
NEW DIRECTIONS SPEAKER'S SCHOOL**

