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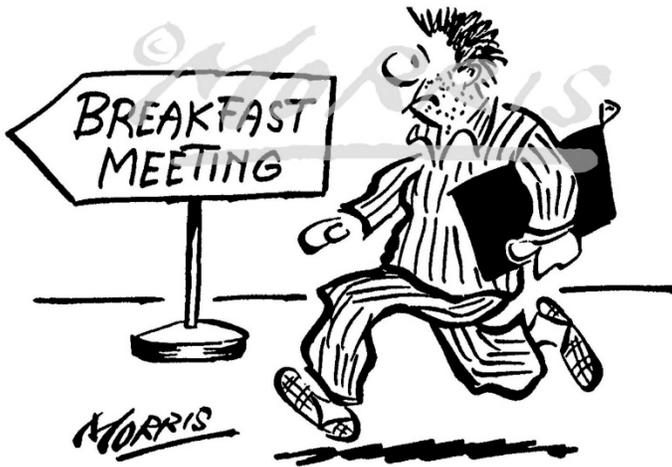


2018/19 President—Brian Brescia



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OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH!



THUNDER BAY ART GALLERY

It was still dark when we started our meeting, but 16 Rotarians found their way to the Valhalla for our monthly business meeting.

ON THE DOOR IN 2018/19:

Mo was on the door today. Thank you Mo.

We still have opportunities for you to volunteer to provide door services for the club. Let Clint know which month works for you.

JULY	Mo Papich	JANUARY	Mo Papich
AUGUST	Clifford Mushquash	FEBRUARY	
SEPTEMBER	Graham Stewart	MARCH	
OCTOBER	Richard Kehrig	APRIL	
NOVEMBER	Jennifer Kahan	MAY	
DECEMBER	Carol Dagenais	JUNE	Gail Brescia

Our sponsor for the month of February was Clint Kuschak with the Thunder Bay Art Gallery. The Gallery is starting it fundraising campaign for the new building. The goal of the public campaign is \$5million. Approximately \$3million has already been donated. The public campaign program will be rolling out May 1 with a goal of \$1million. Stay tuned for some interesting donation opportunities. The Gallery hopes to turn the sod this fall with construction completion 2 years forward. After that, the collection has to be moved. There are very specific rules for this process. Specifications are determined by the Gallery Certification Program.

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:

JULY	CEDC	JANUARY	Don/Scouts Canada
AUGUST	Shirley DeWilde	FEBRUARY	Clint/TBAG
SEPTEMBER	4 Amigos	MARCH	Volker/RFDA
OCTOBER	Shirley DeWilde	APRIL	MS Society
NOVEMBER	Lori/A&W	MAY	Salvation Army
DECEMBER	N.O.S.M.	JUNE	5 Star Rotarians

OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY

Celebrating birthdays this month

GAIL BRESCIA



Celebrating anniversaries this month

CLUB CALENDAR

FEbruary IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

FEB 1	SPIRIT OF THUNDER BAY
FEB 7	OPEN
FEB 9	ONE ROTARY SUMMIT DULUTH
FEB 14	VALENTINES DAY
FEB 14	DONALD MCDONALD VOCATIONAL
FEB 18	FAMILY DAY
FEB 21	MEETING CANCELLED
FEB 22	ROTARY ANNIVERSARY EVENT – ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTRE
FEB 23	ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ANNIVERSARY
FEB 28	BUSINESS MEETING

MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

MAR 7	OFF SITE MEETING A&W ARTHUR ST
MAR 14	OPEN
MAR 17	CANADA CLUB MEETING JONES & ASSOCIATES
MAR 17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY
MAR 21	BUSINESS MEETING
MAR 28	OPEN
MAR 31	PRESIDENTIAL CITATION AWARD DEADLINE DISTRICT AWARDS DEADLINE

PRESENTATION:

The business meeting was chaired by President Brian Brescia.

Rotarian of the Year:

Nominations are now being accepted for Rotarian of the Year. If you would like to nominate a club member for outstanding service over the past year, please send your nominations in to Sandy Lychowyd. All candidates will be reviewed by a committee of 3 presidents. The Rotarian of the Year will be presented at the President's Dinner.

Financial Report:

The financial statements for the club for the month ended Jan. 31, 2019 were distributed at each table and presented by Clint Kuschak. All of our fundraising events have been completed and the numbers are the net profits for each event. Normally funds are split 20% to administration and 80% to donations. Unfortunately, we have made less money than anticipated this year. We may need to take a larger cut for administration to meet our expenses as Rotary Clubs are not allowed to go into deficit. President Elect Clifford Mushquash has requested a special fireside meeting to discuss the future of our fundraising events. Most expenses have been paid for the year, with the exception of LEAD training (\$600) and the President's Dinner (\$500). Shrimp Fest will be held in May. Funds raised in this event will kick start the 2019/2020 year. We are anticipating sending one student to RYLA this year (approximate costs \$750/student). This is a youth leadership weekend that is designed to help students who have potential to benefit from the program. In addition to collecting candidates from the high schools, Peter Holt-Hindle is seeking out indigenous and Police Corp candidates.

At this time President Brian received an intervention from above, "check 1 2" Should we consider sending 2 students to RYLA?

Communications:

The Communications Committee is having a few growing pains. Committee Chair Audrey Halvorsen noted that we are communicating as much as possible through the website. The Club Chronicle is posted on the public website. Each member can reach the member area by clicking on the button on the top right corner and putting in their user name and password. If anyone needs a password reset, please let Audrey know. The membership requested refresher training on the use of the website and Facebook.

March 7 Meeting:

The Valhalla is booked solid on March 7. Lori Martineau has graciously offered the premises at her A&W location on Arthur Street for an off-site meeting. The meeting will begin as usual at 7:30 a.m. The plated breakfast will sell for \$20, while coffee will be \$5. Lori has also donated all proceeds from this meeting back to the club to help with administrative expenses.

Foundation/Polio Plus Goals

We have met our goals in both areas. Georgina Voulgaris reported that 18 Rotarians were recipients of the Foundation Challenge. Funds from the Anniversary Dinner are split between the clubs for donation to Polio Plus. Funds collected in the 50/50 draws are normally sent to the Annual Fund until that goal is met, then additional funds are sent to Polio Plus

Shrimp Fest:

Shrimp Fest will be held on May 24, 2019 at the RFDA. Tickets are \$60. We already have 5 items donated for the silent auction. We are looking forward to seeing the Alan/LoriAnn team in action.

Anniversary Dinner:

Paul Carr noted that the anniversary dinner was a great success. The Paul Harris Fellow Presentations were impressive, but what was also important was the education on the foundation and Paul Harris. Each of the recipients was truly worthy. What stood out during the presentations was the presentation to Jerome Hardy, the director of MEMO. This organization was established to distribute much needed medical equipment to under-serviced and third world countries. After being presented with his Paul Harris Fellow, Jerome noted that it was a Rotary scholarship that allowed him to attend medical school in the first place. It is humbling to know that the small thing we might do today may make a very big difference in the future.

FELLOWSHIP FINES:

Karl was the fine master today. President Brian was fined for digging out his natural gas meter. It seems the snow banks were so high that once he had finished he was in over his head. All members who have not checked their gas meters in the last week were fined. All members who have not checked their snow load on their roof were also fined.

HAPPY BUCKS:

Gail Brescia for Brian joining Scotiabank
Bill for waking up this morning
Roy for trip to and return from CUBA
Shirley was sad that she was unable to attend the Anniversary Dinner but was happy to announce the launch of her new business on Saturday, March 16, 1:00 p.m. at the Lakeview Lodge.
Audrey why shouldn't you be happy
Wayne for what he didn't get
Jen was thankful for Paul for sharing the anniversary experience.

CLUB SOCIAL:

Our sporting event of the year will be held on April 6, 2019 at 7p.m. This will be a mini bonspiel. Tickets are \$10 per person. Registration is open to the first 6 people who sign up. Following the event, members are encouraged to stay and socialize over Chinese food. The cost of dinner is the responsibility of each participant.

50/50:

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

NEXT MEETING

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7
A&W, ARTHUR STREET**



Foundation Minute for the Week of February 25, 2019:

Submitted by Corliss Klaassen, Zone 28 & 29 Foundation

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger. It expands access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care and poor sanitation – all of which can be prevented.

In Haiti where maternal and infant mortality is the highest in the world, Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep for midwives and volunteers to reach mothers and children in remote areas.

In Chennai, India, Rotarians provided a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness training where there is a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to late diagnosis.

And in Nigeria, Rotarians launched a three million dollar, five-year pilot program to save lives of mothers and children during home deliveries, and since 2005 they have repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.

Your contribution to TRF enables this to happen – Thank you.