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2017/18 President—Wayne Robinson



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OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH



New Lakehead Rotarian Peter Holt-Hindle is welcomed to Rotary by his sponsor President Wayne and receives his new member plaque, membership kit and name badge including the coveted new member red ribbon

ROTARIAN GAIL BRESCIA
Northern Ontario School of Medicine




Our sponsor this month is the Northern Ontario School of Medicine – thank you Rotarian Gail Brescia.

A mild winter morning for our meeting in R25 with visiting Rotarians Irene Sottile and Dawn Sebesta [Fort William Rotary Club]; our newest Lakehead Rotarian Peter Holt-Hindle; and our special guest Dr. Richard Togman.

ON THE DOOR IN 2017/18:

Karl was on the desk today and for all of the meetings in the month of November. 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 your Club.

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



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TODAY'S ROTARY MOMENT:

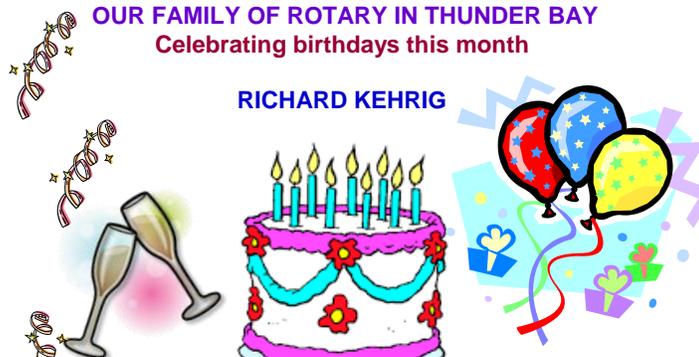
President Wayne noted that this is Rotary Foundation Month and we will be reminded of this through the month in words and video clips. Karl has found a rich source of short clips and shared another today.

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 FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY
Celebrating birthdays this month



RICHARD KEHRIG

Celebrating anniversaries this month

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CLUB CALENDAR:

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

- NOV 21 BOARD MEETING
- NOV 23 BUSINESS MEETING
- NOV 30 VOLKER KROMM

DECEMBER IS ROTARY FAMILY MONTH

- DEC 2 & 3 DECEMBER DREAMS SHOW - COLISEUM
- DEC 7 JILL ZACHARY – SCHOOL PROJECT IN BOLIVIA
- DEC 8 & 9 KETTLES CAMPAIGN – ARTHUR ST. LCBO
- DEC 14 RHONDA HARRISON – EASTER SEALS
- DEC 14 CANADA CLUB MEETING
- DEC 14 ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY – NOR' WESTER
- DEC 21 BUSINESS MEETING & ELECTIONS
- DEC 25 CHRISTMAS
- DEC 28 CANCELLED!!!!
- DEC 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

PRESENTATION:

Our special guest today was Dr. Richard Togman.



Richard brings with him a passion for social justice and a deep knowledge of adult education that can be seen in his work within his community in both a professional and volunteer capacity. While completing his PhD in political science Richard honed his teaching skills, having taught at the University of British Columbia as well as at a Vancouver based non-profit, Trade School Vancouver. In addition, reaching out to fellow students, Richard coordinated the Teaching Assistant Training Program while participating as a mentor in a number of programs including the Vantage College and Undergraduate Research mentorships. Currently, Richard is setting down deep roots in Thunder Bay, consulting pro bono at the Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy as he prepares for the exciting challenge of leading the new class of Speakers School students.

"I strongly believe in building community through education and am very excited to work with the dynamic individuals who will be attending Speakers School this fall". New Directions Speakers' School was founded in 2008 through an initiative of the Thunder Bay & District Injured Workers' Support Group in collaboration with various community partners, including the Lakehead Social Planning Council and the Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic.

The school's main purpose is to develop public speaking and leadership skills and to raise awareness of social justice issues. The school is open to anyone who is an injured worker, living in poverty or facing other economic challenges. The school attempts to address and overcome barriers to participation and promotes an atmosphere of peer support and mutual aid.

This free 14 week course runs twice a year teaching public speaking and leadership skills in an environment of peer support and within the context of education in social justice issues; guest speakers present on issues relating to disability, poverty and unemployment. The training consists of exercises focusing on effective communication, public speaking and group facilitation combined with substantive lectures on social justice issues and other related topics presented by community trainers. Speakers' School also coordinates and facilitates monthly meetings of the alumni who wish to continue developing their skills and broadening their knowledge once they have graduated from the school.

Since 2008 approximately 100 students have successfully completed the program. Graduates have spoken on a variety of relevant social justice issues including discrimination, living with HIV, the sex trade, financial hardships faced by widows, Aboriginal accomplishments, faith, poverty, and addiction.

Students have repeatedly reported that the program has increased their self-esteem, self-efficacy and confidence. Many have gone on to volunteer and work in the City. The presentations given by guest speakers in the community have improved awareness of community services and programs available. New Directions Speakers' School is currently governed by a volunteer board. The members come from a diverse background, each bringing with them a unique perspective from the community.

Research Report on New Directions Speakers' School

In July 2014, a report was prepared by Regina Beloso for the Board of Directors of New Directions Speakers' School. The objective of the report was to highlight key findings from a research project on how the NDSS has helped some of its participants in overcoming isolation by giving them skills to help promote effective community engagement. The report, I Want to Find My Voice Again: The Experiences of Students Who Have Graduated from New Directions Speakers' School can be accessed via this [link](#).

For more information on New Directors Speakers' School or to learn how you can participate or volunteer please call 627-9136 or by email at:

speakersschool@gmail.com

Richard has invited us to the latest graduates of the New Directions Speakers' School at a ceremony at City Hall:

BE INSPIRED!!

Come see the graduates of New Directions Speakers' School
deliver powerful and exciting speeches.

Be a part of social justice in the trenches and learn from their
lived experience.

Speakers' School graduation will be held in

City Hall Council Chambers from 6:00pm – 9:00pm on Dec 12.

(500 Donald Street East)

A light meal and refreshments will be provided at 6:00. Speeches at 6:30pm.

50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:

Paul was our winner today and his winnings will be sent to the Rotary Foundation in December along with all other donations and 50/50 winnings from May 25th to December.

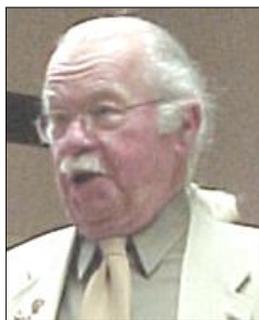
FINES:

Richard worked the cup today starting out with tribute from President Wayne for some good reason. Roy was next up for sporting his "phone on a rope" around his neck. When asked about occasional accidental "pocket dials" he admitted that it has happened. Graham shared his own accidental dialing experience and Clifford shared the experience of a nephew who accidentally phoned 911. Allan also called 911 by mistake when with HSBC and despite his effort to cancel, the police showed up to be sure of things. In the interest of time, Richard invited tribute from all those who have not ridden on a Parade float. Quite a few coins hit the cup. Kathryn shared her very happy dollar for becoming a new grandma. Clifford was happy with the end of semester but more so for attending the musical production of "ELF" at the Community Auditorium. His smile says it all. Audrey was sad to say she will miss the Rotary Christmas Parade but happy to be in Winnipeg for a nice long weekend. Irene was happy to be with us this morning and looking forward to a great Christmas Party

with many area Rotarians and their guests enjoying the feast and fellowship. Paul echoed Richard Togman's appeal for support of the New Directions Speakers' School and other local organizations that receive assistance from the United Way.

BILL'S STUFF...

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



LITTLE BROTHER MONTGOMERY



Eurreal Wilfred "Little Brother" Montgomery (born April 16, 1906 in Kenwood, Louisiana-died September 6, 1985 in Chicago, Illinois) was an American blues, boogie-woogie and jazz pianist and singer who was active from 1917 to 1983. He was a little known but hugely influential Blues pianist. He was a master of the blues piano whose recording career stretched from recording sessions with Paramount, Chess and Cobra Record Companies to live albums in Europe and Japan.

When he was 4, his father bought a piano and by the time he was 6, he began to play his own made-up pieces, playing just 2 or 3 finger blues. As a child, he looked like his father Harper Montgomery and was called "Little Brother" Harper. The name evolved into "Little Brother Montgomery" and the nick-name stuck. He listened to musicians while practically growing up in the barrel house his father owned next to a lumber camp across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans

By the time he was 11, he was skilled enough to earn his own living playing in barrel-houses, juke-joints and honky-tonks in and around New Orleans. Little Brother's piano blues were inspired by listening to his father's friend Jelly Roll Morton, who often visited the Montgomery home. In his playing travels around Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi he absorbed a host of piano styles and in 1928 he moved to Chicago where he made his first recordings for the Paramount label. He recorded later much covered songs like "First Time I Met The Blues", "Vicksburg Blues" and "No Special Rider" which became important blues standards, if not exactly hits at the time.

The Depression began to bite into the Chicago Blues recording industry and Little Brother left Chicago and returned to the South in 1931, where he spent several years leading his own band in Vicksburg, Mississippi. From 1935 to 1936 he recorded regularly for The Bluebird label in New Orleans, producing more than 20 tracks.

In 1942, he returned to Chicago where he would live for the rest of his life. There was plenty of work in the club scene and with his inventive style influenced Sunnyland Slim and a young Otis Spann and other Chicago pianists. Because of his wide repertoire, he had the option of playing, recording and sometimes touring with jazz bands. In 1948 he played in Carnegie Hall with Kid Ory's Dixieland Band. He backed Otis Rush on club dates, and was often heard at the recording sessions of Buddy Guy.

In 1969, he set up his own record company, FM, with his wife and recorded several albums together. He also began to build a reputation in Europe on the Festival and club scene, touring abroad in the 1960s, where he recorded some of his albums. He appeared at many festivals in the 1970s, where he was considered to be a living legend, a link to the early days of blues in New Orleans. In 2013, he was posthumously inducted into The Blues Hall Of Fame. Watch and listen to Little Brother Montgomery at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXcWYKWopUg>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYf6z_6X7_Q
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bi4MO3LpSxU>

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 23rd
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 CHRISTMAS PARADE:

The annual Rotary Christmas Parade was held on Saturday with floats and Parade participants making the trip from the Superstore staging site to the Community Auditorium. Spectators of all ages enjoyed the annual kick-off to the Christmas season in town. Congratulations to the Rotarians, friends and family who made it all possible.



Rotarians of Thunder Bay Present



december dreams

Saturday, December 2 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

C.L.E. Coliseum Building

425 Northern Avenue, Thunder Bay

\$ 2 Admission – no charge for children under 12

An exhibition and sale of arts, crafts and festive treats made by artists, artisans and specialty food vendors of Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario.
[Proceeds support local charitable organizations]

For more on the show and the participants, visit
www.lakeheadrotary.com