

# FORTARIAN

WEDNESDAY 25/06/2025

THUNDER BAY, CANADA

## Meetings



2nd & 4th  
Wednesdays



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



Daytona's Restaurant  
965A Cobalt Crescent

## 2024-2025 Board of Directors

President:

Glenn Craig

President-Elect:

Jodi Phillips

Past President:

Irene Sottile

Secretary:

Stephen Margarit

Treasurer:

Dawn Sebesta

Directors:

Laura Craig

Dave Knutson

Stephen Margarit

Mandi O'Connor

Joseph Osei Ababio

Dawn Sebesta



**Kay Parries**

5580 District Governor



**Glenn Craig**

Club President

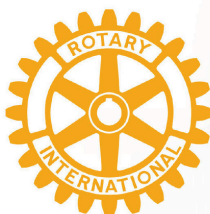


**Stephanie Urchick**

RI President

01/04

Fort William  
**Rotary**  
Club

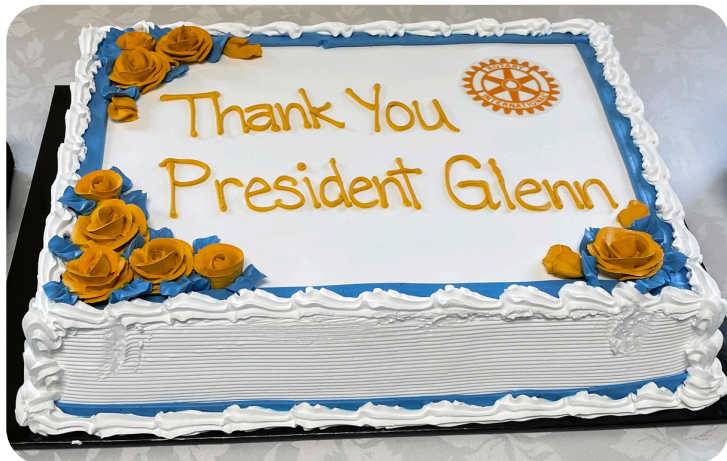




The meeting was the annual year-end Gavel Ceremony. Fort William Rotarians gathered at the Best Western Nor'Wester and were welcomed with an nougat guessing game put together by Irene.

President Glenn dinged the bell and called the meeting to order which was immediately followed by singing our National Anthem. Cynthia made the Toast to the King and Canada and Mary Ann read the Land Acknowledgement. Glenn welcomed guests – Tony Sebesta, Linda Hookham, TBRHSF Staff and Honourary Rotarian, Mark Breton.

Past President Irene presented Glenn with a gift from the club and Dawn executed a fun Glenn trivia that Therese helped to create! Did you know where Glenn went to high school or what kind of dog he has? The winning team with 39 points consisted of Brendan, Brian, Champagne, Jill, Laurie, Stephen and Steven.



## THANK YOU GLENN!

Glenn spoke about this past year as club president. He hi-lighted the partnership evening and hopes it's an event that the club continues. He also gave a shout out to Dawn and Stephen for their support over the past year – and also a very special acknowledgement to his wife Laura.

Jodi attended the ceremony via zoom and also made her presentation via zoom from Victoria, British Columbia! She will begin her presidential year on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Jodi announced that she is officially retired and now has more time to contribute Rotary as the 2025-2026 club president. She acknowledged the International Presidents' message of "Unite for Good" and echoed that sentiment for the upcoming Rotary year.

As Jodi was away, the official passing of the gavel will take place at a later date in the summer.



## THIS WEEK'S SCRIBE:



Cindy Levanto





## CONGRATS FW ROTARIANS

President Glenn presented the following FW Rotarians with their Years of Service Pins:

- **Bob Hookham – 25 Years**
- **Dave Knutson – 20 Years**
- **Irene Sottile – 20 Years**

The following Rotarians also celebrated milestones this year but were unable to attend:

- **Joan Krisko – 20 Years**
- **Robert Moore – 20 Years**
- **Mandi O'Connor – 5 Years**



## CONGRATS ABIGAIL



### TAS McKee Bursary

Congratulations to Abigail Burchat the TAS McKee Bursary recipient from St. Patrick High School. FW Rotarian Stephen was at their convocation to present the bursary.

## CLUB AWARDS



### Rotarian of the year

Congratulations to Laurie Etter, our 2024-25 Rotarian of the Year. She was presented her award from last year's ROTY, Cindy. Thank you for all the work over the last year Laurie!



### Gordon, Ross, Vance Judge Award

Congratulations Cynthia, our Judge Award recipient for 2024-25! Last year's recipient Dawn presented the award. Cynthia has contributed to our club long before she officially joined in 2011 – over 50 years of service!

**Next Meeting: July 23**

**Summer  
Patio Chat  
Kelsey's Roadhouse**

**KELSEY'S**  
*original*  
**ROADHOUSE**

# Upcoming Events



JULY

1

11:00 AM

**39<sup>th</sup> FW Rotary House  
Lottery Draw**

JULY

1



**Happy Canada Day!**

JULY

23

5:30 PM

**Summer Patio Chat -  
Kelsey's Roadhouse**

AUGUST

6

5:30 PM

**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**