

# FORTARIAN

WEDNESDAY 25/09/2024 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



# LAST MEETING



President Glenn led the Annual General Meeting of the Club, assisted by Club Secretary Stephen Margarit. The Agenda consisted of:

1. Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous AGM
2. Election of Directors
3. Club Treasurer's report
4. 2024 House Lottery Report
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Confirmation of Board Decisions
7. Adoption of new Club Bylaws
8. Adjournment

The Club bylaws were updated to be consistent with the stipulations of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (2010) which came into force in 2021 and set a deadline of October 2024 for changes to be made. The motion to adopt the new Bylaws was carried. Thank-you very much to the Bylaw Review Committee for their work in bringing the Bylaws up to date.

The Minutes of the 2023/24 AGM will be available from the Club Secretary.



# CLUB NEWS

## Community Service

**Shelter House:** Mandi reported that the 3rd Sunday of each month at lunchtime has been confirmed as the opportunity for our Club to provide the meal service. Eight participants would be ideal for this effort, with four individuals working the front window and the remainder assisting in food preparation.

Mandi also mentioned that she was working the Thanksgiving weekend Sunday and that volunteers were needed for this busy day. Contact Mandi for additional information.

**RFDA:** Mandi confirmed that the Club would continue with the Monday evening assistance, between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 in the evening, slightly earlier than in the past. This will start on the first Monday of November.

**RFDA Food drive:** This year's food drive will take place October 10/11/12 at various locations in the City. The Club may be assigned to the Safeway store on Arthur or Family Foods in Centennial Square (to be confirmed).

## Rotary Santa Claus Parade

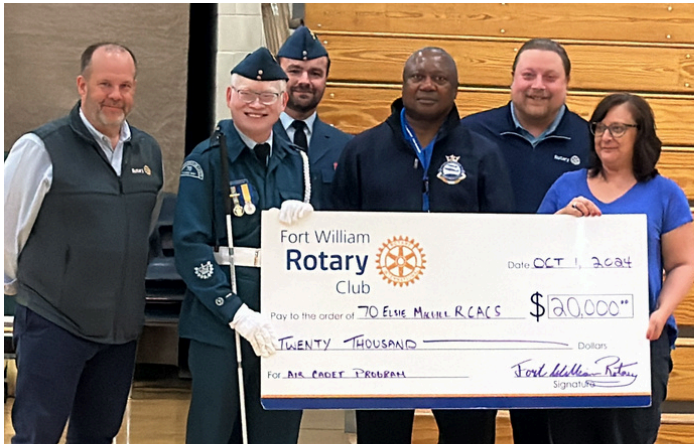
Dawn Sebesta reported that the organization of this event was well underway and that two new sponsors had been secured. For further information visit [rotaryparade.ca](http://rotaryparade.ca)

## Club Fundraising

Bob Hookham reported on this year's Country on the Bay during which the three local Rotary Clubs operated the bars. This was a successful fundraising event for the three Clubs and the security/control plan was well received by the AGCO. Going forward, the current Rotary leadership for this event is looking to create a succession plan as an opportunity for younger members to develop their leadership skills and ensure a robust organization going forward. President Glenn thanked Bob for his leadership of this event on behalf of the Club.

# AIR CADETS

Recently, "our" The 70 Elsie MacGill Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron Was recognized by the Airport Authority for the work they do maintaining this monument. Click [here](#) for more info. We also presented a cheque for \$20,000 recently to the Air Cadets!



**Next Meeting: Oct. 9**  
**Speaker:**  
**Sam Stovel**  
*Camp Quality*

# ROTARY GIVES



Recently, we presented a cheque for **\$80,000** to the **St. Joseph's Foundation** for 2 Arjo Beds.

We also presented a cheque for **\$75,000** to the **RFDA** for the new meat processing room.



## THIS WEEK'S SCRIBE:



**Dave Knutson**

# Upcoming Events



OCT  
**9**  
5:30 PM | 6:15PM  
**Club Meeting:  
Camp Quality**

OCT  
**18**  
5:00 PM | 6:00 PM  
**Nipigon Rotary  
Anniversary Dinner**

OCT  
**20**  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
**Shelter House  
Lunch Service**

OCT  
**23**  
5:30 PM  
**Club Meeting:  
Boys & Girls Club Tour**

NOV  
**4**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**RFDA  
Volunteer Night**

NOV  
**13**  
5:30 PM | 6:15 PM  
**Club Meeting:  
Remembrance Day**

NOV  
**16**  
10:00 AM  
**Rotary Santa  
Claus Parade**

NOV  
**27**  
5:30 PM | 6:15 PM  
**Club Meeting:  
TBD**

DEC  
**14**  
TBD  
**Rotary Tri-Club  
Christmas Party**