



# The Fortarian

May 24, 2023  
Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

## 2022/2023 Board of Directors

President: Fhara Pottinger  
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 Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,  
 Zoom: 6.30pm

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Chair: Bob Hookham  
 Meets: 2nd Tuesday of each month,  
 Zoom 12 noon.

## Rotary House Lottery Committee

Chair: Dave Knutson  
 Meets: 1st Tuesday of each month,  
 Zoom 12 noon.

## Semi-monthly Zoom Meetings

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.  
 Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday

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## THE FORTARIAN May 24, 2023

President Fhara rang the bell and called the hybrid meeting to order at 6:17 pm and asked all to stand for the singing of our National Anthem – beautifully lead by Glenn, Laura and Therese. Mary Ann provided the Toast to King Charles III and Dawn read the Land Acknowledgment.

### Guests

Fhara introduced visiting Rotarians Vijaykumar Nazare & Savita Nazare. They are from the Rotary Club of Dombivli City in India (District 3142.) They are in Thunder Bay visiting their daughter. Vijakumar told all of us a little about their Rotary Club and that they have 50 members.



## President Elect Presentation

Fhara announced that her term will be ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> and that President Elect Irene will become President of our Club for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time for the July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 Rotary Year. Fhara introduced Irene (who received a very enthusiastic welcome!) to share her goals for the year.



Irene provided the club with a power point presentation. She hi-lighted Rotary International’s President, Gordon McInally goals for the year and noted that the International Rotary Theme this coming year is **Create Hope in the World**. Irene stated that her two personal goals to focus on for her Rotary year would be the environment and mental health. In her presentation, Irene also hi-lighted the many club initiatives and activities that our club will continue to do this coming year. Irene wrapped up her presentation saying **“Here’s to a Great Year”!**

Following Irene's Presentation, Glenn requested that Irene circulate her power point presentation to club members.

Stephen also pointed out that it's the first time since our club was chartered in 1916 that we have a member being our president for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time! Amazing Irene!

### **House Lottery Update**

Robert reported that tickets are over 75% sold out with 15,054 tickets sold. Robert and Bob gave a huge shout out to the Health Sciences Foundation for their assistance in promoting the house lottery through their special formulated facebook ads!

### **Happy Dollars**

Cynthia went around the room and collected happy dollars and then went around the room collecting fines from those who had left the country since the beginning of the year. Not sure how much she collected, but there were a number of \$5 bills in her little basket!

### **Club Announcements**

1. Dawn reminded everyone about the email from Lori-Ann Kozlo about volunteering for Country on the Bay and to respond to her directly to sign up for a shift or two.
2. Irene reminded the club that next Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> a tour has been scheduled at St. Joes and everyone is to meet at 5:30 pm. Therese recommended that those attending would be best to park in the parkade.

### **Lighter Side**

Glenn said he used CHAT GPT an artificial intelligence platform to look for some good but cheesy rotary jokes. He told 3 jokes ....some laughter, some groans.

## Closing

Fhara asked Vijaykumar and Savita to join her up front and she presented them with our club's banner and in return, presented her with their club banner – PHOTOS GALORE!

Fhara asked the club if there was anything else required for the good of our Rotary Club. With nothing said, Fhara rung the bell again and adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm.

**Editor Erle**

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