



# Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

May 10, 2018



President Wayne conducted the meeting with flare

A fine spring morning for our meeting with 20 Lakehead Rotarians and visiting Rotarian Walter Hardie [Hamilton A.M.]. Our special guest was our newest member JENNIFER KAHAN with her classification talk. We assembled in the lower section of the Nordic Dining Room so did not have room for a small screen but Jennifer prevailed with style.

### ON THE DOOR IN 2017/18:

Karl Ratz was on the door today and for the meetings in May. Thank you Rotarians for your service to our Club.

JULY	Clint Kuschak	JANUARY	Clifford Mushquash
AUGUST	Karl Ratz	FEBRUARY	Gail Brescia
SEPTEMBER	Graham Stewart	MARCH	Mo Papich
OCTOBER	Karl Ratz	APRIL	Karl Ratz
NOVEMBER	Karl Ratz	<b>MAY</b>	<b>Karl Ratz</b>
DECEMBER	Mo Papich	JUNE	Mo Papich

### SPONSORSHIP:

If you can help your Club and wish to promote your business or community interests through a month sponsorship, please contact Sergeant Bill or Clint. Here is the sponsorship line-up so far:

JULY	open	JANUARY	open
AUGUST	TBSO/Ken	FEBRUARY	Beaux Daddy's
SEPTEMBER	4 Amigos	MARCH	RFDA/Volker
OCTOBER	Nexus/Audrey	APRIL	MS Society/Sandy
NOVEMBER	NOSM/Gail	<b>MAY</b>	<b>Salvation Army/Gail</b>
DECEMBER	open	JUNE	5 Star Rotarians



### OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH

**ROTARIAN GAIL KROMM**  
Salvation Army



Giving Hope Today



Our sponsor this month is the SALVATION ARMY – thank you Rotarian Gail Kromm. Gail used her sponsor's moment today to talk about the Habitat building on Pearl Street that the SA manages. The venue houses 43 apartments for independent living by people with disabilities or other special needs. Some of the residents were able to complete a life skills program and a graduation event was held yesterday to celebrate their achievement and to present them with a graduation certificate. Gail said "it was pure joy to attend this event and to see the happy faces of the graduates". We're happy to report that this graduation story made the front page of the Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Chronicle-Journal.

Gail was pleased to let us know that the Ground Breaking ceremony for the new building will take place on:

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30 a.m.**

Main Building at 545 N. Cumberland Street

Everyone is welcome to attend.

### OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY

Celebrating birthdays this month

Liisa Leskowski  
Sandy Lychowyd  
Roy Lucas



Celebrating anniversaries this month

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## CLUB CALENDAR

### MAY IS ROTARY YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

**MAY 17** CAROL DAGENAIS – CLASSIFICATION TALK  
**MAY 21** VICTORIA DAY  
**MAY 24** BUSINESS MEETING  
**MAY 31** CAROUSEL RESTORATION PROJECT

### JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

**JUN 7** JEFF GAROFALO – POSITIVE AGING  
**JUN 14** DAN FULTON – MONARCH GARDENS  
**JUN 21** MEETING CANCELLED !!!  
**JUN 21** PRESIDENT'S BBQ & ASSEMBLY  
**JUN 23-27** ROTARY INT'L CONVENTION – TORONTO  
**JUN 28** BUSINESS MEETING – FINAL MEETING OF 17/18



**BUILDING BRIDGES  
GOODWILL & FRIENDSHIP**

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE – 2018 THUNDER BAY

The Conference Committee holds its final meeting on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to evaluate all aspects of the Conference and to receive final reports from division leaders. The results will be assembled in a final report for future reference.

## PRESENTATION:



Jennifer Kahan, our newest member, proudly sporting her new member "red ribbon" was thankful for the opportunity to join our Rotary Club and to be able to serve the community in new ways. She also wore her Wilderness Discovery t-shirt in honour of this remarkable place that she is proud to support. It was at a workday out at WD that she met Shirley DeWilde who told her all about us and the things that Rotary does at home and around the world. Thanks to Shirley's invitation to one of our meetings, Jennifer followed through and is now an active member of our Club.

Jennifer was born in Port Arthur [Thunder Bay North] and attended Corpus Christi elementary and local high schools where her interest in math and science developed. She had moments with ballet and piano growing up and was very active in sports of all kinds. She held part-time jobs at a young age and was a baby sitter for a child with spina bifida. Her first "real" job was at St. Joseph's Heritage. She really liked the physio department.

Jennifer is a proud mom – two girls and a boy – and grandmother. At their home in the country they managed to live "off the grid" for 10 years. They raised chickens for eggs and 8 pigs. She started Girl Guides in Kam and became involved with Con College through a program funded by the government that encouraged and trained women to enter the trades. She earned her 4<sup>th</sup> Class Stationary Engineer classification and then her 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Operating. She landed a job with OPG where she worked for 23 years. Jennifer is not much for sitting on her hands in retirement and has many interests including the rebuilding of Wilderness Discovery. She has had 3 spinal fusions but is still able to help out. We are very fortunate to have welcomed Jennifer to our Club where her skills, energy and enthusiasm will be put to good use in our community with her fellow Rotarians.

## 50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:

Walter Hardie was our happy winner today and his winnings will be sent to the Rotary Foundation in June along with all other donations and 50/50 winnings from January to June.

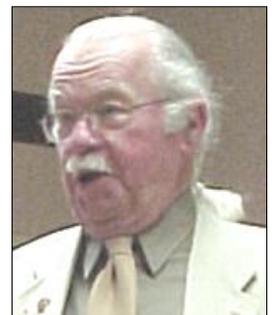
## FINES:

Richard was on the cup once again and recognized Jennifer Kahan at the start for her "rabbit story". He invited others to share stories of livestock or wildlife as pets. Bill started out with his tale of resident groundhogs in his back yard. Carol continued with this story as she is Bill's neighbour and the groundhogs tend to enjoy leafy greens and other goodies from her garden. At Bill's last July 1<sup>st</sup> party, her children saw Bill's groundhog with two babies munching happily on horseradish leaves. That's a spicy treat. Volker shared his story of children learning about how to raise chickens, rabbits and fish. Clint followed with his story of university years sharing a farm with fellow students and raising 6 chickens and 3 ducks. Great omelets and wonderful pickled eggs, especially from the larger duck eggs. Audrey shared a story of raising chickens and visiting a commercial client years ago whose business was bunnies...thousands and thousands of them living in a massive barn. Clifford talked about convalescing a baby crow. Donna reminded us about their pet rabbit who lived to be 14 and almost made it into the Guinness Record Book. Richard changed gears and in honour of Jennifer's work life at OPG, he invited tribute from those who have never toured the OPG...either in the early days of coal or later when wood pellets were the fuel of choice. Wayne started the happiness round with his happy dollar for an upcoming trip to visit his granddaughter in Minneapolis. Shirley was likewise happy to be visiting her sister soon. Jennifer was very happy to have completed her classification talk. Audrey was happy for the party for her husband on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Carol was happy to welcome a BFI bin to her place as she prepares to purge and clean up. Donna wrapped things up with her happy dollar to tell us about the 50+ Lifestyle Expo on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Victoria Inn presented by Investors Group and Legacy Giving Thunder Bay.

## BILL'S STUFF...

Welcome regular contributor to your weekly Club Chronicle – Bill Butuk with his "Bill's Stuff" Column.

# JEWEL BROWN





Jewel Brown (born August 30, 1937 in Houston, Texas) is an American blues and jazz singer who is primarily known for her work in the 1950s and 1960s, and has been active from the late 1940s to the present. Jewel was the youngest of 6 children born to a construction equipment cleaning father and an office cleaning mother. The family lived in a narrow rectangular domestic residence known as a “shot gun house”.

At the age of 5, she began singing in the junior choir at the Rose Hill Baptist Church in Houston. As a child she also sang in talent shows in a Masonic Hall in Houston winning for 9 consecutive weeks, winning 25 dollars each week. At the age of 9 she prayed for guidance to help her poor mother and father, and in a dream she concluded that she was “appointed to be a singer. She got on stage with Nat King Cole in 1946 at Houston’s Matinee Club. By the time she was 12, she was playing at Galveston’s Manhattan Club. Her number one role model as a youngster was New Orleans’s blues and gospel singer Linda Hopkins. When she was 13 she played with Lionel Hampton and his band at Houston’s City Auditorium. They wanted her to go on tour with them to Europe, but she refused because she wanted to stay in Houston to graduate from high school which she did at age 15.

In 1954 she was working as a featured singer at Houston’s Club Ebony when she made her first recording, which failed commercially. In 1955 she married Eddie “Tex” Curtis, a Julliard-trained piano player who took her to New York City to seek a record contract for Jewel and himself. She left him in New York as he became obsessed with his own career, and she moved back to Houston to begin an independent music career. In 1957 she went with her family to visit her sister in Los Angeles California, where, after a jam session with her sister’s husband she stayed to work in Los Angeles. After a year and a half she returned to Houston and then to Dallas to work at Jack Ruby’s (yes, that Jack Ruby) night club. From Dallas she was hired by Louis Armstrong as a vocalist. Brown and Armstrong together toured from 1961 to 1968 to Asia, Africa, Australia and South America and collaborated on many songs including the classic “Jerry”. She was working at the Sahara in Las Vegas when she left the business and retired to look after her ailing mother and then her father. She left for 25 years earning money by appearing occasionally at local gigs and operating a hair salon and barber shop with one of her brothers

At the age of 77 she revived her career in 2015, touring Europe and singing with the Heritage Hall Jazz Band. In 2013 she was nominated for a Blues Music Award in the Koko Taylor (Traditional Blues Female) Category. Watch and listen to Jewel Brown  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GagIWeTfZXs>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UBxVPeuEjE>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bma0nt37RQs>

**NEXT MEETING MAY 17/18**  
**CAROL DAGENAIS – CLASSIFICATION TALK**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**JUNE 23 – 27**

<http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto>

In partnership with Rotary International, the Host Organizing Committee invites you to gather in Toronto, Canada June 23-27 2018. With the spirit of true Canadian hospitality, we wish to welcome Rotarians from around the world to experience everything Toronto and the Golden Horseshoe has to offer.



**SAVE THE DATE...FOR OUR ANNUAL PRESIDENT’S BBQ**

**PRESIDENT’S BBQ—JUNE 21**  
**6:00 P.M.—VALHALLA INN**  
**VIKING ROOM & COURTYARD**



**Here’s an invitation from Rotarian Kevin Holloway...**

I am sending this to announce a great dance opportunity. The Roy Coran Big Band is putting on a dance, billed as **Roy Coran’s Swing into Spring**. This will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at the Moose Hall. Dance Lessons start at 7pm and the band begins at 8 pm for a 3 hour dance.

Tickets (\$25) are available from Music World Academy or from any band member. I have tickets and would be happy to deliver to you - just email, text or call me with your order. Thanks

Hope to see you there.  
 Kevin Holloway  
 767-6915 (home)  
 628-2818 (cell/text)



**SWING**  
 INTO  
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