



Conferred upon Ginette Thomas on June 25, 2024

Ginette Thomas joined our Club in 2015 and has been serving our community through Rotary since that time. She holds the classification of Academic Research – Social Sciences.

From 2017 to 2019, Ginette served on the Board as Director of Community Service and Youth. In 2023-25, she once again continues to serve on the Board as President-Elect and in 2025-26, Ginette will be our President. Occasionally, in the absence of our current President, she has already chaired several meetings and has done a stellar job.

Since joining our Club, Ginette has taken an active interest in maintaining the Club Archives. She served on that committee and then assumed the Chair of the committee in 2022. Ginette loves history and finds archive work and being our Club Historian to be most enjoyable and rewarding. Our Club is very fortunate to have someone with her academic qualifications and keen interest taking on this work. She is the perfect fit for this role within our Club.

Ginette has also been one of the few volunteers to step forward to write our weekly *Spinoff* newsletter over the years.

Ginette was actively involved in the planning and organization of the Mental Health Forum sponsored by our Club. This forum was entitled “Prepared and Positive” and was directed at parents of elementary and secondary school students to help them identify behaviours in their children that may be indicative of a mental health issue and where they can find help. She arranged for the venue at St. Paul University and worked closely with our Club President on organizing the half day program. This interaction with other community organizations has enhanced the profile and raised awareness of Rotary.

Thank you, Ginette, for your outstanding and dedicated service to our Rotary Club and to our community.

Please come forward to accept our congratulations and receive your Paul Harris Fellow Award.

Paul Harris Fellow Award:

At the Club's request Rotary International issues a certificate in the awardee's name and a PHF pin. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary.

Awardees should meet at least three of the following criteria:

- a. Served a minimum of two years on the Club's Board of Directors;
- b. Chaired two or more of the Club's standing committees;
- c. Performed noteworthy volunteer service in the Club over the years;
- d. Provided extraordinary support or leadership in Club fundraising;
- e. Performed a unique role, or provided a special service, for the Club over a period of years;
- f. Enhanced the Club's reputation or public profile;
- g. Been active on a Rotary district committee;
- h. Performed outstanding volunteer service for the community, external to Rotary.