



# The Fortarian

September 28th 2022  
 Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

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## Semi-monthly Zoom Meetings

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 Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday

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### **Sept. 28th 2022**

President Fhara Pottinger welcomed everyone to the meeting. Club members sang the National Anthem a capella. Therese Lim gave the toast to King Charles III. Dawn Sebesta read the Land Acknowledgment.

The guests for the meeting were Mary Lim, mother of Therese; Mark Breton, son of Mary Ann Breton; Bonnie Moore, wife of Robert Moore; and Gordie Garriock.

Sharon Badanai introduced the speakers. They were Meghan Chony, Payton Douglas, and Jordan Humeniuk. All three are Grade 12 students at St. Ignatius High School and had attended the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Camp in July of this year.

Sharon provided a thumbnail history of the RYLA program which began in 1959 in Queensland, Australia. The first camp was held in Brisbane. District 5580 adopted the program in 1991. Norris Badanai promoted the RYLA program within our club. The first student from Fort William Rotary was sent to the camp in July 1994. Sharon took the opportunity to thank Robert and Bonnie Moore for transporting the students to and from camp. She also thanked Joan Krisko's daughter for designing the certificates.

The three students were nervous about attending the camp but quickly came out of their shells. They learned about the seven habits of highly effective people. They were then placed into families. Having taken the Myers-Briggs test before the camp allowed the participants to understand each other's personality type. This helped them in getting to know each other better.

There was a team challenge day. The students also learned about the Rotary Four-Way Test and how it provides a good framework for making decisions. Other activities included a dinner and a social as well as a talent show. For this latter activity, Peyton and Jordan sang then Peyton joined Meghan in tap dancing.

Each student talked about how they had changed by attending the camp. Jordan felt that she had become more outgoing and more understanding.

Peyton felt that she had come back a different person and went about things in a different way. Meghan could now talk for herself and was more confident in meeting new people. The three girls felt that attending RYLA had been one of the best experiences in their life.

Each young woman was presented with a certificate by Sharon. We were then treated to Jordan and Peyton singing "Call on Me" and Meghan and Peyton tap dancing. Such talented young women!!

President Fhara presented Gordie Garriock with her 25-year pin and Brian Philips with his 20-year pin. Mark Breton, who attends all of the meetings and comes out to volunteer, was a made an honorary Club member. Congratulations to you all!

Robert Moore gave the House Lottery report. There was nothing to report for the Allocations Committee. Dawn Sebesta announced that the media launch for the Santa Clause Parade was held earlier in the day. Gore Motors will be the main sponsor of the event that will be held on November 19.

President Fhara announced that the Club received a Presidential Citation for achieving all of its goals during the last Rotary year under the leadership of Past President Dawn Sebesta.

For correspondence, the Club received thank-you cards from George Jeffrey Children's Centre, the St. Joseph's Foundation, the Thunder Bay Health Sciences Centre Foundation, the Christmas Cheer Fund and Hospice Northwest.

Irene Sottile thanked the members of the Peace Day Committee for organizing the Ceremony held on September 24.

Mary Ann Breton collected Happy Dollars and Cindy Levanto left us laughing with her Lighter Side turkey jokes.

**Editor Brian**

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