

# FORTARIAN

WEDNESDAY 26/11/2025

THUNDER BAY, CANADA

## Meetings



2nd & 4th  
Wednesdays



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



Daytona's Restaurant  
965A Cobalt Crescent

## 2025-2026 Board of Directors

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Jodi Phillips

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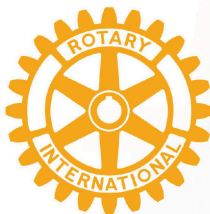


**Francesco Arezzo**

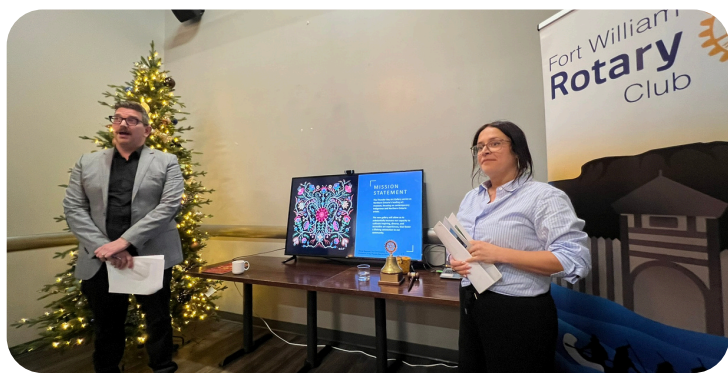
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Fort William  
**Rotary**  
Club



# LAST MEETING



President Jodi welcomed everyone to the meeting. Our guests today were Matthew Hill (Executive Director) and Jennifer McKeown (Philanthropy Director) with the Thunder Bay Art Gallery.

Matthew and Jennifer gave an update on the new Art Gallery being built at Marina Park. Current plans are for a 2027 opening. They thanked FW Rotary for our \$100,000 doantion towards the new building and commended us for supporting the project early on.

They also spoke about the improvements the new facility will have and the additional programming the gallery can offer the community with the extra space for classrooms, events, and multiple exhibits.



After the presentation, President Jodi called up Past President Glenn Craig and presented him with a Club Excellence Award (formerly the Presidential Citation) for our club's work last year. This award recognizes clubs that achieve specific goals throughout the year, such as increasing their membership, engaging members in sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation, building awareness of Rotary in your community, and having an up-to-date strategic plan.

# LAST MEETING



FW Rotarian Stephen was at the Salvation Army media kick-off, making the first donation to the 2025 campaign of \$10,000. Thanks to our members who have already signed up for a kettle shift! If you are at Superstore on Saturday's, say hi to our volunteers. The goal of their 2025 Campaign is \$310,000.

# THANK YOU



Fort Williams Rotarians were out at the RFDA on Monday, November 17, assembling cookie boxes that will be used for the RFDA's Holiday Hampers. Thanks yo Nancy, Laurie, Dawn, Mary Ann, Stephen, Mark, Irene, Craig, and Sante! Hundreds of boxes were assembled.

# SANTA CLAUS PARADE

What a great success! Thanks to the Parade Committee and everyone who volunteered at the Rotary Santa Claus Parade! There were over 60 entries this year, and the weather was great.

We would also like to thank all those who decorated the float, and prepared the popcorn and hot chocolate ahead of time.



## THIS WEEKS' SCRIBE:



Stephen Margarit

Next Meeting: Dec. 10

Club Holiday Social @Daytona's



# Upcoming Events



DECEMBER  
**1**  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Club Volunteering:  
Shelter House**

DECEMBER  
**10**  
5:30PM  
**Club Meeting:  
Christmas Social**

DECEMBER  
**13**  
6:00 PM @BIGHT  
**Rotary Tri-Club  
Christmas Party**

DECEMBER  
**14**  
7:00 PM @ST. PAUL'S  
**FW Rotary  
Carol Sing**

DECEMBER  
**15**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Club Volunteering:  
Shelter House**

DECEMBER  
**25**  
  
**Merry Christmas**

JANUARY  
**1**  
  
**Happy New Year!**

JANUARY  
**5**  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Volunteering:  
Shelter House**

JANUARY  
**14**  
5:30 PM | 6:15 PM  
**Club Meeting:  
Tammy West - KIHS**