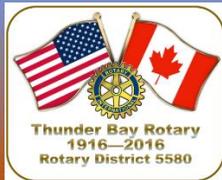




**Rotary**



# Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

March 2, 2017



Special guest DONNA WHITE talks about her new book, *Bullets Blood & Stone*...the first book in her "Stones Trilogy" about child soldiers

Another mild winter morning for our first meeting in March with 18 Lakehead Rotarians and our special guest Donna White. Donna has visited us before to talk about the work of World Vision.

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

Mo Papich was on the desk this morning and for the month with PE Wayne on deck for the month of April. See below 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	Gail Brescia
AUGUST	Mo Papich	FEBRUARY	open
SEPTEMBER	Graham Stewart	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>Mo Papich</b>
OCTOBER	Michel Caza	APRIL	Wayne Robinson
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	open
AUGUST	Blair Schoales	FEBRUARY	Beaux Daddy's
SEPTEMBER	Sunset Memorial	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>RFDA – Volker</b>
OCTOBER	Ken Boshcoff	APRIL	Sandy Lychowyd
NOVEMBER	Shelter House	MAY	Salvation Army
DECEMBER	Investors Group	JUNE	Star Rotarians

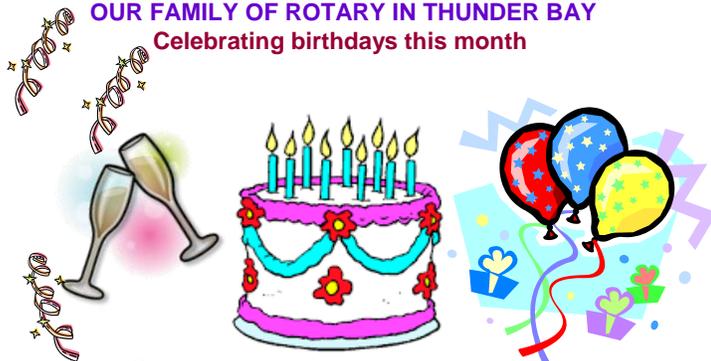
**OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH  
THE REGIONAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION ASSOCIATION**

Thank you Rotarian Volker Kromm



Gail Kromm conveyed a message on behalf of Volker and the RFDA. The RFDA is looking into ways of getting healthier food to people, especially those living in remote communities across Northwestern Ontario. Volker is working on the issue of food security and ways to overcome the cost of transporting, storing and distributing the food across the north and within our communities.

**OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY  
Celebrating birthdays this month**



**Celebrating anniversaries this month**

**CLUB CALENDAR:**

- MARCH IS WATER & SANITATION MONTH**
- MAR 7 BOARD MEETING
- MAR 9 ROSA CARLINO – CROWD FUNDING
- MAR 16 BUSINESS MEETING
- MAR 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- MAR 23 NADINE – BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DEENER
- MAR 23 CANADA CLUB MEETING
- MAR 30 LINDA BRUINS – EVERGREEN A UNITED NEIGHBOURHOOD

**APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

- APR 4 BOARD MEETING
- APR 6 OPEN
- APR 8 PETS – DULUTH
- APR 13 KELLY ROONEY - CNIB
- APR 20 BUSINESS MEETING

APR 27 WAYNE ROBINSON  
 A LONG TIME AGO IN A FARAWAY LAND  
 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

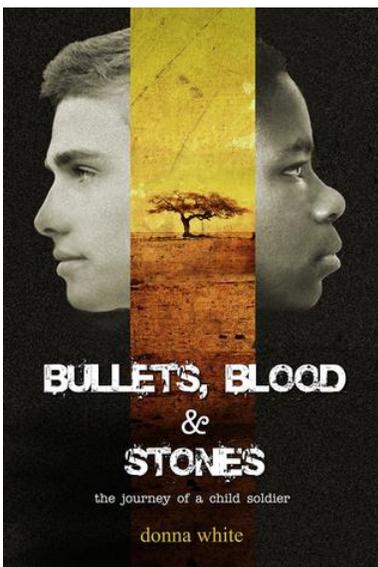
JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH  
 JUN 6 BOARD MEETING  
 JUN 8 OPEN  
 JUN 10 – 14 ROTARY CONVENTION – ATLANTA, GA  
 JUN 15 OPEN  
 JUN 22 MEETING CANCELLED  
 JUN 22 PRESIDENT'S BBQ – VIKING ROOM  
 JUN 29 BUSINESS MEETING – FINAL 16/17 MEETING

**PRESENTATION:**

Our special guest today was Donna White. Donna White is the author of the Stones trilogy. An avid traveler, she enjoys visiting other countries and experiencing everything each culture has to offer. From interviewing former child soldiers in Gulu, Uganda, to celebrating Shubho Noboborsho in Chittagong, Bangladesh, and sitting amongst a troop of chimpanzees in the rainforest, Donna embraces every experience to the maximum. Her writing takes on a very serious role: to reveal situations in the world that aren't regarded as newsworthy but should be. She resides in Kakabeka Falls with her husband, children, dogs, cats and horses on their hobby farm.

Donna has completed the first book in a trilogy and it was released last December. She brought the books to our December Dreams show and sold out there. Her first book in the trilogy is **Bullets, Blood & Stones** and is written primarily for young adults but Donna notes that adult readers also appreciate it. She is working on the second in the trilogy. The book is about the child soldiers in Joseph Kony's "Lord's Resistance Army" in Uganda, a militia that terrorized northern Uganda and neighbouring countries in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. The International Criminal Court (ICC) issued a warrant for Kony's arrest, made public in October 2005, which accused him of human rights violations that included some 10,000 murders and the abduction and enslavement of more than 24,000 children. By the end of 2006 Kony and the LRA had largely left Uganda and were now based in the neighbouring countries of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Sudan.

Donna talked about child soldiers and the many hardships and suffering of these children and their many victims including their own family members. So much pain. Joseph Kony has left a legacy of suffering, agony and death in Uganda.



**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:**

Mo Papich was our winner today and his winnings will be added to the funds going to the Rotary Foundation in June.

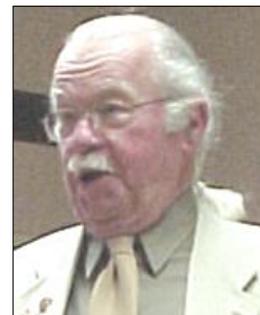
**FINES:**

Karl worked the cup today opening with tribute from those who have not checked their personal account with the Rotary Foundation in the past week. Many coins landed in the cup. Clint checked his account yesterday but he did not escape Karl's "red socks play". Chris shared his happy dollar as he related the story of a lone customer who, after enjoying his meal at Beaux Daddy's, decided to pay for the meals of everyone in the restaurant and also left an impressive tip for the staff. A remarkable random act of kindness. Audrey shared her dollar in praise of this positive display of generosity and kindness after hearing of the tragedy of child soldiers shared by our guest Donna White. Allan shared his happy dollar for celebrating this first meeting in his retirement and enjoying the "tieless" freedom. He was also happy to report that Lori Ann is making excellent progress healing after a car accident last month. Ken used his happy dollar to remind us about the Symphony's Dream Draw. Paul used his happy dollar to invite us to check out an article about the Rotary Foundation on page 15 of the latest Rotarian magazine. New member Rev. Jonathan Blanchard was happy to say that he has booked a cruise of the Caribbean in January 2018.

**BILL'S STUFF...**

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

**TORONZO CANNON**





Toronzo Cannon (born February 14, 1968 in Chicago, Illinois) is an American electric blues guitarist, singer and songwriter who has been active from 1980 to the present. He drives a bus for the Chicago Transit Authority by day and performs at night. Cannon grew up in the shadows of the notoriously tough South Side Robert Taylor Homes. Located nearby was Theresa's Lounge, one of the city's famous South Side blues clubs. As a young boy, Cannon stood on the sidewalk outside the door to the club listening to the live blues and trying to sneak a glance inside to see great bluesmen like Buddy Guy, Junior Wells and Muddy Waters. Also, growing up in his grandfather's house, Cannon listened to contemporary blues, R&B and Rock on the radio. These experiences led him, as a teen-ager, to buy his first guitar and learned to play quickly and easily. He began to sing and play the songs he heard, inspired by Freddie King, B.B. King, Albert King, and Jimi Hendrix. Cannon soon developed his own sound, a powerful gospel-flavoured vocal style. He hopped from blues jam to blues jam participating in open mic nights and hoping for his star to rise.

From 1996 to 2002, he played as a side-man for several local blues bands. In 2001, while continuing to work as a contract rhythm guitarist and wanting to prove himself, he formed his own band, The Cannonball Express. Almost immediately, he was in demand, playing at some of Chicago's greatest blues clubs like Buddy Guy's Legends, Blue Chicago, Kingston Mines, and B.L.U.E.S. Soon he was touring throughout the U.S., working 4 ten-hour shifts as a CTA bus driver and taking every vacation day and holiday he could to allow him to travel.

In 2007 he recorded his first album "My Woman", followed by "Leaving Mood" in 2011 and "John The Conqueror Root" in 2013. In 2015, he signed with Alligator Records and recorded his debut album for Alligator, "The Chicago Way". Cannon has performed nine times at the Chicago Blues Festival, has also performed in Mexico, Armenia, South Africa, France, The Netherlands, and Japan. In 2013, he received a Blues Music nomination for Rock Blues Album. In February of this year, he headlined the Black History Month blues concert at the Monroe County Illinois Community College. Watch and listen to Toronzo Cannon at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Py5nbhPoSyw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvqz0XGLIQ>

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**NEXT MEETING:**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017**  
**ROSA CARLINO – CROWD FUNDING**

Rotary  Thunder Bay Rotarians Present

## Shrimpfest 2017



**Friday, May 5, 2017**  
**\$50 per person**

Symposium at 6:00 pm / Dinner at 7:00pm  
 at the RFDA—Regional Food Distribution Association  
 570 Syndicate Avenue South

Dinner includes 1 lb ready-to-eat Gulf shrimp, salads, sides and dessert  
 ...all prepared and served by the Valhalla Inn  
 Fellowship and a great silent auction  
**Proceeds support local charitable organizations**

Tickets available at: Valhalla Inn – Main Desk or HSBC Bank Canada or  
 download and use the order form at:  
[www.lakeheadrotary.com](http://www.lakeheadrotary.com)




The family of Rotary in Thunder Bay celebrates its many achievements and contributions to our community and our world in its Centennial Year