

**Rotary**  
**Lakehead Rotary Chronicle**

May 18, 2017



KEN BOSHCOFF is the first member of Lakehead Rotary's "35-year Rotarian club" receiving a commemorative plaque and a 35-year lapel pin

A damp spring morning but a spirited group - 22 Lakehead Rotarians on hand for our monthly Business Meeting to help Ken celebrate his 35<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Guests included Visiting Rotarian Clifford Mushquash [Sioux Lookout Rotary Club], new member candidate Travis Batting, and Sandy's guest Marc Laroque.

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

Karl was on the desk this morning and for the rest of the month of May. 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	MARCH	Mo Papich
OCTOBER	Michel Caza	APRIL	Wayne Robinson
NOVEMBER	Wayne Robinson	<b>MAY</b>	<b>Karl Ratz</b>
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	MARCH	RFDA – Volker
OCTOBER	Ken Boshcoff	APRIL	Sandy Lychowyd
NOVEMBER	Shelter House	<b>MAY</b>	<b>Salvation Army</b>
DECEMBER	Investors Group	JUNE	Star Rotarians

**OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH  
SALVATION ARMY – THUNDER BAY**

Thank you Rotarian Gail Kromm

**ROTARIAN GAIL KROMM**  
Salvation Army

Giving Hope Today

Gail used her sponsor moment today to share the story of a man who grew up in a northern reserve and suffered a brain injury that affected his life. He came to Thunder Bay where he was often homeless and dealing with addictions. He came to the Salvation Army many times through those years and called it his "home". The people at the Salvation Army helped him get an apartment in their "Habitat" building on Pearl Street. Gail noted that he was very proud of having his own place and proudly carried his key on a cord around his neck. Sadly, he died in his apartment on the night of the Salvation Army's recent "Journey to Life Dinner". The people at the S. Army were devastated when they learned of his passing but were comforted by the fact that he died in his own place and that they were able to help him reach this important goal in his life.

**OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY**

Celebrating birthdays this month

- LIISA LESKOWSKI**
- ROY LUCAS**
- SANDY LYCHOWYD**



Celebrating anniversaries this month

## CLUB CALENDAR:

### MAY IS YOUTH SERVICES MONTH

MAY 22 VICTORIA DAY  
MAY 25 KADY STACHIW & PAIGE MARTIN  
CLASSIFICATION TALKS

### JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

JUN 1 PAM CAIN & CLARA BUTIKOFER  
PATH OF THE PADDLE  
JUN 6 BOARD MEETING  
JUN 8 GAIL BRESCIA – N.O.S.M. REPORT  
JUN 10 – 14 ROTARY CONVENTION – ATLANTA, GA  
JUN 15 JIM BAILEY, L.U. DEPT. OF GEOGRAPHY & the  
ENVIRONMENT  
JUN 22 MEETING CANCELLED  
JUN 22 CANADA CLUB MEETING  
JUN 22 PRESIDENT'S BBQ – VIKING ROOM  
JUN 29 BUSINESS MEETING – FINAL 16/17 MEETING

## PRESENTATION:

Sandy's guest today was Marc Laroque, a young man living with MS on a personal quest to help raise the funds to help those with MS and to help reach the ultimate goal of a "cure".

As reported in a recent story in the Chronicle-Journal, Marc, along with the support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, hosted the second annual 12-hour Boxing Relay in Support of the MS at the local Sweatclub. Marc is an avid boxer who has been battling MS for 11 years. He was diagnosed in 2006 at the age of 23. He is an amazingly positive and inspiring man who is an example of perseverance and motivation. Staying fit and active has helped his body, mind and soul.

Next up for Marc and his friends is the MS Walk. As he reported, very day 3 more Canadians are diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable illness that affects vision, balance, memory and mobility. We don't know what causes MS and there is no cure, but Marc is walking to help change lives beginning right where he lives.

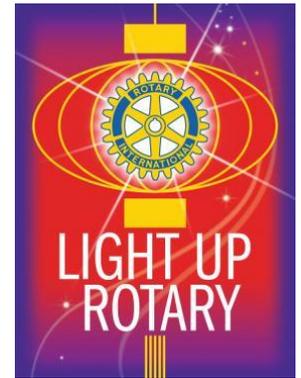
Our support means families in our community who are impacted by this often devastating disease do not have to face MS alone. The MS Walk brings more than 30,000 incredible Canadians together in more than 125 communities to walk and fundraise to end Canada's disease: multiple sclerosis. This inspirational event is a time of community celebration among those who are in some way affected by MS, and a way to show support in the fight to end "Canada's disease".

The MS Walk in Thunder Bay takes place on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm in the CLE Heritage Building.

Marc is aiming to raise the most for MS in our area and invited us to donate or pledge funds for his Walk. Many of us did.

**MANDARIN**<sup>®</sup>  
**MS WALK**<sup>®</sup>  
EVERY STEP MATTERS.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION – 35-YEAR ROTARIAN



Ken Boshcoff shared his thoughts with us today on his 35 years in Rotary. Ken joined the Fort William Rotary Club on May 18, 1982 and transferred to Lakehead Rotary in March 1987 and has been a great Rotarian and friend in his years of service.

Ken has served on our Board for many years and led our Club as President in 2014/15 when Rotary's theme for his year was "Light up Rotary". He shared his early years with us as he also served our community as Mayor for 6 years and then our country as Member of Parliament for Thunder Bay – Rainy River. Through it all, he found time to attend our meetings when possible and support our events including our successful TV Auction with Shaw Community Television. He has also supported our new events through his effective use of social media and by encouraging his friends and associates to participate. He has generously supported the Rotary Foundation and even used his 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Rotary to engage us in the work of the Foundation through our donations today that he will match.

During his career in public life, Ken helped bring in a Medical School, a new Regional Hospital, and a new water treatment plant. He started Crimestoppers, Neighbourhood Watch, and 9-1-1. In private life, Ken found numerous ways to help our community and he continues to find new and interesting ways to serve, most recently as Director of Development for the Thunder Bay Symphony. He is also serving the TBSO as Interim Executive Director.

Rotary invites its members to share their classification or vocation with fellow members and guests and to display this on their name badge at weekly meetings and Rotary events. Ken could have chosen many different classifications or titles for his badge but his choice is perfect for a person who has committed his life to service. His chosen classification is "COMMUNITY ADVOCATE".

We are pleased to welcome Ken as the first member in Lakehead Rotary's 35-Year Rotarian "Club" and to present him with a commemorative plaque in recognition of 35 years in Rotary and for his service, loyalty and devotion to the ideals of Rotary.

Ken also receives a 35-year Rotary lapel pin to wear with pride. Thank you Ken.

## 50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:

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

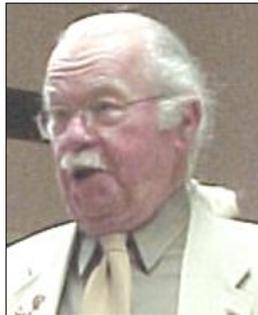
## FINES:

Richard worked the cup today scoring another fine sweep starting out with PE Wayne for almost forgetting to give our sponsor time to speak. Michel shared his experience during his 5-hour drive to work during the now famous ice storm. A hair-raising time on the roads and especially hills. Travis had a different experience with the after-effects of the storm with lots of stranded guests needing

accommodation. He gave up his own room at the Valhalla for guests and slept in one of the under-renovation rooms. Richard shared an experience many of us could relate to – large sheets of ice flying off our moving vehicles. Scary times. Richard then noted some of the photos on the power point playing during the meeting and invited any members who have never helped out at Wilderness Discovery to pay tribute. Ken shared his happy dollar for 35 great years as a Rotarians and to thank all those who accepted his “challenge” with their gifts to the Foundation – Annual Fund or PolioPlus. Clint’s happy dollar was to thank Ken for his generosity – his challenge welcomed 14 Rotarians which means the Foundation will receive \$490 plus \$490 as the matching donation from Ken. Wayne’s happy dollar was for time soon with his two new grandsons. Graham shared his happiness to remind us that the United Way Billboard Rescue is taking place today sponsored by the Investors Group. Gail Kromm offered her happy dollar on behalf of Volker who was at home “preparing” for his time on the lift at the Billboard Rescue. Sandy shared her happiness with news that her son Troy, who has been teaching as an Adjunct Professor, recently earned a full tenured position through a stiff competition for the post. Congratulations Troy! Clifford was happy with the results of recent exams and he feels that he will earn a place on the Dean’s List. He still has more to do including a project on Residential Schools and writing assignments. Allan was happy to see that the Canadian Anthem still plays at NHL Finals as his Ottawa Senators are in the last round facing the Penguins – could we see a Canadian team in the Stanley Cup Series? Audrey closed out this round with her happy dollar on behalf of her parents who were helped in their early days by the Salvation Army.

**BILL’S STUFF...**

Welcome regular contributor to your weekly Club Chronicle – Bill Butuk with his “Bill’s Stuff” Column.



# FRANKIE LEE SIMS



Frankie Lee Sims (born April 30, 1917 in New Orleans Louisiana—died May 10, 1970 in Dallas, Texas) was an American blues guitarist, singer and songwriter who was active from the late 1930s to the early 1960s. He was a staunch member of the Texas Country Blues movement of the late 1940s and early 1950s. He was the nephew of Texas blues singer Texas Alexander and the cousin of blues guitarist Lightnin’ Hopkins. Both his parents were accomplished guitarists. Sims is regarded as an important figure in post-war Texas Country blues.

In the late 1920s, the family moved to Marshall, Texas. There, Sims learned to play the guitar from blues guitarist Little Hat Jones when he was 12 years old, after which he ran away from home to work as a musician. By the late 1930s, Sims had developed a dual career. He was a teacher at a school in Palatine, Texas during the week and a guitarist on weekends at local parties and dances. In 1941, he was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps and served 3 years during World War II. After the War, he made Dallas his home and began a career as a full time musician.

In 1947, Sims made his first record for Blue Bonnet Records of Dallas – “Home Again Blues” and “Single Man Blues”. He also appeared on a couple of discs backing up Smokey Hogg and Lightnin’ Hopkins. He played in many bars and juke joints in Texas and Louisiana and put together a band with drummer Mercy Baby (Jimmy Mullins). In 1953, he drew the attention of Los Angeles’ Specialty Records who recorded him in two sessions in Dallas. Only three singles were released from these two sessions. Over the next 4 years he played his guitar all over West Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. His playing had improved immensely since his first recordings in 1953, resulting in his 1957 hit single “What Will Lucy Do” with “Misery Blues” on Side B. In a second session Sims, with Mercy Baby on drums, added two saxophone players to produce the highlight of his career “Walkin’ with Frankie” and “Hey Little Girl” on Side B.

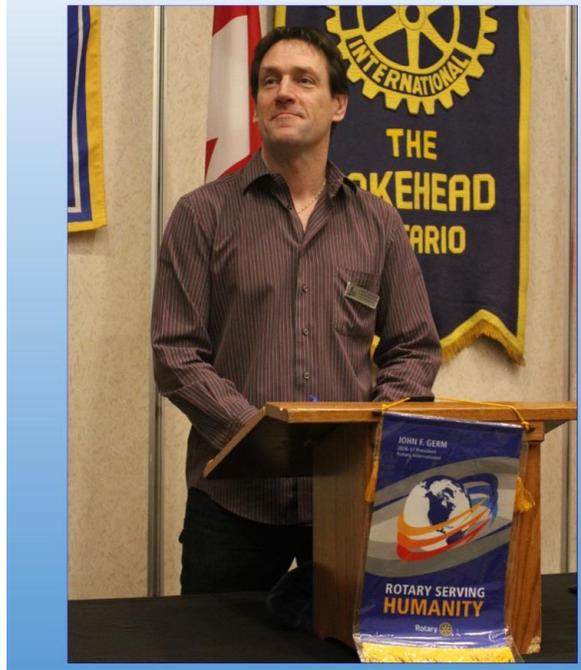
Sims continued to record songs for Specialty Records through the mid-1950s, many of them unreleased until after his death. He also recorded with other blues musicians, including his cousin Lightnin’ Hopkins, T-Bone Walker, King Curtis and Albert Collins. In the early 1960s, Hopkins took advantage of the folk blues revival that made him a world star, but Sims faded into obscurity. Sims was very fond of the bottle and had trouble with law over a shooting incident. He died at age 53 in Dallas of pneumonia, in poor health due to his drinking. Watch and listen to Frankie Lee Sims at:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1ONHDSG2BU>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2\\_ctkI0s4C4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_ctkI0s4C4)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n05sil5qDWo>

**NEXT MEETING:**

**THURSDAY, MAY 25**  
**NEW MEMBER CLASSIFICATIONS**  
**KADY STACHIW & PAIGE MARTIN**

**PRESIDENT’S BBQ—JUNE 22**  
**6:00 P.M.—VALHALLA INN**  
**VIKING ROOM & COURTYARD**

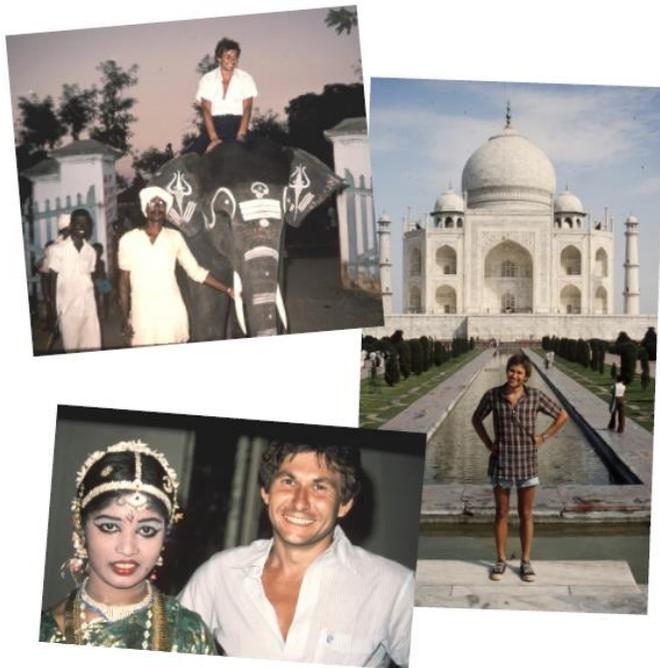




# Thank you Rotary for 35 GREAT Years!



## Fort William and Lakehead Rotary Clubs



## On a Group Study Exchange to India and Sri Lanka

### HIGHLIGHTS OF 35 YEARS!

- Initiated Wednesday May 18th by Rotarian Don Padley at the Fort William Rotary Club in the Airline Motor Hotel
- Group Study Exchange: South India and Sri Lanka
- President Lakehead Rotary
- Honourary Member 6 years as Mayor
- Honourary Member 5 years as Member of Parliament
- Board of Directors
- Paul Harris Fellow
- Chaired Numerous Committees and Special Events
- Nominated many new members over the years
- Volunteer Team Member Shelter House Dinners /RFDA Food Drives / Shelter House Food Drives / House Draws / Boat Draws / Cooking Thanksgiving Dinners at Shelter House / Peace Pole Ceremonies / Salvation Army Kettle Campaigns / Scotch Tasting MC / Shrimp Fest MC / Loon Lake BBQ Fan / Terry Fox Runs since Inception / Sandbag Sales / Christmas Parade Parking Marshall / Sustaining Rotary International Foundation Donor / Sustaining Polio Plus Donor / 5 Successful Rotary Scholar Nominations / Rotary TV Auctions / Carnation Sales / Recreational Trail System Proponent / A few years Perfect Attendance now and then / RYLA Committee / Rotary Golf Tournaments / Welcome Speeches at District Conferences / Started International Friendship Games with Duluth Rotarians