November 15, 2012

President Allan leads today’s Club Assembly on our Club Vision

A frosty fall morning for our Club Assembly with 21 Rotarians plus visiting Rotarian and President of the Fort William Rotary Club, Irene Sottile. Irene was out today to promote the annual Christmas Social for members and guests of our two Clubs. See “The Final Word” in this Chronicle for more details…and get your tickets now.

President Allan adopts Rotary’s theme for our Club this year… “PEACE THROUGH SERVICE”

ON THE DOOR IN 2012/13:
Karl was on the door today and for the month with Graham on deck for December. Help your Club…pick a month. Contact Sergeant Bill or Clint if you can take a month in our new Rotary year. Here is the “gatekeeper’s” line-up for the new Rotary year:

JULY Mo Papich
AUGUST Karl Ratz
SEPTEMBER Richard Kehrig
OCTOBER Karl Ratz
NOVEMBER Karl Ratz
DECEMBER Graham Stewart
JANUARY Volker Kromm
FEBRUARY Gail Brescia
MARCH Réal Bouchard
APRIL
MAY Devon Teeple
JUNE Clint Kuschak

OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY
Celebrating birthdays this month
Richard Kehrig
Devon Teeple

And anniversary congratulations go out to ???

ROTARIAN LIISA LESKOWSKI
John Howard Society

Our sponsor this month is the JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY… Thank you Rotarian Liisa Leskowski

The John Howard Society in Thunder Bay offers a variety of programs and services in our community. Community Integration Services are an evolution of two previous programs, Re-Integration & Residential Services and the ‘My Own Place’ Program. Both of these programs have had tremendous success and work in partnership to assist people in the community of Thunder Bay. Community Integration Services includes Re-Integration Services, Homeless Outreach and Community Housing Services. An ongoing challenge for the John Howard Society is to find affordable housing. To learn more about the John Howard Society, visit:

http://www.johnhowardtbay.on.ca/

CLUB MEETING 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 for 12/13:

JULY Sunset Memorial Gardens
AUGUST Investors Group
SEPTEMBER Investors Group
OCTOBER Regional Food Dist.
NOVEMBER John Howard Society
DECEMBER NOSM
JANUARY Garry Kushner
FEBRUARY Investors Group
MARCH Bob Ikola
APRIL MS Society
MAY Salvation Army
JUNE 4 Star Rotarians
CALENDAR – MEETINGS & EVENTS:

NOV 22 LEE STUESSER, FOUNDING DEAN OF LAW FACULTY OF LAW, LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

NOV 29 SANDY L.YCHOWYD...ON MEMBERSHIP IN ROTARY

NOV 29 CANADA CLUB MEETING

DECEMBER – THE FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH

DEC 1 & 2 DECEMBER DREAMS SHOW – CLE COLISEUM

DEC 5 BOARD MEETING

DEC 5 CHRISTMAS SOCIAL WITH FW ROTARIANS

TRAVELODGE AIRLANE

DEC 6 REGULAR MEETING CANCELLED...

DEC 7&8 SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLES

DEC 13 OFFSITE MEETING AT THE RFDA...and BREAKFAST WITH VOLKER

DEC 20 BUSINESS MEETING & CLUB ELECTIONS

DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

DEC 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

DEC 27 REGULAR MEETING CANCELLED...

INFORMAL BREAKFAST AT TIMBERS

DEC 31 NEW YEAR’S EVE

JANUARY – ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

JAN 1 NEW YEAR’S DAY

JAN 2 BOARD MEETING

JAN 3 DEAN BOTCHAR/CHILD FIND PROGRAM

JAN 10 GORDON VAN FLEET/MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEMS

JAN 17 BUSINESS MEETING

JAN 24 MARY McLELLAN CLASSIFICATION TALK

JAN 31 CHARLA ROBINSON/RON NELSON - NOMA

JAN 31 CANADA CLUB MEETING – 12:00 NOON

CLUB ASSEMBLY – CLUB VISIONING:

President Allan, assisted by members of the Club, reported on the highlights of our Club Visioning exercise attended by 18 Lakehead Rotarians. The purpose of the exercise was to come up with a vision of our Club...what it would look like and be doing by October, 2015. Many ideas were put forward and members “voted” on the results to come up our “top picks”...those things we will work on to achieve our vision.

Here are those top picks in their respective categories:

VISION PURSUED
(What does our Club “Stand For’ in our Community)

Highly regarded and respected in community
Inclusive
Go to service club in the city

CLUB SIZE
51 - 60

ATTRIBUTES
(What are our characteristics, features or demographics)

All economic levels represented in membership
Membership willing to work hard
Diversified, inclusive and respectful membership

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Time for fellowship and fun
All members are or have been on the Board
Mentoring for new members

CLUB FUNDRAISER

Famous Entertainers $25 K
Feast & Famine event $30 K
Scotch & Beer Festival $5 K

VOCATIONAL AVE SERVICE
Annual bursary + Hon. Membership in Club for NOSM student
Recognize students for community service [awards]
High school program on valuing diversity

COMMUNITY AVE SERVICE

Poverty reduction project
Branded project
New residence for Salvation Army

INTERNATIONAL AVE SERVICE

Participate in Rotary Friendship Exchange [1 member/year]
Completed first international project
Donate 4 Shelter Boxes [per year]

NEW GENERATIONS AVE SERVICE

Northern remote communities exchange [rural - urban]
Youth Exchange revived with 2 inbound and 2 outbound
Canadian RYLA

FOUNDATION SUCCESS

(Annual giving, Paul Harris Fellows, etc.)

75% of members donate to the Rotary Found. [annually]
50% of members are Paul Harris Fellows
Every member donates to PolioPlus or the “new focus”

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLIC IMAGE

Signature public event(s) for Canada Club group
Monthly online magazine by Canada Club group
Rotary-owned digital billboards

NEXT STEPS...

A Presidents Council has been formed consisting of our current President, Past President, President-Elect and Secretary to consider the time frame and who would be best to lead our Club to achieve these aspects of our Vision. Our President-Elect will join this group after the elections in December so we will have the Presidents leading the way over the next three years.

We will also do more research into the preferred long-term goals.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

The District Conference will be held in Bemidji, Minnesota from April 24 – 27...and the Conference website is open and registrations are being accepted. If you are planning on going to the Conference, check out the website...and send in your registration.

http://www.bemidji2013.com/home

The Conference is jointly hosted by:

Bagley Rotary Club
Bemidji High School Interact Club
Bemidji Rotary Club
Bemidji State University Rotaract Club
Bemidji Sunrise Rotary
Fosston Rotary Club
Park rapids rotary club
COMMUNITY SERVICE:  G. Brescia, Service Director

DECEMBER DREAMS...TWO WEEKS TO GO
Our annual arts and crafts show is coming along with 51 confirmed booths and promises of a few more...still short of our goal of 61 for a “sell-out”. Advertising begins now and posters and flyers are available...get yours at the welcome desk and post them around town. Digital versions will be networked soon to help spread the word.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARADE
And after you help out with the Parade, be sure to join with fellow Thunder Bay Rotarians, Rotaractors, Exchange Students, and others for a social at the Airlane.

SCOTCH TASTING...for our international work
A new fundraising event is coming together nicely thanks to a suggestion from Karl Ratz and his son Doug. Some of us are familiar with the MacGillivray Pipe Band Scotch Tasting event held in October. Well, we are going to hold our own Scotch Tasting event on January 26th at the Valhalla Inn. Mark that date in your calendars for our first [annual] to raise awareness and funds for our Club’s international work. All of the funds from this new event will go to our designated international projects and we will market this event to fellow Rotarians, scotch aficionados, and those who wish to help us with our international work. The organizing committee is forming nicely and those involved to date are pulling out all the stops to have this new event ready for sale by December 5th. Stay tuned for more on this tasty new event.

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

BS #3...“MUDDY WATERS”

McKinley Morganfield (April 4, 1915-April 30, 1983) was a renowned American blues musician. He was born in Rolling Fork, Mississippi and was raised by his grandmother, a sharecropper, in Clarksdale Mississippi. His education ended with the third grade, and he remained illiterate all his life. When he was a boy he liked to play in muddy water, hence his stage name, later. He taught himself to play the harmonica by age 10 and the guitar by age 13. He was a farmer in Clarksdale when Alan Lomax recorded him in the fields, in August 1941 and July 1942, for the U.S., Library of Congress.

In May 1942 he moved to Chicago, and the music scene in Chicago was never the same. From the late 1940’s on he, along with Howlin’ Wolf, defined the city’s Delta-rooted blues with his voice and electric slide-guitar,

Listen to Muddy’s music at
www.last.fm/music/MuddyWaters, and
www.jango.com/music/MuddyWaters,

and watch some videos at www.YouTube.com/MuddyWaters.

A particularly classic video is Muddy Waters and The Rolling Stones at the CheckerBoard Lounge in Chicago

More B.S. coming next week...stay tuned.

FELLOWSHIP FINES:
Dale, sporting his “Movember ‘stache”, had a fine old time today scoring another sweep. Clint paid tribute for interrupting the President to share a comment on the Vision while Richard added his for not offering a “good morning” to Dale at the door. Devon was singled out for Blackberry use during the meeting. Our new member Mary also paid tribute for the room being a little cool today...though some thought it was just right. Those who were not involved in the current Movember campaign were invited to fill the cup...and if any escaped this ploy, Dale invited all those who have not completed their Christmas shopping to step up too.
Shirley gave her happy dollar as she recognized our two “birthday boys” this month – Richard and Devon. Allan’s happy dollar was for a fine time in Minneapolis last weekend including a great Vikings/Lions football game. Bill gave his sad dollar for his “pal” Mitt Romney’s unsuccessful bid for the Presidency [you will have to see Bill for the full story behind this]. And Richard closed with his sad dollar as the latest sex scandal affecting top brass in the U.S. continues to unfold.

little time to work on us but scored a fine sweep accepting tribute from those who agreed that today’s GSE presentation was the best ever. Allan shared a happy dollar as he will be off this weekend to Minneapolis and plans to see a Vikings football game. Apparently Don will be doing likewise.

50/50 DRAW:
Our happy 50/50 winner of the Foundation points today was Paul Carr.

As of today’s meeting the 50/50 points plus individual donations from members at meetings add up to $ 658 for the Rotary Foundation.

NEXT MEETING:
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2012
LEE STUESSER, FOUNDING DEAN OF LAW
FACULTY OF LAW, LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

Dr. Brian Stevenson and Dr. Lee Stuesser are committed to the success of Lakehead's Faculty of Law