# FORTARIAN

**SUMMER 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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Club President



Francesco Arezzo







### **CONGRATS LARRY & JOLENE**



Fort William Rotarians spent a part of Canada Day at 138 Bruin Crescent as we drew the winner and called Larry and Jolene Loiselle – our 39<sup>th</sup> Fort William Rotary House Lottery Winners!

Thanks to the House Lottery Committee for another successful House Lottery! This year we sold over 19,000 tickets and should make over \$580,000 for local charities.

It was great to see Larry, Jolene and family rush over from Slate River to have a look around their new house and celebrate with Rotarians.

# **REMEMBERING JOAN KRISKO**



Joan was a very dedicated member who contributed much toward the success of our Club. Over the years, she participated in many committees, projects, and events. One major responsibility was being the Ticket Controller for

our House Lottery for many years. Joan was our club President for the 2008–09 Rotary year. She then served as Club Secretary from 2010–2020 where her organizations skills proved invaluable. She was a strong supporter of the Rotary Foundation and served as Chair of the Foundation Committee from 2015–24. She achieved her PHF +8 in 2018–19.

# **RAINED ON OUR PATIO**

Well the weather decided it was time for a downpour, so our Patio Evening went indoors. It was a great time of fellowship for FW Rotarians to come together and catch-up. Great food and conversations were had.





**Next Meeting: Sept 10** 

Peter Chabursky
ICC Canada-Ukraine



# THIS SEASON'S SCRIBE:



Stephen Margarit





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# THANK YOU MATT

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#### PASSING OF THE GAVEL... FINALLY



Fort William Rotarians were out at Jodi's backyard for our annual Passing of the Gavel Ceremony. A little bit delayed this year, and a little bit wetter than usual but the rain couldn't stop us. It was a great potluck and fellowship with some delicious dishes.

Past President Glenn handed over the gavel to President Jodi and gave her the President's Pin and name badge. Jodi then pinned Glenn with his Past President's pin and a gift. Jodi then pinned Stephen with his President-Elect pin. Jodi then said a few thank yous and told the club to watch out for some emails about our new stratplan process.

# **ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD**



President Jodi, Secretary Bev and President-Elect Stephen had a great discussion with Rotarian Prabhu Kumarwho is the Add. Chairman Membership in District 3233 and a Past President of the Rotary Club of Madras Mount.





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SEPTEMBER

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

Club Meeting: ICC Canada-Ukraine SEPTEMBER

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**WDC Appreciation Dinner**  SEPTEMBER

10:AM

**Rotary Peace** Day Ceremony

SEPTEMBER

1:00 PM

**Battle of Britain** Ceremony

SEPTEMBER

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

Club Meeting: Indigenous Initiatives

OCTOBER

8:15 PM

Air Cadets Change of **Command Ceremony** 

OCTOBER

5:30 PM

Club Meeting: RYLA @GJCC

OCTOBER

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

Club Meeting: **Topic TBD** 

OCTOBER

6:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Rotary Spooky Green Halloween