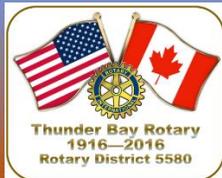




**Rotary**



# Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

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Rotarian Clifford Mushquash [Silent 'h'; Muss-kwash] talks about being a figure skating judge with Skate Canada

Another bitter winter morning for our meeting with 19 Lakehead Rotarians and former member [and soon-to-be-reinstated] Brian Brescia plus visiting Rotarian and today's speaker Clifford Mushquash [Sioux Lookout Rotary Club].

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

Mo Papich was on the desk this morning with Gail Brescia on for the rest of the month but no one on deck for the month of February or the remaining months in our Rotary Year. 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	<b>Gail Brescia</b>
AUGUST	Mo Papich	FEBRUARY	
SEPTEMBER	Graham Stewart	MARCH	
OCTOBER	Michel Caza	APRIL	
NOVEMBER	Wayne Robinson	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	Blair Schoales	FEBRUARY	Beaux Daddy's
SEPTEMBER	Sunset Memorial	MARCH	RFDA – Volker
OCTOBER	Ken Boshcoff	APRIL	Sandy Lychowyd
NOVEMBER	Shelter House	MAY	Salvation Army
DECEMBER	Investors Group	JUNE	Star Rotarians

**OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY**

Celebrating birthdays this month  
**Claudio Monteleone**



Celebrating anniversaries this month  
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**CLUB CALENDAR:**

**JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH**

- JAN 17 BOARD MEETING
- JAN 19 BUSINESS MEETING
- JAN 26 LORI SMETANIUK – CERTIFIED FOOT REFLEXOLOGIST, REIKI MASTER
- JAN 26 CANADA CLUB MEETING

**FEBRUARY IS PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION – RESOLUTION MONTH**

- FEB 2 MEETING CANCELLED
- FEB 3 SPIRIT OF THUNDER BAY – VALHALLA INN
- FEB 4 GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR
- FEB 7 BOARD MEETING
- FEB 9 TODD KENNEDY – REG'L DEV. MGR. M.O.D.
- FEB 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- FEB 16 MEETING CANCELLED
- FEB 17 ROTARY CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY EVENT
- FEB 20 FAMILY DAY
- FEB 23 KADY STACHIW, BARRISTER & SOLICITOR
- FEB 23 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ANNIVERSARY

**MARCH IS WATER & SANITATION MONTH**

- MAR 2 OPEN
- MAR 7 BOARD MEETING
- MAR 9 ROSA CARLINO – CROWD FUNDING
- MAR 16 BUSINESS MEETING
- MAR 23 OPEN
- MAR 23 CANADA CLUB MEETING
- MAR 30 OPEN

**APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

- APR 4** BOARD MEETING
- APR 6** OPEN
- APR 8** PETS – DULUTH
- APR 13** OPEN
- APR 20** BUSINESS MEETING
- APR 27** OPEN
- APR 27 – 29** DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE – TOWER, MN

**MAY IS YOUTH SERVICES MONTH**

- MAY 2** BOARD MEETING
- MAY 4** OPEN
- MAY 11** OPEN
- MAY 18** BUSINESS MEETING
- MAY 25** OPEN

**JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH**

- JUN 4** BOARD MEETING
- JUN 6** OPEN
- JUN 10 – 14** ROTARY CONVENTION – ATLANTA, GA
- JUN 13** OPEN
- JUN 20** MEETING CANCELLED
- JUN 20** PRESIDENT’S BBQ – VIKING ROOM
- JUN 27** BUSINESS MEETING



**PRESENTATION:**

Our special guest was Clifford Mushquash. Clifford has been a member of Skate Canada and the Sioux Lookout Figure Skating Club for 25 years having joined in 1991. As a competitive skater, Clifford twice appeared at the All Ontario Figure Skating Championships in 2000 and 2001 competing in ice dance. He has achieved his Sr. Bronze Free Skate, and Jr. Silver Dance and Skating Skills test levels. After injury prevented him from actively competing, Clifford began pursuing his judge and evaluator certifications. Currently, Clifford holds Sr. Bronze Evaluator and Primary Judge Qualifications and is actively working towards his Gold Evaluator and Juvenile and Novice Sectional Judge promotions.



Clifford plans to join our Club when his year with the Sioux Lookout Rotary Club ends this June. He looks forward to his classification talk but welcomed the opportunity today to talk about Skate Canada and what it takes to be a figure skating judge. He talked about the process of training and gaining experience over years to be a judge. He described in detail how skaters are graded and how the system works to evaluate performances and award skaters their scores. He used a video clip of a young skater and in real time showed us how he, as a judge, would evaluate the skater’s performance. It was amazing to watch him quickly note all of the complexities and artistry

of the skater’s program and forward his scores to be combined with other judges’ results and presented to the skater and spectators in about 2 minutes. A judge must have a background as a figure skater and this is clearly necessary to be able to evaluate a skater’s performance thoroughly and quickly.

Clifford was pleasantly surprised by the many questions that followed his presentation and he thanked us for this opportunity to share some of the experience of judging figure skaters. Considering how much time and commitment it takes to become a judge, it is impressive to know that all figure skating judges at all levels in the sport are volunteers and are only compensated for expenses. Thank you Clifford for an informative and entertaining presentation.

Clifford sent a postscript on his presentation to promote the National Skating Championships which start in a few days in Ottawa. Short programs are broadcast beginning Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and Free programs being broadcast Saturday. Broadcast schedule with live streaming is available at:

<https://skatecanada.ca/events/2017-canadian-tire-national-skating-championships/>

Also, under Start Orders, Rotarians could view the results of each performance once the program concludes and results are finalized by clicking on Detailed Classification. There, they would see each skater’s detailed report and results which Clifford discussed during his presentation.



**THE ROTARY CONVENTION 2017:**



Join thousands of Rotarians at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA - June 10 – 14, 2017. The celebration of The Rotary Foundation’s 100th Anniversary promises to be an unforgettable experience. Register before December 15<sup>th</sup> for extra savings!

**50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:**

Gail Brescia was our winner today and her winnings will be added to the funds going to the Rotary Foundation in June.

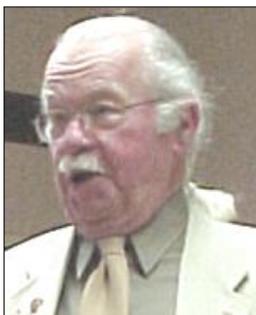
## FINES:

Allan worked the cup today starting out with President Chris who was fashionably late today...but considering how cold it was, we should be grateful that so many of us made it at all. In praise of our guest speaker, those who have some experience as a figure skater were invited to pay tribute. Roy was first up with a happy dollar for an online conversation he had around Christmas with a youth exchange student his family hosted in 1990/91 – Patrick Walton from South Africa. Patrick is 44 now with 2 children...my but the time has flown. It's really great to see that these relationships between host families and exchange students last forever. At this point, Allan tested our memory on some of the grading levels Clifford referred to in the video clip of the young figure skater. We failed miserably so we Allan invited those of us who did not enjoy figure skating in our youth to be recognized. The cup was nicely filled. Gail Kromm continued with her happy dollar for the big success of the Salvation Army's Kettle Campaign - \$221,000 for their good work in our community. She had another happy dollar for their daughter who is returning to Thunder Bay to take up a position with Form Architecture. Clifford's happy dollars were for nephews birthdays – one who is 1 year old and another who celebrates his 4<sup>th</sup>. Wayne continued with his happy dollar for daughter who will be having twins and his son who will be welcoming a baby boy. Allan was happy to be hosting his sister for a fine family visit. Audrey wrapped up this round showing her lovely Betty Boop phone cover that was ordered a month ago and just arrived now. So much for "expedited delivery".

## BILL'S STUFF...

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

# ALLAN LOMAX



Alan Lomax (born January 31, 1915 in Austin Texas—died July 19, 2002 in Sarasota Florida) was an American field collector of folk music, of the 20th century and a writer, scholar, political activist, archivist, and film maker. Along with his father John Lomax, they recorded some of the earliest blues musicians such as Lead Belly, Vera Hall, Muddy Waters, Son House, Sonny Boy Edwards, and Jelly Roll Morton. He spent over 6 decades working to preserve knowledge and appreciation of the world's folk music

He was the third of four children born to John A. Lomax a pioneering folklorist and former professor of English at Texas A&M University. Alan obtained a degree in philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin, Texas in May of 1936. At the University he wrote columns for the school newspaper. At this time he also began collecting race records, took girl friends on dates to night clubs owned by black people and began to get involved in racial politics. When he was 17, he had taken a break from his studies and joined his father on his first field collecting trip for the Library of Congress. After he completed his degree he, along with his wife, conducted field research in Haiti. In 1937, he was appointed Assistant in Charge of the Archives of American Folk Songs. He did graduate work in anthropology at Columbia University where he produced the first of several radio series for CBS, exposing national audiences to regional American music with talents such as Woody Guthrie, Lead Belly, Burl Ives, and Pete Seeger.

Next, he began to record oral biographies, one of which was the classic 1947 album "Blues In The Mississippi Night" an album of songs and discussions by Sonny Boy Williamson, Big Bill Broonzy, and Memphis Slim. The album is still a classical recorded document of Afro-American social and musical history.

In 1941 and 1942 he conducted a joint field trip by the Library of Congress and Fisk University that took him deep in to the music and cultural lore of the Mississippi Hill Country and Mississippi Delta. In the Delta, he made the first recordings of a 29 year old singer and guitarist McKinley Morganfield later known as Muddy Waters. He made recordings of Delta church services and prison work songs in Texas, Louisiana and Alabama. Over the next 4 decades, Lomax recorded a huge amount of folk music (over 17,000). He travelled from the Deep South, to Europe, the Caribbean, and Asia to record and document folk music traditions.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan awarded Lomax the National Medal of Arts and in 2000 was awarded a Library of Congress Living Legend Award. In 1997, he won the National Book Critic's Award for his book: *The Land where The Blues Began*.

Watch and listen to Alan Lomax recordings at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXh8SDp0H-E>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InG7SiWkT4>

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

## NEXT MEETING:

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017**

**BUSINESS MEETING & CLUB ELECTIONS**

