



Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

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Photo: Clint Kuschak

A glorious mid-summer morning with 15 Lakehead Rotarians plus visiting Rotarian Walter Hardie [Hamilton A.M.] and two special guests invited by Paul Carr – Hugo Espinosa and his wife Dulce Del Angel.

ON THE DOOR IN 2019/20:

Mo was on the door today. Thank you for your service to your 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	Mo Papich	FEBRUARY	
SEPTEMBER	Carol Dagenais	MARCH	
OCTOBER	Graham Stewart	APRIL	
NOVEMBER	Paige Martin	MAY	
DECEMBER	Gail Brescia	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	n/a	JANUARY	
AUGUST	A&W – Lori	FEBRUARY	IG Wealth Mgt.
SEPTEMBER		MARCH	Salvation Army
OCTOBER	4 Amigos	APRIL	MS Society
NOVEMBER	St. Joseph's Found.	MAY	A&W - Lori
DECEMBER		JUNE	5 Star Rotarians

Rotarian Lori Martineau



A&W [Rotarian Lori Martineau] is our sponsor for meetings in August but was not able to attend today. Sandy filled in for her to acknowledge the important role that Lori and her company have played in support of the MS Society. One of the fund raising events held by A&W in town is the annual “Burger Day” – this year on Thursday, August 22nd. On that day and for every Teen Burger sold \$2 will go to help those living with MS...so let's make sure we all get to an A&W and pick up some “Teens”.



On the national scene the **Burgers to Beat MS** campaign with the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada held last year on August 25th raised a record-breaking \$1.75 million. Now about to enter its 9th year, the campaign has raised close to \$10 million, bringing Canada closer to a cure for this disease.

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



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

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW PRESENTATION

Today, we honoured Rotarians Shirley DeWilde as she received her Paul Harris Fellow certificate and pint. Foundation Committee Member Karl Ratz was pleased to read the citation for Shirley with Foundation Chairperson Georgina Voulgaris.



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The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The Fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution of \$1,000 U.S. to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. These programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations, and shelter for millions of people.

These activities are funded, implemented, and managed by Rotarians and Rotary Clubs around the globe. Rotarians may also designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace.

Shirley joins the ranks of Lakehead Rotarians who have earned their PHF or multiple PHF in recognition of their support of the great work performed by our Rotary Foundation around our world. Congratulations and thank you Shirley DeWilde.

PRESENTATION:

A program was not lined up in advance for this meeting so it was fortuitous that Paul Carr invited his special guests – Hugo Espinosa and his wife Dulce Del Angel. Hugo and his wife are visiting Thunder Bay in part to celebrate Jack McCartney's 80th birthday and to reminisce about Hugo's time in our community 33 years ago when he was hosted by Jack and Susan McCartney through Rotary's Youth Exchange Program.

Hugo gave an excellent impromptu presentation on his life and career path and how important the Youth Exchange experience was to his future.



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Hugo was born and raised in Chihuahua, Mexico. When he was 16 he came to Thunder Bay through Rotary's Youth Exchange Program and was hosted by FW Rotarian Jack McCartney and his wife Susan. He attended Fort William Collegiate. When he returned to Mexico, he completed his high school education. He went on to take the Aerospace Engineering program at Texas A & M. After two years in the program he changed to the Mechanical Engineering program. After graduation, he worked with Baker Hughes and moved up the ranks in the area of sales and worked in many countries in Central and South America as well as the southern states of the U.S. Baker Hughes is an international industrial service company and one of the world's largest oil field services companies. As of December 2018 Baker Hughes is 50.4% owned by General Electric Company. Hugo is currently a Managing Director in Mexico with Baker Hughes.

Hugo answered questions from our Members regarding the gas and oil industry in general and provided some clarification on the practice of fracking. He talked about some of the misconceptions about fracking and how the process works. Hugo has come far in his chosen field and is now looking at opportunities in Asia. We thanked Hugo and his wife Dulce for taking the time during their visit to attend our meeting and talk with our Members.

LUCAS SOCIAL – LOON LAKE:

Roy Lucas let us know that the annual sojourn at their cottage at Loon Lake will take place on Sunday, August 25th. Rotarians are invited to attend with their families and to bring an item for the potluck – an appetizer, salad or dessert. Roy and Jane will provide the main course item for the feast. President Clifford will be sending more details with a map soon.



FELLOWSHIP FINES:

Karl worked the cup today in fine form starting out with President Clifford for doing a great job at the podium today. He then noticed the few Rotary lapel pins or similar insignia were evident and nearly scored a sweep collecting tribute using this single ploy. This didn't stop him though as he then collected tribute from those who have not been to any of the countries that Hugo has worked in [not counting the U.S.] Moving to happiness, Donna commented on building a life-long friendship with an Exchange Student from Australia years ago. The YE Program certainly does that. Roy commented on the students he and Jane hosted years ago and the great experience it was. Clifford was happy to have recently attended the annual POW WOW at Pays Platt First Nation. Audrey shared her happy dollar in celebration of the great mass of Monarch butterflies in her yard. Paul Carr had an "observation dollar" noting that Clifford was not yet born when Hugo was an Exchange Student attending Fort William Collegiate. Bill was happy to have celebrated his 81st birthday and is now working on number 82. Gail shared a sad dollar on behalf of Volker who lost a good friend recently.

50/50:

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

NEXT MEETING

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8/19
LARRY BETUZZI
WSP TRANSPORTATION**