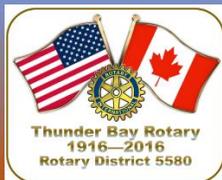


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**Rotary**



2016/17 President—Chris Davidson



# Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

July 14, 2016



Our Membership Chairperson, Sandy Lychowyd welcomes our first new member of this new Rotary Year – DANIEL LIVINGSTON – sponsored by Paul Carr

A hazy summer morning for our meeting with 18 Lakehead Rotarians on hand including Barbara Best who joined electronically from Manitowadge...our first foray into this new ways for members from away to be "at our meetings". Our new member Dan Livingston was also on hand for his formal welcome to our Club and Rotary. Our special guest today was Stephen Hurrell from the Thunder Bay Public Library.

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

Clint was on the door today and for the month of July. 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.

<b>JULY</b>	<b>Clint</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>	Gail Brescia
AUGUST		FEBRUARY	
SEPTEMBER	Graham	MARCH	
OCTOBER		APRIL	
NOVEMBER		MAY	
DECEMBER		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:

<b>JULY</b>	<b>NOSM</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>	
AUGUST	Blair Schoales	FEBRUARY	Beaux Daddy's
SEPTEMBER	Sunset Memorial	MARCH	
OCTOBER		APRIL	Sandy Lychowyd
NOVEMBER		MAY	Salvation Army
DECEMBER		JUNE	Star Rotarians

Our sponsor this month...  
**NORTHERN ONTARIO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**  
Thank you Rotarian GAIL BRESCIA

**ROTARIAN GAIL BRESCIA**  
Northern Ontario School of Medicine




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**OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY**

Celebrating birthdays this month

**BILL BUTUK**  
**GAIL KROMM**  
**GEORGINA VOULGARIS**



And celebrating anniversaries this month  
**DONNA & DON YOCOM**

**CALENDAR – MEETINGS & EVENTS:**

- JULY** A NEW ROTARY YEAR BEGINS
- JUL 21** BUSINESS MEETING
- JUL 21** CANADA CLUB MEETING
- JUL 28** IRENE SOTTILE – ROTARY CLUB CENTRAL
- AUGUST** MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT
- AUG 2** CIVIC HOLIDAY
- AUG 3** BOARD MEETING
- AUG 4** DON LUCKY – COLE INTERNATIONAL
- AUG 11** MARY ANN COMUZZI – GEORGE JEFFREY CHILDREN'S CENTRE & MINI GOLF EVENT
- AUG 18** BUSINESS MEETING
- AUG 25** KATHRYN & GAIL...PERSONAL UPDATES
- SEPTEMBER BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY**
- SEP 1** OPEN
- SEP 5** LABOUR DAY
- SEP 8** OPEN

- SEP 15 BUSINESS MEETING
- SEP 15 CANADA CLUB MEETING
- SEP 15 VANDERWEES MEMORIAL MINI-GOLF EVENT
- SEP 18 TERRY FOX RUN – BOULEVARD LAKE
- SEP 22 OPEN
- SEP 29 OPEN

**PRESENTATION:**

Our special guest was Stephen Hurrell, Head of Automated Support Services at the Library but his work role was recently expanded and he is looking for more strategic partnerships in the community to broaden and deepen the impact of the Library and its many services and resources.



Stephen Hurrell, Thunder Bay Public Library

Stephen is a life-long resident of Thunder Bay, graduate of Lakehead University and avid parent, musician, and outdoorsman. He worked previously in Toronto in the technical, marketing and banking sectors through SoftQuad, Target Mail, and Citibank Investment Bank. Now back in Thunder Bay, he has worked for the Ontario Government, Thunder Bay Telephone, and the Thunder Bay Public Library. At the TBPL he has been Head of Automation but is now moving towards a role supporting Systems and Partnerships which has resulted in the Library developing a Makerspace, Small Business Zones and Northern Trading partnerships.

There was a lot of ground to cover with all the new developments at the Library but we were introduced to a few areas and hope to have Stephen for a return engagement to tell us more. One of the new things at the Library is the Northern Nature Trading program. Northern Nature Trading is a special kind of swap shop! You can bring in the natural things you've found and trade them for things in their collection. You can trade things made by nature -- like rocks, shells, fossils and pine cones. Trading is based on points. We award you points for what you know about your item, what makes it different from similar ones and the quality (clean, good condition). For full details, please pick up a postcard at the Mary J.L. Black Branch Library. Teachers may book a session with Northern Nature Trading by calling Lisa at 345-8275 ext. 7302. The Northern Nature Trading is located at the Mary J.L. Black Library Commons Room, and will be open as follows:

- Tuesdays: 6 pm - 9 pm
- Wednesdays: 2 pm - 5 pm
- Saturdays: 2 pm - 4 pm

Another unique resource at the Library is...



Makerspace is located on the Ground Floor of the Waverley Resource Library. Stop by to check it out. There are several 3-D printers that the public can use with the help of ohmbase volunteers.

HOURS

The makerspace is currently staffed by volunteers from ohmbase. They are onsite at the Waverley Library makerspace (downstairs) daily.

- Monday to Thursday 1 pm - 9 pm
  - Friday & Saturday 1 pm - 5 pm
- Some exceptions may apply depending on volunteer availability.

FEES

The makerspace charges a nominal fee for materials and time on the equipment. Prices at present are default prices and will change as we fine tune the process and add equipment.

Material cost is \$5 per gram in most cases, and 3D printing time is \$5 per hour in most cases.

Another special feature at the Library is the World War I – Thunder Bay Centennial project running from 2014-2018. This project will commemorate this time in history (1914 - 1918) through stories, displays, exhibits, and more. Current partners include: Thunder Bay Public Library, City of Thunder Bay Archives, Thunder Bay Museum, Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame, Thunder Bay Military Museum, Northwestern Ontario Aviation Heritage Centre, and Lakehead University's Department of History. This project is a work in progress and some pages of the site will have more content than others, with new material added on a regular basis. Community involvement in this project is always welcomed in order to add valuable personal context to the collections and resources. The project can be contacted via email at [ww1project@tbpl.ca](mailto:ww1project@tbpl.ca). You can also visit the [Gateway to Northwestern Ontario History](#) database to search or share your stories. See following the links you can use to search a wealth of information.

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To find out much more about what's going on at our Library, get a copy of their newsletter – [Connect@your.library](mailto:Connect@your.library) or go online at:

[www.tbpl.ca](http://www.tbpl.ca)

### 50/50:

Graham was the lucky winner of today's 50/50 draw and his \$10 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:

Richard worked the cup again today starting out with tribute from Past President Volker for being called on so early in President Chris' year to help cover the podium as Chris had to leave early. Volker was also praised for his spiffy "Drive Change" t-shirt. Graham was next up to pay tribute for a fine story on the CBC of his and Laurie Leslie's recent accomplishment – both completed 200,000 km cycling here and around the world. Richard then invited Library stories from the assembly. Everybody seemed to have a story to tell or some connection to the Library such as Don Morrison whose sister Barbara Philp works at the TBPL. Gail Kromm learned to play accordion at the library though she didn't keep it up. Too bad for us. Since we were running late today, Richard wrapped up with tribute from all those who do not have a Library Card.

### NEXT MEETING:

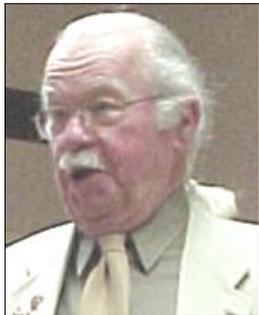
**THURSDAY, JULY 14/16**

**STEPHEN HURRELL, THUNDER BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### BILL'S STUFF...

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

## Blind Willie Johnson



Professor Blind Willie Johnson (born William James Johnson January 22, 1897 near Benham, Texas-died September 18, 1947 in Beaumont, Texas) was a gospel blues singer, guitarist and songwriter, who was active from the late 1920s to the mid 1940s. His lyrics and his songs were very often religious coming from both the religious and blues traditions. His slide guitar work was regarded as one of the greatest bottleneck slide guitar work recorded. Mostly, he

sang with a raspy, growly and powerful voice at a volume produced to be heard over the sounds of the streets. His mother died when he was still a baby and his father re-married soon after her death. Johnson was not born blind but at the age of 7, he was blinded when his step mother threw lye in his face out of spite for her husband who beat her for seeing another man.

When he was 5, he told his father he wanted to be a preacher and made a cigar box guitar for himself. As a youngster he was sent out on the streets by his father to play guitar and earn money. He began to establish his guitar playing using a bottleneck. Even though he had developed an excellent blues technique and sound, he saw himself as an evangelist, being a strong believer in the Bible. He became a preacher and began singing gospel interwoven with his interpretation of Negro spirituals. He began to play and sing on the streets of Texas cities. When performing in Dallas Texas, he met a woman named Evangeline who he married in 1922. She added 19th century hymns to Blind Willie's songs and performed with him around Dallas and Waco, Texas.

In 1927 he made 6 studio recordings for Columbia Records followed a year later with 4 more. In December of 1929, he went to New Orleans, Louisiana where he recorded 10 songs for Columbia. In April 1930 he went to Atlanta Georgia where he recorded 10 songs for Columbia. He never recorded again but continued to perform on the streets of Texas in the 1930s and 1940s. In 1947, his house in Beaumont Texas burned to the ground and with nowhere to go he slept in the ashes and developed pneumonia and died a week later. His song "Dark Was The Night" was one of the tracks that was on the Voyager Golden Record that went into space in 1977 on the Voyager Space Probe. His song was also inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2011. Listen to Blind Willie Johnson at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjLSf8y94fU>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4bF\\_ly4K0c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4bF_ly4K0c)

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### GOLF ANYONE?

An invitation from PA Rotarian Jim McDonald...

The annual Port Arthur Rotary Golf Tournament is planned for Wednesday July 27, 2016 at the Thunder Bay Country Club on Golf Links Road.

Individuals and teams are welcome. Best Ball format. Golf (9 holes) \$25.00 - Golf Cart (2/ cart \$10.00 ea.) meal (Steak Barbeque to follow golf approx. 5:30 pm) \$35.00

You are welcome to join us for Golf, Dinner or both. If you have access to some prizes we would appreciate your generosity. If you can join us and/ or have prizes please contact Jim McDonald:

Jim McDonald: [jmcdonal@tbaytel.net](mailto:jmcdonal@tbaytel.net)

Gail Brescia is assembling a team of women of Lakehead Rotary.