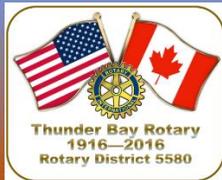


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**Rotary**



2016/17 President—Chris Davidson



# Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

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Welcome new Rotarian MIKE CAZA with his sponsor Ken Boshcoff, President Chris Davidson, and Allan Kozlo standing in for Membership Chairperson Sandy Lychowyd

A glorious late summer morning with 17 Lakehead Rotarians on hand including our newest member Mike Caza who was inducted today. Barry Ward was our visiting Rotarian from Barrie, Ontario [Rotary Club of Barrie-Kempfenfelt] and Kathryn Kempton brought her guest, husband Ralph. Our special guests were Kathryn Kempton and Gail Brescia with uplifting progress reports on their personal health and happiness.

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

Mo was on the door today and for the month of August. Here is 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	<b>Mo Papich</b>	FEBRUARY	
SEPTEMBER	Graham Stewart	MARCH	
OCTOBER		APRIL	
NOVEMBER		MAY	
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	
AUGUST	<b>Blair Schoales</b>	FEBRUARY	Beaux Daddy's
SEPTEMBER	Sunset Memorial	MARCH	RFDA – Volker
OCTOBER		APRIL	Sandy Lychowyd
NOVEMBER		MAY	Salvation Army
DECEMBER	Investors Group	JUNE	Star Rotarians

Our sponsor this month...  
**BLAIR SCHOALES MEDICINE  
PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION**  
Thank you Rotarian BLAIR SCHOALES

*Rotarian Blair Schoales*

*Blair Schoales Medicine  
Professional Corporation*

**OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY**

Celebrating birthdays this month  
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And celebrating anniversaries this month  
**CLINT & BARBARA KUSCHAK  
DON & BETSY MORRISON**

**CALENDAR – MEETINGS & EVENTS:**

- SEPTEMBER BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY**
- SEP 1 MARY ANNE COMUZZI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
- GEORGE JEFFREY CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION**
- SEP 4 PICNIC POT LUCK AT LOON LAKE**
- SEP 5 LABOUR DAY**
- SEP 6 BOARD MEETING**
- SEP 8 JIM GREENAWAY**
- SUPERIOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**
- BUSINESS MEETING**
- SEP 15 CANADA CLUB MEETING**
- SEP 15 VANDERWEES MEMORIAL MINI-GOLF EVENT**
- SEP 18 TERRY FOX RUN – BOULEVARD LAKE**
- SEP 22 KELLY FETTES – LEADERSHIP THUNDER BAY**
- SEP 29 OPEN**

**OCTOBER ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**OCT 4 BOARD MEETING**  
**OCT 6 OPEN**  
**OCT 10 THANKSGIVING**  
**OCT 13 BARRIE STREIB – THUNDER BAY SYMPHONY**  
**OCT 20 BUSINESS MEETING**  
**OCT 27 OPEN**

**NOVEMBER ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**  
**NOV 1 BOARD MEETING**  
**NOV 3 OPEN**  
**NOV 10 OPEN**  
**NOV 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
**NOV 17 BUSINESS MEETING**  
**NOV 17 CANADA CLUB MEETING**  
**NOV 19 ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARADE**  
**NOV 24 OPEN**

**PRESENTATION:**



Our special guests today were our own Gail Brescia and Kathryn Kempton with a recounting of their personal battles with breast cancer and their inspiring victories. Gail was first up to share her story that started in December '14 with a check-up and screening. She got "the call" on January 7/15 and she was immediately booked for surgery. Her chemo treatment started on May 15/15 and continued for the rest of the year. Her recent test this past May showed negative results and she is doing well. She is on a 10-year regimen of hormone replacement and is a candidate for genetic testing since her father, mother and brother have all had to deal with cancer. Her brother died earlier this year of brain cancer but her parents are survivors. Gail's year with cancer treatment was an ordeal – physically and emotionally – but with help from family and great friends she overcame and was proud to ring the bell at the Cancer Clinic to signify that she has made it.

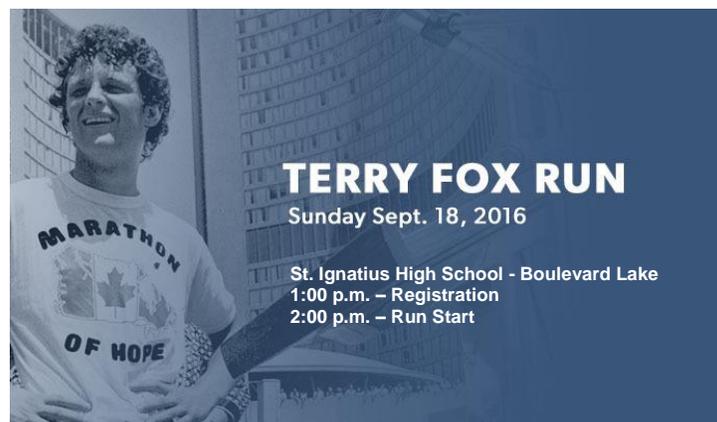
Kathryn's ordeal with breast cancer began in December '13 as she was on the mend from a devastating brain aneurism. That was its own ordeal which she shared with us after recovering and adjusting to the lasting effects of that crisis. Her chemo for cancer started in January '14 and she had radiation treatments starting in the fall of the year. Like Gail, she expressed admiration for the great care provided by the local Cancer Clinic and its health professionals. Both of them praised the support of family and friends along the way and felt that their own positive attitudes were instrumental in handling the long periods of treatment and their ultimate success. Kathryn summed this up with a saying that she lived with through her ordeal... "look at life through the windshield, not the rear view mirror".

We are proud to know Gail and Kathryn and to have them in our family of Rotary in Thunder Bay and we wish them both health and happiness.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

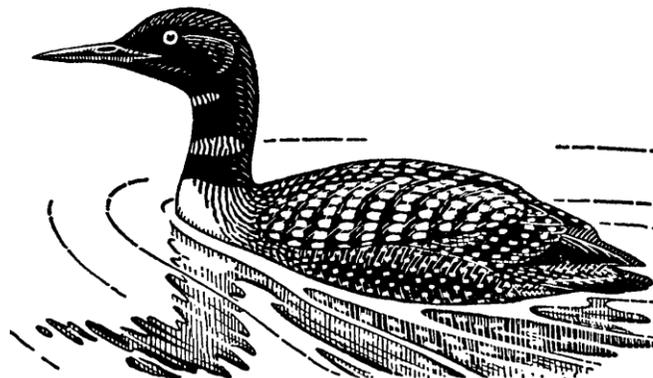
**TERRY FOX RUN:**

Don Morrison, our Fox Run Leader, circulated the sign-up sheet for volunteers for this year's Run on Sunday, September 18. Many members signed on to help and more will be needed for the registration desk. Don has posters and pledge forms and will be bringing lawn signs to next week's meeting for our members to use at work or home. He also has a limited supply of this year's Fox Run t-shirt. The cost is \$20 and please see Don soon if you want to have a shirt as they usually sell out quickly.



**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 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 3 pm. Their place is at 504 East Loon Lake Road. Directions were emailed to all members. This is a pot luck affair and members are invited to contribute something for the feast. The sign-up sheet made the rounds. Best to contact Roy to confirm your attendance and to discuss an item you could bring. It's good to bring lawn chairs too and Roy says the lake is warm so swimming is in order.



### **50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:**

Shirley was the lucky winner of today's 50/50 draw and her \$9 will be off to the Rotary Foundation later this year along with donations and 50/50 winnings gathered over the first half of our Rotary Year.

### **FINES:**

Allan worked the cup today opening up with a nudge to anyone who has opened a new business lately...congratulations President Chris on the opening of your new expansion into the Intercity Shopping Centre. With a pop quiz on the recently-ended Summer Olympics, Allan asked if we knew the number of times the Canadian anthem was played at the event – that would be 4 for the gold medals won by Canadian athletes. 22 medals were won in total by Canadians. Any in the room who did not watch at least one televised Olympic event were next to be recognized. Those planning to attend the Rib Fest this weekend were next up followed by all those going on trips soon. Gail Brescia will be soon heading to the Tuscany area of Italy soon with Brian. Richard will be on a nervous trip to the Toronto area with his son who will be in his first year at York University. Allan will be doing likewise next week with Lori Ann as they take Maya to Ottawa for her first year at U of Ottawa. Wayne's unique trip involves some friends who will be heading east to pick up 3 RVs on their way to a vacation at Gros Morne National Park in Newfoundland. Those planning on attending the Pot Luck Picnic at the Loon Lake home of Jane and Roy Lucas were next up. Gail Brescia is heading to Superior, Wisconsin to be part of the Dragon Boat Festival in that community. She will be one of the paddlers in the Dragons of Hope boat along with many other breast cancer survivors. She had a sad dollar too for her dad who fell and broke his leg. Clint and Barbara will be celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 28<sup>th</sup> and that's worth some happy dollars. Allan and Lori Ann will celebrate their 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Richard gave his happy dollar on behalf of Gail and Kathryn in thanks for their presentations today and Audrey echoed this with her happy dollar to them for touching our lives through their personal ordeals and triumph. Bill shared a similar sentiment with his happy dollar on behalf of Vicki and his son who both dealt with cancer and have prevailed. Mike had a happy dollar too as we learned that he is facing his own ordeal with cancer but is doing well and is very positive about his treatment and ultimate success.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1/16**

**MARY ANNE COMUZZI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
GEORGE JEFFREY CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION**

### **A GARDEN VIEW... A RARE SIGHTING!**

The gardens at the home of Clint and Barbara offer an oasis of plants, flowers, trees, and ponds for a host of birds and critters. Each year as the garden comes to life a few new visitors are welcomed though some visits are quite brief. Early this spring, our garden attracted a female cardinal. Cardinals are generally rare here and this is the first sighting of a female cardinal in the 40+ years we have been at 331 N. Harold Street. Many years ago, we saw a bright red male cardinal but none since. Our local "bird guy" Brian Radcliff reported in the spring that male cardinals were seen and heard in Vickers Park on the south side of town. They were likely calling for mates and our female may have been one to respond since she didn't hang around our yard for long despite the seeds and other goodies on offer. We hope she found a mate and had a successful nesting season so more cardinals will be around and maybe we will see another female or male cardinal in our gardens. Here's a photo of our springtime visitor admiring herself in a large garden mirror.

