

# FORTARIAN

WEDNESDAY 11/06/2025

THUNDER BAY, CANADA

## Meetings



2nd & 4th  
Wednesdays



Dinner - 5:30pm  
Meeting - 6:15pm



Daytona's Restaurant  
965A Cobalt Crescent

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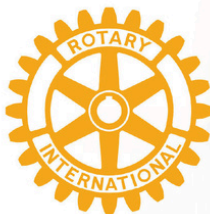


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# LAST MEETING



We had the pleasure of hosting Cpt. Jeff Barabash and LAC Castillo as our speakers to give us an update on the local air cadet program. Jeff provided a brief outline of this year's activities, noting a significant turn-out for the Battle of Britain commemoration event. Jeff thanked FW Rotary on behalf of the Squadron.



## AIR CADETS & FW ROTARY

Stephen read the following excerpt from the 1961 Fortarian Book:

*One of the outstanding achievements of the Club was the formation of an Air Cadet Corps here. The name was subsequently changed to the Royal Canadian Air Cadets.*

*In October 1941, the 66<sup>th</sup> (Fort William) Squadron was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fort William. The officers were A.K. Putland, CO, Dr. A. T. Gillespie, MO, L.Y. McIntosh, J. Burney and F. Smith, adt., and later Col. R.H. Neeland. The Committee responsible for*

*financial assistance was made up of Dr. C.C. Crawford, E.R. Youngs, Roy Kirkup, H.H. Richards and others. The headquarters for recruiting were in the Tourist Bureau. The training quarters in the Franklin Street School. Flt. Lt. W. Shapton was in charge of the squadron from 1941 to 1947. Flt. Lt. R. Hardy has been in command since that time.*

*The first inspection was made in the spring of 1942 and the Squadron was highly commended by the inspecting officer from the RCAF. The 66<sup>th</sup> was the first in the command to be uniformed. Mr. N. M. Patterson donated band equipment. Some sixty boys and 3 officers, together with the medical officers, went to camp at Carberry, Manitoba, in 1942. For the first year and a half the officers bought their own uniforms and served without remuneration. In 1943, the officers were asked to apply for commissions in the RCAF, after which they received a uniform allowance.*

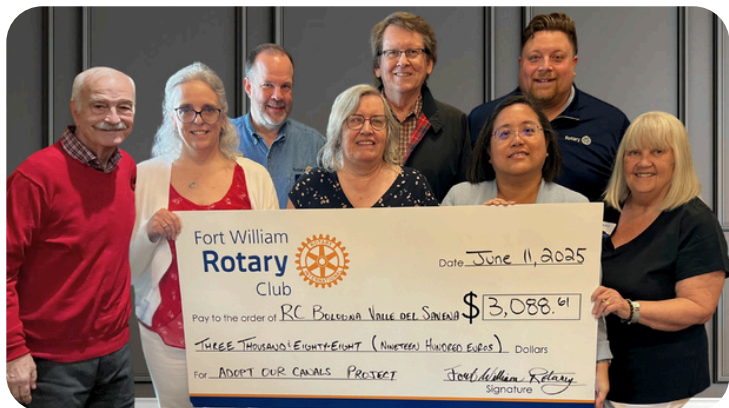
*The squadron has sent large representations to various summer camps at Carberry, Brandon, Gimli, Penhold, Rivers, Abbotsford, Trenton, and St. John's, PQ. A high standard of efficiency has been maintained. A higher than average number of scholarships, awards and trophies has been received.*

*In 1952, because of difficulty in maintaining an active sponsoring committee, The Youth Service Committee of the Fort William Rotary Club undertook full sponsorship. A financial campaign was instituted under the leadership of Dr. McCullough, and \$3,000 was donated by public-spirited individuals and business concerns. Subsequent tag days and per capita grants have lent additional support. Another financial programme is now being instituted under the leadership of Dave Bole.*

*Chairmen of the Youth Service Committee over the past eight years have taken a keen interest in the sponsorship of the Squadron and have been well supported by their committee members. When the local Armoury was torn down, it seemed as if there would be no place to carry on the training program. However, again, with the assistance of another Rotarian, Julian Merrill, suitable quarters were provided. Committee Chairmen were, Charlie Verge, Earl Buckley, Gordon Dalzell, Dr. Len Remus, and Charlie Holt. Gerald Laing has been Treasurer and Chief Liaison Officer with the Squadron.*



# CIAO ITALIA!



Our Club recently committed to a 500€ donation to the Rotary Club of Bologna Valle del Savena. FW Rotarians Dave & Bev, Glenn & Laura, Irene & Sante, Therese Lim and Stephen Margarit all donated to the project for a total of 1,900€ or \$3,088.61 for this global grant, which is now fully funded.

Irene S, through a Rotary connection, became aware of this Eco project. The canals of Bologna have been in existence for around a thousand years. They provided transport, regulated water distribution through the surrounding district and allowed for water-powered mills. As time progressed, they became polluted and were covered over in some sections in the City. More recently, some sections of the canals have been uncovered and the health of the water system is being constantly improved. The Clubs project is to support water quality monitoring instrumentation to assist in gathering data, identifying issues and monitoring corrective actions.

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIBE:



Dave Knutson

## SUMMER TIME EVENTS

### Fort William Rotary

- Jodi will be holding a BBQ (Date TBD) at her house which will be potluck style. The official passing of the gavel and pins will take place as Jodi is out of town on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Jodi is also looking at doing a baseball evening at one of the Border Cats games. Details TBD.

### House Lottery

- Just a reminder that you are cordially invited to the Lottery House on Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am as we call the winner!

### Port Arthur Rotary

- PA Rotary will be holding their annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Thunder Bay Country Club. Shotgun start at 2pm and Dinner at 4:30/5:00pm.



Next Meeting: June 25

Thank You  
President Glenn  
Year-end Meeting



# Upcoming Events



**JUNE**  
**25**  
5:30 PM  
**Club Meeting:  
Passing of the Gavel**

**JULY**  
**1**  
11:00 AM  
**39<sup>th</sup> FW Rotary House  
Lottery Draw**

**JULY**  
**1**  
  
**Happy Canada Day!**

**TBD**  
**President Jodi's  
Backyard BBQ**

**TBD**  
**FW Rotary  
Baseball Night**

**AUGUST**  
**26**  
2:00 PM  
**PA Rotary Annual  
Golf Tournament**

**TBD**  
**District Governor Elaine  
Club Visit**

**SEPTEMBER**  
**10**  
5:30 PM | 6:15 PM  
**Club Meeting:  
RYLA Students**

**SEPTEMBER**  
**24**  
5:30 PM | 6:15 PM  
**Club Meeting:  
Club AGM**