



# Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

November 2, 2017



Robby Ahuja talks about the success story that is the Adult and Teen Challenge Program in our area

A chilly day for our first meeting in November with 18 Lakehead Rotarians plus prospective new member Rev. James Pedwell; guest Tom Thompson; and our special guest Robby Ahuja from the local Adult and Teen Challenge organization.

**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
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>Karl Ratz</b>	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 we will share these with our members through the month.

**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
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>NOSM/Gail</b>	MAY	Salvation Army/Gail
DECEMBER	open	JUNE	5 Star Rotarians

**OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH**

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




Northern Ontario School of Medicine

Our sponsor this month is the Northern Ontario School of Medicine – thank you Rotarian Gail Brescia. The Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) is committed to the education of high quality physicians and health professionals, and to international recognition as a leader in distributed, learning-centred, community-engaged education and research.

When the School welcomed its first MD students in September 2005, it became the first new medical school in Canada in over 30 years, and only the second new medical school in North America during a similar period. It is the first Canadian medical school hosted by two universities, over 1,000 kilometres apart. NOSM serves as the faculty of medicine for Lakehead University in Thunder Bay and Laurentian University in Sudbury. The School has developed and delivers a distinctive model of distributed, community-engaged, and socially accountable, medical education. In addition, NOSM is the only Canadian medical school to be established as a stand-alone, not-for-profit corporation, with its own Board of Directors and corporate by-laws.

**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 9	CLIFFORD MUSHQUASH
NOV 11	REMEMBRANCE DAY
NOV 14	BOARD MEETING
NOV 16	RICHARD TOGMAN
NOV 18	ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARADE
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 guests today were Robby Ahuja talking about the local Adult and Teen Challenge.



Teen Challenge has been serving the Thunder Bay community through its recovery program and local outreaches since 2004. The need for a larger facility was recognized earlier this year after the student intern residence they were leasing on Simpson Street was sold. A major fundraising campaign was launched with a generous matching funds grant from NDL Construction and the Buller Foundation. Local director, and Teen Challenge graduate Robby Ahuja, shares that the support from the local community was tremendous, "We knew it was a large project, and we were so encouraged with the number of people who rallied with us to make this new home a reality."

Teen Challenge students not only live at the Syndicate Ave building, but the new home also acts as the daily hub of activity for the program. Academic classes, mentoring sessions, Bible studies, and on-site work projects all take place here. Additionally, with the extra space the new building provides, the organization has been able to move their administration office to the same location.

## Adult & Teen Challenge of Central Canada

**Overcoming addiction. Every day.**

### History & Mission

Adult & Teen Challenge is a Christian discipleship program aimed at helping people who are struggling with addiction. It was founded in 1958 by the late Rev. David Wilkerson (author of *The Cross & the Switchblade*). There are now 1400 programs operating in 118 countries, including those in Central Canada: Brandon, Winnipeg, Denare Beach & Thunder Bay.

*Our mission is to develop and nurture the transformation of restored individuals into useful, productive, law-abiding citizens committed to Christian faith, values and living.*

## Residential Program

Whether you are struggling with a life-controlling addiction, or know someone who is, you don't have to face it alone. Our 12-month residential programs for men and women 18+ can help you find freedom from your addictions. Individual & group mentoring, spiritual disciplines, Global Teen Challenge curriculum, work therapy, community service and recreational activities make our program well-rounded and unique. Our model for recovery is based on biblical principles, accountability and support. Community Support Groups

Adult & Teen Challenge has recently added non-residential support to help more people find hope. This includes ministry to individuals with a past or current addiction, as well as to family and friends who need guidance in helping a struggling loved one. Using curriculum and a small-group discipleship method developed for ATC by Living Free Ministries, groups led by trained staff and volunteers are currently running in many churches and prisons throughout the region. Current groups available are:

- **Concerned Persons:** For those who have a current or past relationship with a person who has a life-controlling problem.
- **Stepping into Freedom:** For anyone struggling with a life-controlling problem like drugs, sex, gambling, alcoholism or workaholicism.
- **Free to Grow:** A group to help people overcome disappointments and setbacks that hinder emotional and spiritual development.
- **Crossroads:** Deals with choosing the road to sexual purity, by presenting biblical insights to help a person break free and stay free.

## Community Events

To spread awareness and help raise funds for our programs, we host a variety of popular community events that include annual snowmobile rides, golf tournaments, a demolition derby, motorcycle ride, rubber duck race, paintball tournament, radiothon and more! Participating in a community event is a great way to get involved.

### Drug Awareness

Our outreach team and choir specialize in sharing stories of hope and addiction prevention in churches, schools, youth groups, prisons and more. Call 204-949-9484 to book a team.

### Vehicle Donation Program

We pick up old vehicles free of charge, and provide a receipt for income tax purposes. Funds raised through our vehicle donation program help cover the operating costs at your local centre. Boats, campers, motorcycles and sleds are also accepted. Call 1-800-632-6095.



Adult & Teen Challenge Super Thrift Thunder Bay is a thrift store that helps fund Adult & Teen Challenge. Adult & Teen Challenge is a twelve month residential program that helps anyone with life controlling issues such as alcohol and drugs. We are a charity thrift store where all funds go to Adult & Teen Challenge. Located at 107 Johnson Ave. To book large pickups call 807-345-2277.

Robby is the Chair of the local New Life Ministries and they have embarked on a \$700,000 capital campaign to build a new house and home for women to replace the home on Government Road that was destroyed by fire. Their hope is to build a new home on the original site of Hope House.



Hope House

... discover hope and a future

A safe, caring and supportive environment where women of all backgrounds can heal from the past, become emotionally healthy and move forward with hope and confidence for the future.

Robby also shared information about a fund raising event coming up later this month...

**Friday November 17th 7pm  
12th Annual Fundraising Banquet  
Italian Cultural Centre**

Tickets are complimentary (will be a free will offering) A great night to really see who we are and what we do! And a great meal! Featuring the Adult and Teen Challenge of Central Canada Outreach Team Contact Jennifer 472-6909 if you would like to attend

Blessings, Robby Ahuja  
[robby@teenchallenge.tc](mailto:robby@teenchallenge.tc)  
807-252-6909

**50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:**

Richard 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 25<sup>th</sup> to December.

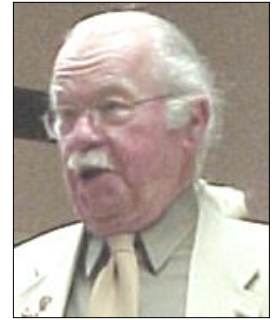
**FINES:**

Richard worked the cup today starting out with tribute from President Wayne for some good reason. He then recognized all of us who did not dress up for Halloween. Gail Kromm shared the first happy dollar to let us know that the Salvation Army has received final approval for plans to proceed with their new building at their existing site. Work could start next summer. Clifford was happy to share his brother's recent achievement - *Lakehead University Prof. Christopher Mushquash will be inducted into the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists at a ceremony on Nov. 24 in Winnipeg. The College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists is a new initiative within the Royal Society of Canada that recognizes scholars who are early in their career. Mushquash is one of 70 incoming members who represent the emerging generation of scholarly, scientific and artistic leadership in Canada. Mushquash holds a Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Mental Health and Addiction and an appointment in the Human Sciences Division at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. He is a clinical psychologist with Dilico Anishinabek Family Care and a member of Pays Plat First Nation.*

Audrey was happy to report that her two young dogs went missing recently along with her husband. The two dogs were found safe and sound. Her husband was also eventually found. Wayne was happy to report that he and his wife will be off to Italy next year to celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. He celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in Italy too. Gail and Brian Brescia will be off to San Diego soon. Allan's happy/sad dollar was for the news about the new Adult and Teen Challenge thrift store...and knowing that Lori-Ann would be sure to check it out soon. Tom Thompson was happy to describe his business venture. Thompson Accessibility Solutions Inc. came to Thunder Bay in August of 2010. Their purpose is to bring affordable accessibility to Northwest Ontario. Thompson Accessibility Solutions Inc. is a family business and they will always treat their customers as family. President K.D. (Tom) Thompson brings extensive knowledge of stair lifts and stair lift design.

**BILL'S STUFF...**

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



# “FATS” DOMINO



Antoine Dominique “Fats” Domino Jr. (born February 26, 1928 in New Orleans Louisiana—died October 24, 2017 in Harvey, Louisiana) was a legendary American Rhythm and Blues, Boogie-Woogie, Blues, and Rock and Roll pianist and singer- songwriter who was active from the late 1940s to 2012. He was one of the biggest stars of Rock and Roll in the 1950s and one of the first R&B artists to gain popularity with white audiences. Domino was born in the Lower 9th Ward of New Orleans to a French-Creole couple, Antoine Sr. and Marie Domino. Louisiana Creole was his first language. He grew up surrounded by music at home and in the streets. In 1938, his brother- in- law who played piano in a local jazz band, showed Fats around the keyboard. After that he practiced at every opportunity. He attended elementary school until the 4th grade when he left to work as an ice-man’s helper and at a bed spring factory. By age 14 he was playing in New Orleans bars. In 1947 he was discovered playing at a back yard BBQ by Bill Diamond who invited him to join his band The Solid Senders at the Hideaway Club in New Orleans. Diamond nick-named him “Fats” because of his frame and his resemblance to the renowned Fats Waller.

In 1949, Fats signed with Imperial Records where he and a producer wrote “The Fat Man” which is widely considered to be the first Rock and Roll record to achieve one million copies sold. In 1955 he recorded “Aint that A Shame” which was the first of his records to appear on the Billboard pop singles chart. In 1955 he recorded “Blueberry Hill” which sold over 5 million copies and in 1988 was entered in to the Grammy Hall Of Fame. He toured 340 days a year in 1956, sometimes witnessing riots because of alcohol, and blacks and whites dancing together for the first time. Imperial Records was sold in 1961 and Fats left the company to join ABC-Paramount where he recorded 11 singles several of which hit the top 100. In the 1970s he recorded for Mercury Records and continued to be a popular performer for several decades.

In August 2005, Fats lost his home, possessions and awards when Hurricane Katrina flooded the Lower 9th Ward. He was married to his wife for over 60 years and had 8 children. Along with many other awards, he was inducted in to the Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame in 1986 and to the Blues Hall Of Fame in 2003. The NFL New Orleans Saints paid tribute to Fats at their home game last Sunday with a FATS decal on the back of their helmets.



Watch and listen to the late Fats Domino at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDj7VfU3368>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iU9f\\_MUBCSs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iU9f_MUBCSs)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ardeW1HPhH0>

**NEXT MEETING    NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**CLIFFORD MUSHQUASH**

### **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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Nz875VZ5_8)