



Lakehead Rotary Chronicle



October 5, 2017



District Governor Debra Warner shares her passion for Rotary's ideals and all the good work Rotarians do around the world

A beautiful day for our first meeting in October with 18 Lakehead Rotarians plus visiting Rotarian Walter Hardie [Hamilton A.M.]; Past President of Thunder Bay Rotaract Club Peter Holt-Hindle; visiting Rotarian and the Governor's partner Ed Williams; and our own Sandy Lychowyd, Assistant Governor for our area; and our special guest District Governor Debra Warner.

ON THE DOOR IN 2017/18:

Karl was on the desk today and for all of the meetings in the month of October. 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	open	MAY	open
DECEMBER	Mo Papich	JUNE	open

TODAY'S ROTARY MOMENT:

President Wayne introduced a new element for our weekly meetings – a "Rotary Moment" – for members to reflect on why they became a Rotarian, what expectations they had at the time they joined our Club and any new expectations they have now, and what they get out of being a Rotarian. Wayne plans to alternate this Rotary Moment with a Foundation Moment and has asked Karl Ratz to give us some news on the Foundation from time to time.

President Wayne gave the Rotary Moment to DG Debra who happily used the opportunity to acknowledge one of our members, Karl Ratz, and to present him with his PHF. Karl was somewhat surprised to receive his PHF from the Governor but we could tell that he was very happy...and plans to continue being our Club's best advocate for the Rotary Foundation.



Congratulations Karl on your PHF

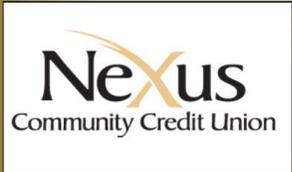
Right after receiving his PHF, Karl proceeded to do something he enjoys – presenting a member of the Club with a PHF for supporting the Foundation and Polio Plus. In this case, the Rotarian was Clint Kuschak and he received his PHF+5. He is the first member of our Club to reach this level of recognition.

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 SPONSOR THIS MONTH




Rotarian Audrey Halvorsen

Our sponsor this month is NEXUS COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION – thank you Rotarian Audrey Halvorsen.

Audrey used her sponsorship moment to talk about her credit union and its partnering company – Alterna Savings. She noted that her company is like Rotary in its philosophy of giving back to community. Nexus and Alterna are recognized as an “Imagine Canada” organization for its level of financial support for community initiatives.



OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY

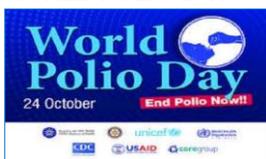
Celebrating birthdays this month
CLINT KUSCHAK
GRAHAM STEWART

Celebrating anniversaries this month
GAIL & VOLKER KROMM
BLAIR & KATHRYN SCHOALES

CLUB CALENDAR:

OCTOBER IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

- OCT 12** TRACEY ONULIAK – MEDICAL MARIJUANA
- OCT 12** CLUB PLANNING – KEN’S CONDO
590 BEVERLEY STREET 5 – 8 PM
- OCT 17** BOARD MEETING
- OCT 19** BUSINESS MEETING &
WILDERNESS DISCOVERY REPORT
- OCT 24** WORLD POLIO DAY



- OCT 25** SHELTER HOUSE MEAL
- OCT 26** JEAN PENDZIOWOL – N.O.W.W. ANTHOLOGY
- OCT 31** HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

- NOV 2** ROBBIE AHUJA/TEEN CHALLENGE
- 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** OPEN
- DEC 14** CANADA CLUB MEETING
- DEC 21** BUSINESS MEETING & ELECTIONS
- DEC 25** CHRISTMAS
- DEC 28** OPEN
- DEC 31** NEW YEAR’S EVE

PRESENTATION:

Our special guest today was our District Governor Debra Warner.



District Governor Debra Warner has been a member of the Virginia Rotary Club since 2008 and served as their Club President in 2011-2012. Following her year as President, she served as an Assistant Governor and then was the District Trainer for 2 years before accepting the position of District Governor Nominee. Debra has made a point to serve on many District Committees to familiarize herself with our District. Debra’s husband Ed is also a Rotarian in the Virginia Club where he is very involved in the club. Debra and Ed are strong supporters of Rotary and Debra is a member of the Paul Harris Society. Debra is a member of the Rotary Action Group for Peace and the Global History Fellowship. Debra and Ed share a love for travel and Rotary and try to combine both in trips they take. They make a point of visiting Rotary Clubs wherever they go in the United States and around the World. They have attended the International Conventions in Bangkok, Lisbon, Sydney, Sao Paulo and Atlanta. Also, they have traveled to India, Haiti and Guatemala to take part in Rotary Service Projects. Debra is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. She is a Licensed Psychologist and has worked in academics in both teaching and administrative positions. She has also worked as a Psychologist in Industry and Community Mental Health. Ed has owned his business Nelson Williams for 42 years in Mt. Iron MN. Debra and Ed are both natives of Hibbing MN and have been happily married for 15 years.

DG Debra started her presentation by acknowledging members of our Club for their contributions to our District and Club – Volker Kromm for leading the effort to bring the District Conference to Thunder Bay and Wayne Robinson for taking on the role to lead the Conference Committee as it plans and prepares for the 2018 Conference. She was especially thankful for Sandy Lychowyd who is her Assistant Governor in our area. Sandy is helping her with Club visits and keeping us all on track as our Rotary Year unfolds.



DG Debra presents ADG Sandy with a token of thanks for her service

Debra talked about the reasons she is a Rotarian. One stood out for her – the opportunity to see the benefit and impact on people in India thanks to water projects and “toilet blocks”. These projects help everyone but most importantly they help to keep girls in school. Another big influence for Debra was the opportunity to be part of a National Immunization Day in India and seeing the impact of Rotary and Rotarians on polio. When Rotary decided to help put an end to polio years ago, 350,000 of new polio cases were reported worldwide in that first year. This year, only 11 new polio cases have been reported. Rotary’s campaign “we’re this close” has been upgraded now to “drop to zero” as we are closing in on this final goal.

Debra acknowledged what our Club does in the community and congratulated us for engaging more women in Rotary. Our District has done well in this regard with 30% representation in our membership and she would like to see 50% before too long. Our Club is doing a good job and she encouraged us to continue to diversify our membership. She noted that Rotary also has the challenge of renewing itself with younger members. In Rotary, only 5% of members are under the age of 40. We all need to do better to share our passion with others, especially young people looking for ways to serve their community.

She also noted that our Rotary Foundation celebrates its 100th anniversary this year and it was a centerpiece of this year’s Rotary Convention in Atlanta. She shared some of the vision and goals of our Rotary President, Ian Riseley. One of these is his desire to see a tree planted for every Rotarian in the world. That’s 1.2 million [or more] trees. Debra brought this message in the form of a small tree for President Wayne who agreed that this is something our Club and our fellow Rotarians in this area could easily get behind.



President Wayne receives a baby conifer from DG Debra in the hope that our Club will plant many more

President Wayne hopes to discuss this initiative when our members meet on October 12th to develop a new Club Vision.

Another global initiative of Rotary International directed at engaging more people in Rotary is the “Ask Me” campaign and a button that we are asked to wear. The ‘Ask Me About Rotary’ button will be backed by resources and information that is forthcoming from our District.



WILDERNESS DISCOVERY:

Work has started out at Wilderness Discovery with Bob Hookham as project leader on site. Bob and his wife will be spending every weekend out at WD and he has asked for help from area Rotarians, Kinsmen, and any others who are able to help. The first few weekends involve demolition of bathrooms in the cabins and demolition and removal of the two trailer units at the top of the site that have been used as HQ for years. Lots of brush clearing has taken place so the focus now is on the cabins and the lower level of the main lodge building. Joan Krisko of the FW Club will be doing all of the scheduling for volunteers every weekend until early November. Watch for this schedule and be prepared to volunteer your time, energy and expertise. Here’s a note from Bob Hookham after the workday on Saturday, September 30th at Wilderness Discovery...

What a great day today. We had an AWESOME crew out today at Shebandowan & accomplished a great deal. All of the Electrical issues have been corrected & we can now apply to have the power turned on. 4 of the 5 washrooms are completely gutted and it will not take long to finish the 5th. The walls in Cabin 1 & 5 that were to be removed are gone & the cabins have a great open feeling. We are well on track & due to the age of most of us out there perhaps 1 day on the weekend & 1 day during the week would be a better schedule.

A huge thank you goes out to Jennifer Kahan & her grandson Dustin. Jennifer has had 2 spinal fusions and still worked all day tearing out ceramic tile & flooring & carrying by bucket debris to the dump trailer, John Brodack who worked tirelessly all day with Jeff Jones. Roly Turner, Bob Tomlinson and Bill Green the great team from the PA Rotary Club, Gary Dragor & Peter from the Shebandowan campers, my Linda and I cannot forget Joan who organizes all the volunteers by email. We did find issues that shocked some but nothing that I wasn’t expecting. We are well on our way and the facility as it progresses will be better than ever. Though we made great strides today, it is a sad day for Wilderness Discovery. One of the driving forces since day one back in January 2015 was Kevin Johnson from Minnesota. Kevin sadly and very suddenly passed away at a sporting event last night. Kevin started the Save Wilderness Discovery campaign and was instrumental in getting 30,000 signatures on a petition to Premier Wynn along with some 4,500 followers on the Save Discovery Face Book Page. Kevin was larger than life and his dream was to see the camp reopen. Kevin I promise this will happen and you will be very proud of the end result.

*Rest in Piece my Friend. You will not be forgotten.
Bob*

50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:

Wayne 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:

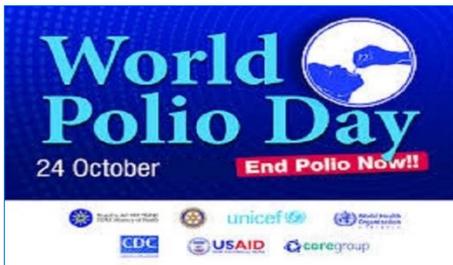
Richard worked the cup in fine form today starting out with tribute from President Wayne for his “tree planting story” [let’s hope he has better luck with the tree presented to him today by DG Debra]. Sandy was next up to be recognized as the first woman in our Club to be President...and she did it twice for good measure. Those in the room who have never been to an international Rotary event were next to be recognized. Ken was part of a GSE team to India years ago...and he shared some of that experience with our members. Clifford was part of a 10-day Wilderness Adventure program in Sioux Lookout, a unique international program in Rotary. Audrey was happy to tell us about a wedding she attended. Derval was happy to be able to

attend our meeting and enjoyed our brand of fellowship. Clint was happy to achieve his PHF+5 in time for his birthday [October 6th] and was especially pleased that Governor Debra was our special guest when he received his PHF+5 pin. Wayne complimented Clint for his PHF achievement and for the many things he does for our Club and for being such an informed and resourceful Rotarian. He has come to refer to Clint as “Yoda”...hopefully for his knowledge and wisdom and knowledge of all things to do with being a Rotarian. So, here’s one for you President Wayne...

May the Force of Rotary be with You!



“Do. Or do not. There is no try.”



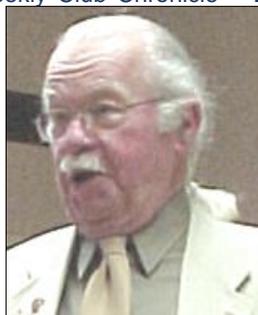
Get ready for the 5th annual World Polio Day event, co-hosted with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The event will stream live from Gates Foundation headquarters in Seattle, Washington to bring together more than 50,000 viewers around the world. Join us as global health experts and celebrities share our progress on the road to polio eradication.

For the first time, Rotary’s World Polio Day celebration heads to the West Coast of the United States. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, one of our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, will host the annual event at its campus in downtown Seattle, Washington, on 24 October. You can watch the event live at 14:30 Seattle time (UTC-7) or view a recording later. Sue Desmond-Hellmann, the Gates Foundation’s chief executive, will brief the supporters who attend — as well as the global audience watching via livestream — on progress in the eradication campaign. Only 11 new cases of polio caused by wild poliovirus have been reported this year, all in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

BILL’S STUFF...

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

MOSE ALLISON



Mose John Allison Jr. (born November 11, 1927 in the Mississippi Delta in Topos Mississippi—died November 15, 2016 in Hilton Head South Carolina) was a blues and jazz pianist, singer and song writer who was active from the 1950s to the 2010s. Though known primarily for piano playing, Mose also received acclaim for his voice, putting together a repertoire that drew on Delta blues, be-bop, early American pop and even European classical.

Mose was born into a middle class white family on his grandfather's farm called The Island because it was surrounded by a bayou. He began playing piano at age 5, taught by his father who also was a piano player. As a boy growing up on the farm, he plowed with mules, picked and chopped cotton and baled hay. When in high school he played trumpet and played songs on the piano that he heard on a local juke box. He continued to take piano lessons while he was working on his grandfather's farm. In 1944 he entered the University of Mississippi to study chemical engineering. After one semester, he joined the U.S. Army where he played in the Army Band. After his discharge, he played in clubs in the South but eventually, he entered Louisiana State University, from which he graduated in 1952 with a B.A. In English and Philosophy.

In 1956, he moved to New York City where he launched his jazz career playing with established jazz greats like Stan Getz Gerry Mullins and Zoot Sims. In 1957 he released his debut album “Back Country Suite” which featured his classic “Young Man Blues”. He formed his own trio in 1958 and recorded for several record companies over the next 5 years. Also in 1958 he released his album “Local Color” which featured a re-issue of Bukka White’s prison blues song called “Parchman Farm” which went on to become one of Mose’s best known songs. The song was covered by many blues artists, like John Mayall and Van Morrison over the years.

In the 1960s he visited Britain several times which had a profound effect on emerging talents of The Yardbirds, The Who, The Animals, and The Rolling Stones. His voice was unique and his songs have been covered by legends such as Elvis Costello, Johnny Winter, John Mayall, Bonnie Raitt and Van Morrison. Mose recorded 35 albums in his first 20 years. He took a break from 1977 to 1982 during which he restricted himself to one album per year. In 2000 he recorded some live albums in London England. He was married in 1949 and had 4 children. Mose has been described as “one of the finest song writers in 20th century blues”. Watch and listen to Mose Allison at:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCpbWLjIrdU>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgaxpwzEqDI>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yK2-nAR0Aks>

**NEXT MEETING:
OCTOBER 12th
TRACEY ONULIAK – MEDICAL MARIJUANA**