

Lakehead Rotary Club—Thunder Bay

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2017/18 President—Wayne Robinson



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President Wayne was in good form today and happy to be back at the helm

A bright and cold late winter morning for our meeting with 22 Lakehead Rotarians, prospective new member Jennifer Kahan, Clifford's guest [and father] Peter Mushquash, Chief of the Pays Plat First Nation, and our special guest Shane Judge.

ON THE DOOR IN 2017/18:

Gail was on the door today and for the month of February. 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.

JULY	Clint Kuschak	JANUARY	Clifford Mushquash
AUGUST	Karl Ratz	FEBRUARY	Gail Brescia
SEPTEMBER	Graham Stewart	MARCH	open
OCTOBER	Karl Ratz	APRIL	open
NOVEMBER	Karl Ratz	MAY	open
DECEMBER	Mo Papich	JUNE	open

TODAY'S ROTARY MOMENT:

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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	4 Amigos	MARCH	RFDA/Volker
OCTOBER	Nexus/Audrey	APRIL	MS Society/Sandy
NOVEMBER	NOSM/Gail	MAY	Salvation Army/Gail
DECEMBER	open	JUNE	5 Star Rotarians

OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH

ROTARIAN CHRIS DAVIDSON



Our sponsor this month is Beaux Daddy's Canajun Grill House – thank you Rotarian Chris Davidson.

OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY
Celebrating birthdays this month



Celebrating anniversaries this month
KATHRYN & RALPH KEMPTON

CLUB CALENDAR

FEBRUARY IS ROTARY PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

- FEB 1** CANCELLED !!!
- FEB 2** SPIRIT OF THUNDER BAY – VALHALLA INN
- FEB 8** SHANE JUDGE/CHAIR OF INTER-CHURCH REFUGEE COMMUNITY
- FEB 12** VALENTINE'S DAY
- FEB 15** BUSINESS MEETING
- FEB 19** FAMILY DAY
- FEB 22** CANCELLED !!!
- FEB 23** ROTARY ANNIVERSARY - ICC

MARCH IS ROTARY WATER & SANITATION MONTH

- MAR 1** PAUL PEPE/THUNDER BAY TOURISM
- MAR 8** MAUREEN NADIN/MESSAGING
- MAR 15** EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE [METI]
- MAR 17** BUSINESS MEETING
- MAR 22** ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- MAR 29** GARY DAVIES
- MAR 30** NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA
- CAROL VOTH – MS SOCIETY
- GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

- APR 2** **EASTER MONDAY**
- APR 5** **DOUG LUND/SALMON ASSOCIATION**
- APR 12** **MEETING CANCELLED !!!**
- APR 12** **SHRIMP FEST**
- APR 19** **BUSINESS MEETING**
- APR 19** **ROTARY CANADA CLUB MEETING**
- APR 26** **MEETING CANCELLED !!!**
- APR 26-29** **DISTRICT CONFERENCE – THUNDER BAY**

MAY IS ROTARY YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

- MAY 3** **OPEN**
- MAY 10** **OPEN**
- MAY 17** **BUSINESS MEETING**
- MAY 24** **OPEN**
- MAY 31** **OPEN**

JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

- JUN 7** **OPEN**
- JUN 14** **OPEN**
- JUN 21** **MEETING CANCELLED !!!**
- JUN 21** **PRESIDENT’S BBQ & ASSEMBLY**
- JUN 23-27** **ROTARY INT’L CONVENTION – TORONTO**
- JUN 28** **BUSINESS MEETING – FINAL MEETING OF 17/18**

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – 2018 THUNDER BAY

Our District Conference will be held in Thunder Bay this year with the Valhalla Inn serving as the host hotel for most of the events. Conference Registration is now open on our District website – register today. Here is a direct link to get you started:

<http://rotary5580.org/page/2018-district-conference-thunder-bay-ontario>



PRESENTATION:

Our special guest today was Shane Judge.



Shane Judge addressed us today as chair of the Inter-Church Refugee Committee. The Committee is all about helping refugees settle in Canada. Some of us know Shane from his work as chair of Hike for Hospice, the annual walk around Boulevard Lake that raises money for Hospice Northwest. Most of us will know him best from his years as a reporter and news reader on CBC Radio in Thunder Bay. He is a graduate of the school of journalism at Carleton University with a combined honours degree in journalism and law, the first person in the country with that degree. Shane has a strong connection with Rotary in Thunder Bay. His uncles, father and grandfather were all Rotarians here. His father Gordon was a District Governor for the 1986-87 term. Some of us will remember his uncle Ross and his memorable “stories” and witticisms delivered at FW Rotary meetings. His aunt Cynthia Judge is an active member of the FW Club.

Shane recounted the development of the Inter-Church Refugee Committee. It all started out as an idea within the Trinity Church to sponsor a Syrian family seeking refuge in Canada. After some soul searching, it became apparent that more help would be needed and that’s when St. Paul’s United Church joined in. St. Paul’s Anglican followed, then St. Mark’s Church in Rosslyn. Soon, there were 11 churches in all working together to raise funds and prepare to apply for a refugee family. With \$45,000 in the bank, and some special help from key individuals, the case was made and the Government of Canada came through with a family in need of a sponsor. In April, 2017 the Arroub Family arrived in Thunder Bay.



The Inter-Church Refugee Committee formed 6 separate committees to help with areas such as health, housing, education, employment and so on. The Thunder Bay Multicultural Association, the settlement agency here, was very helpful. At the moment, there are 150 Syrians living in our community thanks to people like Shane and the Inter-Church Refugee Committee. The children of the Arroub family are faring well and picking up the language quickly. Their father is a qualified tradesman looking forward to getting a job as soon as his skill with English is sufficient to work safely in the workplace.

50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:

Kathryn was our winner today and her winnings will be sent to the Rotary Foundation in December along with all other donations and 50/50 winnings from January to May.

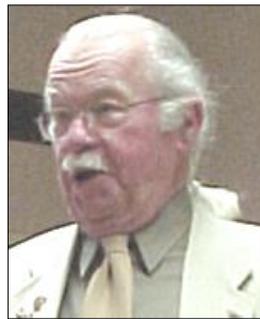
FINES:

Richard worked the cup today scoring a fine sweep and then some thanks to a host of happy dollars. He opened with tribute from Wayne for engaging us in the singing of our “new” anthem. Volker was next to be recognized for the CBC report on the RFDA. Richard then invited others who have had some exposure on the CBC. Clifford started out with his story followed by Kevin and a recent report on the John Howard’s Residential Bail Program. Bill recounted one of many encounters with the CBC [CBQ] – one involving a PCB spill from a transformer close to a school.

Clint's work with the Community Auditorium, TBSO, and Rotary brought him into contact often with the CBC and he remembers his first visit to the CBQ building [a creaky old nunnery] and an interview with Cory O'Kelly. Sandy has also had many encounters with the CBC through the MS Society and other organizations she has worked with over the years. Karl remembers many interviews with CBC reporters during his years with the Thunder Bay Police. Shifting gears, Richard invited tribute from all those who have not been to the Olympics [Summer or Winter]. Wayne shared his happy dollar to be back. Kathryn and Ralph Kempton will soon share the 39th anniversary. Karl shared a happy dollar for a nephew who has been nominated for a Juno for his work as an engineer. Allan was notably happy to announce their annual pilgrimage to Cabo, Mexico for 5 glorious weeks. He also used the opportunity to thank everyone who helped with the Spirit event including those who donated or secured items for the silent auction at the event. Clifford was happy to reveal his artisan side with the completion of his first pair of moccasins...and we're all looking forward to seeing his handiwork.

BILL'S STUFF...

Welcome regular contributor to your weekly Club Chronicle – Bill Butuk with his "Bill's Stuff" Column.



SAFFIRE

The Uppity Blues Women



Saffire - The Uppity Blues Women was a three woman blues music ensemble formed in 1989 in Virginia/Washington D.C. The band was active to 2009. The group consisted of core members Ann Rabson, Gaye Adegbalola, and Earlene Lewis (who left the group in 1992 and was replaced by Andra Faye. Saffire's music was a combination of serious blues music and novelty songs. Their music tended to deal with feminist themes which made them popular outside usual blues circles.

Ann Rabson (born April 12, 1945 in New York City—died January 12, 2013 in Fredricksburg, Virginia) was a barrel-house blues pianist, vocalist, and guitarist in the group. She grew up in Ohio where she fell in love with the blues and started studying guitar and piano. At age 18 she started playing professionally. At age 26 she moved with her young daughter to Fredricksburg where she just eked out a living. She took a job as a computer programmer and continued to play at

night. By the early 1980s she decided to return to full-time piano playing. Shortly after this, Saffire was formed and the accolades began to follow. She has been nominated for 8 Blues Music Award for her piano playing.

Gaye Adegbalola (born Gaye Todd March 21, 1944 in Fredricksburg, Virginia) was a guitarist and vocalist in the group. She was raised in a tight-knit family in Virginia where she played flute in high school. She became a biochemical researcher and later an award winning 8th grade science teacher. After hours Gaye and her father ran a theater arts group where she became more accomplished on the guitar. She met Ann Rabson and they formed a blues duo in 1980 after which Saffire began to form. In 1990 she won a Blues Music Award for her composition "Middle Age Blues Boogie".

Andra Faye McIntosh (born September 16, 1959 in Indianapolis, Indiana) was the bassist, fiddler and mandolin player in the group. She was influenced early on by blues string music legends Howard Armstrong and Yank Rachel. She started playing music at age 6 and went on to play in a variety of bands as she grew up. She met Ann and Gaye at a music festival in West Virginia after which they asked her to assist them at their Broadcast Stage recording sessions. She did this and joined the band as a full member in 1992. She was nominated for a Blues Music Award as Blues Instrumentalist in 2004 and 2005 for her skills on mandolin and violin.

Saffire was the first acoustic band to be signed by Alligator Records. Their 1990 debut album "Saffire - The Uppity Blues Women" became one of Alligator's biggest selling releases. The group recorded 8 albums for Alligator. They made several tours of the U.S.A., Canada and Europe before they disbanded amicably in 2009. They appeared on stage with B.B. King, Ray Charles, Koko Taylor and Willie Dixon. Watch and listen to Saffire at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Nb_KJyMHgw

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNaW6FyiJRI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4r9s-6-h2c>

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 15
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

ROTARY'S PLANT-A-TREE CHALLENGE



Rotary International President Ian H.S. Riseley made the case that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service. Riseley, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, unveiled the 2017-18 presidential theme, *Rotary: Making a Difference*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego,

California, USA. Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Riseley said. "They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda," he said.

"The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. It is, and must be, everyone's concern," he said. The President challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming. "It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring," Riseley said.

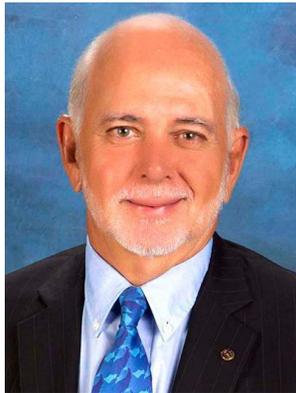
"I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself."

Our President Wayne has picked up the challenge and is looking to our members for ideas. We could consult with the Lakehead Conservation Authority and/or the Urban Forester at City Hall for areas that could benefit from new trees and perhaps this could be in a place that would allow us to expand our "forest" each year and visit it from time to time. Another option would be to help develop an orchard that could lead to fall harvests for more food for the RFDA and others to use. Responding to the challenge might also help us qualify for a Presidential Citation as we are very close to being able to earn one this year. President Wayne already has one small tree presented to him by District Governor Debra and he is hoping to find a home for that tree soon. Do we have a champion for this initiative in our Club...someone to lead us all to action! Talk to President Wayne if you would like to be our leader in this new initiative.

If you would like to view President Riseley's presentation on this global challenge, here is a youtube link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Nz875VZ5_8

ROTARY THEME LOGO – 2018/19



RI President-elect Barry Rassin's theme for 2018-19, *Be the Inspiration*, asks Rotarians to inspire change in the world and in each other. "I ask all of you to Be the Inspiration to help Rotary move from reaction to action — to take a hard look at the environmental issues that affect health and welfare around the world and do what we can to help."

Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2018-19. He will be declared the president-elect on 1 September if no challenging candidates have been suggested. As president, Rassin aims to strengthen our public image and our use of digital tools to maximize Rotary's reach. "Those who know what good Rotary clubs do will want to be a part of it, and we must find new models for membership that allow all interested in our mission to participate," he says. "With Rotary more in the public eye, we will attract more individuals who want to be part of and support a membership organization that accomplishes so much good around the world."

Rassin earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he continues to serve as an adviser. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education Council, and Employer's Confederation.

A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran. Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.