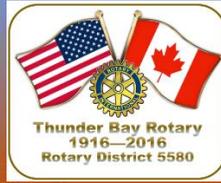


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# Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

September 29, 2016

Our sponsor this month...  
**SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS**  
**ARBOR MEMORIAL INC.**  
Thank you Rotarian **RICHARD KEHRIG**



President Chris trades Club banners with Nipigon Rotary's President Dan Brown who is visiting the local Clubs to promote his Club's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Foundation Dinner on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> in Nipigon [see the advertisement at the end of this Club Chronicle for details] Nipigon has a fine new trading banner with an aerial view of the shiny new Nipigon River Bridge...Dan feels this will become a "collector's item"

A beautiful day for our last meeting in September with a packed room including 21 Lakehead Rotarians plus visiting Rotarians Dan Brown [President of the Nipigon Rotary Club] and Clifford Mushquash [Past President of the Sioux Lookout Rotary Club]. Susan welcomed her guest Petty Ndebele who is a prospective new member.

### ON THE DOOR IN 2016/17:

Graham is on the door for the month of September. Here is 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	
SEPTEMBER	<b>Graham Stewart</b>	MARCH	
OCTOBER		APRIL	
NOVEMBER		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	
AUGUST	Blair Schoales	FEBRUARY	Beaux Daddy's
SEPTEMBER	<b>Sunset Memorial</b>	MARCH	RFDA – Volker
OCTOBER	Ken Boshcoff	APRIL	Sandy Lychowyd
NOVEMBER		MAY	Salvation Army
DECEMBER	Investors Group	JUNE	Star Rotarians

**Sunset Memorial Gardens**

[Rotarian Richard Kehrig]



Our sponsor Richard offered up more highlights from his trade – today we observed Elvis Presley's gravestone. We see that Elvis' middle name is misspelled on the stone but this just adds to the appeal for the many thousands who visit his grave to pay their respects to the "king". Richard says he can get you a stone just like Elvis' for \$34,000. Another gravesite popular with tourists and fans is that of musician Jim Morrison in Paris, France.

## OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY

Celebrating birthdays this month

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And celebrating anniversaries this month

ALLAN & LORI ANN KOZLO  
ROY & JANE LUCAS

### CALENDAR – MEETINGS & EVENTS:

**OCTOBER** **ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**OCT 4** **BOARD MEETING**

**OCT 6** **MIKE CAZA CLASSIFICATION**

**OCT 10** **THANKSGIVING**

**OCT 13** **BARRIE STREIB – THUNDER BAY SYMPHONY**

**OCT 15** **ROTARY SHELTER FOOD DRIVE - METRO**

**OCT 20** **BUSINESS MEETING**

**OCT 24** **WORLD POLIO DAY – END POLIO NOW**

**OCT 27** **WARREN PHILP/BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**

**OCT 27** **ROTARY SHELTER TURKEY DINNER**

**NOVEMBER** **ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

**NOV 1** **BOARD MEETING**

**NOV 3** **OPEN**

**NOV 10** **OPEN**

**NOV 11** **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**NOV 17** **BUSINESS MEETING**

**NOV 17** **CANADA CLUB MEETING**

**NOV 19** **ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARADE**

**NOV 24** **OPEN**

### PRESENTATION:

Our special guests today were new members Kevin Haynen and Gary Mack with their classification talks. Kevin “won the coin toss” so he spoke first.

Kevin was born and raised here – a Current River boy. He attended Black Bay School P.S. and P.A.C.I. His public school is closed but he is happy to see that P.A.C.I. has found another excellent use as LU’s School of Law. Kevin attended LU in the Commerce Program and held a variety of jobs early on including some time in a call centre and with Bay City Sound. He returned to LU for the Social Work Program. He was diagnosed with cancer in 2005 but made it through that ordeal with a positive outcome. Kevin lived in Toronto for his year of cancer treatment, returning to Thunder Bay and LU in the Sociology Program. He studied Indigenous Learning and worked with Dilico – the most difficult work he has done. His next work assignment was with the John Howard Society in its Homelessness Partnership Initiative. Liisa Leskowski hire him as Program Manager and Residential Manager. In March he became Acting Executive Director for the John Howard Society – Thunder Bay. He acknowledged those who helped him along the way including JHS Director Sandy Lychowyd. He was honoured to be invited to become a Rotarian and member of our Club and is very appreciative of the warm welcome.



Gary Mack is the Executive Director of the Rotary Shelter House in Thunder Bay. He started his talk with the story of his fast with the Grand Chief of NAN [Nishnawbe Aski Nation]. The Grand Chief wanted to hold a fast at Shelter and Gary decided to join this 49-hour fast...a powerful personal experience. The fast began at the Shelter in a sweat lodge with elders keeping watch and maintaining the fire. He learned his spirit name through this experience – “light that leads the way”. Gary has been active in Social Work for 20 years. He was born and raised in Thunder Bay and moved to Toronto when he was 19 and lived there for 7 years holding down a variety of jobs. He returned to Thunder Bay and entered the Social Services Program at the College and worked for Social Services [now Ontario Works Program] for 3 years. He earned an Honours Degree in Sociology and worked at the Crossroads Centre doing research for 3 years. The work was too much about analysis so accepted work with Ontario Works and stayed with this for 7 years. He moved to AIDS Thunder Bay and worked with them for 9 months before accepting the role of Executive Director with Shelter House. He talked about some of the initiatives with Shelter House to help bridge the gap between Shelter clients and the community. South Core Clean-ups have been held with 30 Shelter clients helping to clean the streets and laneways around Shelter. A street party was held this summer with Shelter clients doing the work to plan and host the party. Gary



is also proud of the new opportunities for Shelter clients to work on their personal issues such as alcohol addiction. The alcohol management program run by Shelter is helping. Regular visits by area elders is also helping to engage people in their culture. The Shelter is also scheduling outings such as a day out at Kakabeka Falls. The Shelter has had some trouble with violence and Gary's solution for this was a "Zero Tolerance" policy. Clients and residents know that violence will not be tolerated and it's working.

Gary is married and he and his husband have 2 step-daughters and 1 grandchild...so far. He is happy to be an active member of Lakehead Rotary and is also very appreciative of the warm welcome he has received. He is also very thankful for the many things that Rotary has done for Shelter including meals and financial donations plus the initial leadership gift that helped the Shelter to achieve its capital campaign goal. For this, the building was given the name Rotary Shelter House.

#### ROTARY FELLOWSHIP:



#### Rotary Bridge Fellowship Activity

Fellowship Director Leslie Savitsky from the Port Arthur Club sends us an invitation. Their club has a fellowship activity that some of our members might be interested in. It is Rotary Bridge. It runs from October 'till May on alternate Wednesdays.

Here is the information and you may call Leslie on her cell phone 628-4903 or email her. This is an excellent fellowship activity. All levels of experience are welcome.

Rotary Bridge is played alternate Wednesdays and is hosted in the team's home on a rotational basis. On average, each team may host three times in a season. The number of guests expected is two tables of 4 players (including the hosts).

Hosts also provide beverages during the games and then a light snack after playing is completed. Cost is \$3.50 per person per night, which goes towards our wind-up party at the end of the season. Games begin at 7:30 pm with 18 hands of contract bridge being played.

If you are interested, please contact Leslie Savitsky @ [superecono@tbaytel.net](mailto:superecono@tbaytel.net)

We are hoping to get this started on October 19th.

Yours in Rotary Leslie Savitsky, Fellowship Director

#### RFDA FOOD DRIVE:

The annual food and donation drive for the RFDA ran from Thursday to Saturday last week and the donations arriving at their warehouse were sorted and repacked on Saturday with help from our members and other volunteers including a fine crew in yellow tees from Superior Propane.



#### SHELTER FOOD DRIVE:

The annual food drive for the Rotary Shelter House is set for Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and our members are once again asked to serve at the Metro location in the Arthur Street Marketplace. The sign-up sheet has made the rounds once and will be at the welcome desk at future meetings. We like to have two Rotarians for each of the 1-hour shifts.

#### SHELTER MEAL – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>:

We now have the date for our annual Shelter House turkey feast. We had asked for October 18<sup>th</sup> which was open on their Soup Kitchen Calendar but we were advised that the Calendar was not up to date on their website. That date was already taken by others so we now have our turkey feast set for THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>. The food donations list made the rounds at this meeting and lots of food was covered by our members' financial donations. All of the turkeys are donated and we have most of the other items too. The list will be out again on Thursday and we will look for members' dollars then. All of the funds donated will go to the RFDA to buy everything needed for the dinner and they will roast and carve all of the turkeys and deliver them with everything else to the Shelter on October 27<sup>th</sup>. We will complete the peeling, chopping and cooking in Shelter's kitchen and serve the feast.



#### DECEMBER DREAMS:

The Board approved the Budget for this year's December Dreams show and Clint has been working on this since the end of July. Last year's artisans had first-right-of-refusal on their space(s) until Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and he has a wait list of 4 who won't be able to join the show this year as this year's show is "SOLD OUT"!

He will be looking for Rotarians and friends to help with set up and supervision of the show in December and a sign-up list will be out before the Rotary Christmas Parade.

#### ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARADE:

The Rotary Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> starting out at 10:00 a.m. from the Superstore Parking Lot and ending at the Community Auditorium. Lakehead Rotarians will once again look after the start site – Superstore while the FW Club takes on the Auditorium end site. The PA Club looks after all of the barricades [assisted by uniformed Police] along the route. The PA Club's numbers are down and many of the Parade volunteers are not of an age to be standing for hours in the cold. We may be called on to help with this aspect of the Parade and other potential volunteers will also be invited to help.

A Parade Media event is being planned for Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Superstore [same location as last year]. The Media event will include recognition of last year's Parade float winners. Float application forms and other materials are to be ready for circulation on October 6<sup>th</sup> including a theme for this 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the Parade.

#### ROTARY CENTENNIAL:

The Rotary display at the Thunder Bay Museum has come down. The Centennial Committee has started up its meeting schedule for the fall and will have news on Centennial events soon. One of the big events on the Centennial calendar is the annual Rotary Anniversary event. This is always close to the official anniversary date of Rotary International [February 23<sup>rd</sup>] and the 4 area Clubs get together to plan and host it with one Club taking the lead role each year. Proceeds from this event are shared with the 4 Clubs and each Club sends its share to Polio Plus. The Centennial version of this event will be on February 17<sup>th</sup> in the Ballroom of the Valhalla Inn and the Clubs are looking for a gala dinner/evening to celebrate Rotary in our community for 100 years. More on this grand evening soon.

### 50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:

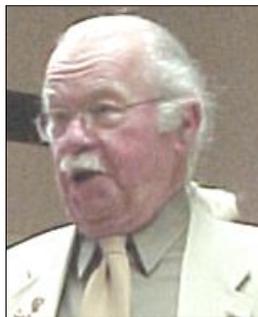
Michel Caza was our lucky winner today and his \$10 will be going to the Rotary Foundation later this year along with all of the donations and 50/50 winnings from our members.

### FINES:

Allan was called to wield the cup today and opened with tribute from President Chris for leading by example. Richard was next to be recognized for his cemetery humour and Clint was recognized by association for writing about Richard's humour in last week's Club Chronicle. Blackberry was in the news and Allan invited tribute from those present who have a blackberry. Richard was recognized again for finally giving up his "Star Trek" flip phone after 21 years of use. In honour of President Dan Brown's new Club banner, those who have not yet driven across the new Nipigon River Bridge were recognized. And those who have never given a classification talk were also recognized. We were surprised to see that Shirley DeWilde has not yet delivered her classification talk and she has been a member for 10 years. Gail Brescia was happy to be home after 3 fine weeks in Italy. She related one fine experience – a gladiatorial bout she and a gladiator had with Brian in an arena in Verona. Ken was next up with his happy dollar to note that we're still in September so Richard was still sponsoring this meeting while he had to put his comments on hold until October when he will be sponsoring that month's meetings. Allan offered his happy dollar for Maya who will be home from University for the Thanksgiving break. Paul Carr offered his happy dollar to remind us to check out this month's *Rotarian* magazine and new on the End Polio Now Campaign. Polio is almost eradicated but the final stretch will be the hardest and it will take an estimated 1 billion to get the job done. Kevin shared his happy dollar for the warm reception he received today and since he joined Lakehead Rotary. Gary was likewise happy to talk about his experiences today and is honoured to have been invited to join the worldwide fellowship of Rotary. Clifford's happy dollar was for being chosen to lead a Rotary Leadership Development Program session in Dryden. Michel is looking forward to his own classification talk in October and happy that his cancer treatment is on track. Bill is also happy to report that wife Vicki is in her 9<sup>th</sup> year as a cancer survivor.

### BILL'S STUFF...

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



# THEM

THEM was an Irish blues and blues-rock band formed in 1964 in Belfast Northern Ireland, and was active from 1964 to 1971. It was the launch-pad for the musical career of the great George Ivan "Van" Morrison. In April 1964 Van Morrison, along with three local Belfast entrepreneurs, established a Rhythm and Blues Club at the Maritime Hotel. As opening night was approaching, Morrison went about recruiting four other musicians from a local Belfast band of which he was a member. He got a drummer, a bassist, a guitarist and lead vocalist, a keyboardist and piano player. Morrison was to join in on saxophone, harmonica and vocals. The band rehearsed over a bicycle shop in Belfast. The musicians had been with a band called "The Gamblers" and decided to change their name to "Them" after the 1954 sci-fi horror film. Opening night at the Maritime Hotel was April 17 and by the third week after opening, the band was playing to packed houses. Some amateurs' tapes caught the ear of Decca Records executives who signed the band to a 2-year deal and moved them to England for their first recording session. The band's first recording session took place on July 5, 1964 at Decca's West Hempstead record studio.

Decca planned to market THEM as part of the British Invasion irking the Irish members and their followers. It was at Decca that the seeds of the band's eventual break-up were planted, due primarily to Decca's meddling (using session musicians rather than band members as back-up to save money by minimizing re-takes, and many personnel changes). However the band did make two albums containing the classic "Gloria", Here Comes the Night, and "Brown Eyed Girl". In January of 1965, the band toured England and started a tour of the U.S. in May 1966. In the U.S. they played at the Whisky A Go Go in Los Angeles and the Fillmore in San Francisco. In Hawaii, the band began to argue among themselves and with management over money. The band broke up in mid-1966 and Morrison returned to Belfast to start a successful solo career. Some members of the band then carried on with the name THEM for a few more years without Morrison. They eventually went on to meet commercial indifference and dis-banded in 1972. With Van Morrison, THEM made 11 albums and 14 singles.

Watch and listen to THEM at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9X-cgihXqQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Wah7MqEHFg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WfAy7P3Prk>

### NEXT MEETING:

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 616**  
**MICHEL CAZA CLASSIFICATION TALK**

### NIPIGON ROTARY CLUB 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



## 25th Anniversary Foundation Dinner

**Wednesday October 19, 2016**  
at the Nipigon Legion (102 Fifth Street)

4:30—> symposium (cash bar), smorgasbord, presentation, auction, guest speaker DG Schmidt

**tickets \$25.00 each**

**Get yours at 807-707-3042**

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