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Hike with us on May 3 say, from left, Joan Williams, Norina Arno, Terri Kanneglesser, Caitlyn Phirbny, Bailey Forsberg; back row, Michele Love, Janis Degagne, Paul Morralee, Bob Love and Kathleen Buso.

Death and taxes, life's 2 certainties

But it's dying that most confounds us, and needs the comfort of others

It was Benjamin Franklin who stated, "In this world, nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes."

I talked a lot about taxes in my campaign for mayor last fall. But it's the first half of Franklin's quote that I'd like to address now.

Death is something we don't like to think about. For many, it's a matter of not knowing how to comfort someone in their last days. Sometimes there simply aren't any friends or family to offer support to the dying.

However, there's a group in Thunder Bay, ordinary folk, who make an extraordinary contribution to the well-being of our community. They're the people at Hospice Northwest.

Unlike the hospice unit at St. Joseph's Care Group, Hospice Northwest is not a place where people go to die. Their specially-trained volunteers go out into the community to help people in their final days. They also provide respite to families and support them through their grieving process. All of this is done at no cost to the recipients.

There's a way you can help these folks continue their important work.

Join me on May 3 at Boulevard Lake for the Hike for Hospice. It's a fundraiser. You gather pledges and walk around the lake. Better yet, you get a team together with people at your workplace, church or social group. It's meant to be a

fun event and a celebration of life. There will even be prizes for folks that do the most fundraising.

You see, it costs money to provide these important services to the people of Thunder Bay and the smaller communities in the district.

It doesn't appear we can do much about the taxes thing. But we can help support an organization that has the courage to face that other inevitability, death.

To find out more, visit hospicenorthwest.ca or call the office at 626-5570.

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