



# The Fortarian

Sept 27, 2023  
Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

## 2022/2023 Board of Directors

President: Irene Sottile  
 Secretary: Stephen Margarit  
 Assistant Secretary: Cindy Levanto  
 Treasurer: Dawn Sebasta  
 President Elect: Glenn Craig  
 Past President: Fhara Pottinger  
 Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,  
 Zoom: 6.30pm

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 Stephen Margarit  
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## Allocations Committee

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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President Irene called the hybrid meeting to order at 6:16 pm and asked all to stand for the singing of the Canadian National Anthem. Sharron made the toast His Majesty King Charles III. Dawn read the Land Acknowledgment.

Irene introduced guest Lauri Efer (Jerry's daughter) to the club.

Mary Ann had the pleasure of introducing Sue Paskoski, Captain Jeffrey Barabash, and Aidan Matyasovszky the 70 Elsie MacGill RCACS (Air Cadets). Mary Ann read each of their bio's which are attached. Sue showed our club a short video that the air cadets put together this past year which illustrated the many amazing things cadets experience. For example, physical training, survival training, parades, competitions, friendships, helicopter tours, services medals. After the video Sue thanked our club for the continued support because it truly supports/enhances programming. Each of the cadet representatives addressed why they appreciated our club support and how being in the cadet program has influenced their lives. There were some questions from club members and lots of applause! Aiden, who at one time received the Andy Morrow Bursary, presented President Irene with a Challenge Coin – touching moment.



The Battle of Britain ceremony was held at the Thunder Bay Airport on Sept 17. Jerry Williams laid a wreath for our club.



The international peace day ceremony was held on Saturday September 23. It was organized by Lakehead Rotary Club this year.



Fhara circulated the room collecting happy dollars with her putting money in the basket first announcing that her new Firm is up and running – Congratulations Fhara! Joseph pledged an IOU!

Unfortunately, Irene announced that KS is currently in the hospital. Cards will be sent to both KS and Robert.

Stephen thanked all the volunteers from our club that volunteered for the food drive. He also noted that is nice to see local service clubs collaborating. Approximately \$15,000 in cash was collected too – great job!

Stephen also announced that it was Cynthia's birthday – Happy Birthday Cynthia!

Cindy provided a quick house lottery update stating that the committee is meeting next week and there will be a wholesome discussion on how this years lottery and future lotteries will be conducted.

Dawn announced that the Santa Claus Parade media launch occurred earlier today. Volunteers needed and Floats needed! She also mentioned that the Rotary Carol Sing is scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Jody is organizing our clubs Remembrance Day Ceremony which will be Wednesday, November 8 at the Slovak (November 11 falls on a Saturday).

Stephen is going to email the club dates and times of upcoming meetings and events – mark your calendars accordingly!

Irene brought forward a discussion that occurred at the recent Board Meeting regarding club support of Shelter Boxes for Morocco and Libya. Dave provided some background and provided the club with more information on this initiative. It was decided that if each club member could consider a donation towards a Shelter Box and the club provide the rest – Shelter Boxes cost \$1,200 each.

Irene reminded the club that mental health is one of the Rotary International initiatives. She is currently working with the two other club presidents to have a

presentation from our new police Chief Darcy Fleury on December 5<sup>th</sup>. More details to come via email.

President Irene adjourned the club meeting at 7:29 pm.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Topic</b>
October 2	Shelter House	Shelter House Dinner
October 11	Daytona's	<b>Meeting:</b> Alina Cameron (RYE)
October 16	RFDA	RFDA volunteering
October 25	Daytona's	<b>Meeting:</b> World Polio Day
November 6	Shelter House	Shelter House Dinner
November 8	Slovak Legion	<b>Meeting:</b> Remembrance Day
November 18	RFDA	RFDA Volunteering
November 22	CANCELLED	MEETING CANCELLED
November 29	Daytona's	FW Rotary Christmas Social
December 4	Shelter House	Shelter House Dinner
December 13	Daytona's	<b>Meeting:</b> TBD
December 16	TBD	Tri-Club Christmas Party
December 17	St. Paul's Anglican Church	Rotary Carol Sing
December 18	RFDA	RFDA volunteering
December 27	CANCELLED	MEETING CANCELLED
January 10	Daytona's	<b>Meeting:</b> TBD

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