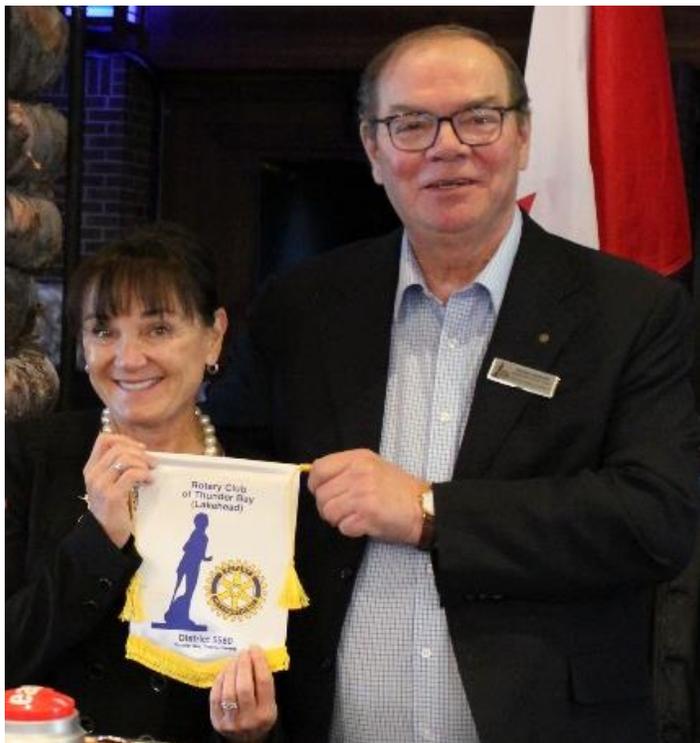




# Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

May 17, 2018

## OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH



**ROTARIAN GAIL KROMM**  
Salvation Army



Giving  
Hope  
Today



President Wayne presents our Club Banner to Governor Debra Warner

A fine spring morning for our meeting with 20 Lakehead Rotarians and visiting Rotarians Debra Warner [Virginia Rotary] and Walter Hardie [Hamilton A.M.]. District Governor Debra Warner is in town this week for the final [wrap-up] Conference Committee meeting and meetings with our area Clubs. Our special guest was our own Carol Dagenais with her classification talk.

Our sponsor this month is the SALVATION ARMY – thank you Rotarian Gail Kromm. The Ground Breaking ceremony for the new building was held on site yesterday. The state-of-the-art centre, which is planned to be standing by the end of 2019, is set to replace the deteriorating North Cumberland Street shelter, a repurposed hotel which was acquired by the Salvation Army in 1971.

Resident Peter Gallagher knows the value of the Salvation Army in Thunder Bay. Gail talked about Peter and his rise from personal tragedies to become a Red Shield Chef with the Salvation Army. He is a master baker and the people at the shelter are very appreciative of his skills. He is also training others to bake wonderful pies.

The groundbreaking marked the official launch of the campaign to fund the remaining \$2.3 million capital costs of the centre. With \$8 million in funding already secured, the Salvation Army has the go-ahead to begin construction. The new building will be about twice the size of the existing one, and will include a wellness centre, dedicated program space, and a wild game kitchen. The \$8 million already raised has come from a number of sources, most notably the \$5 million contribution from the national headquarters. Provincial investment totalled \$1.3 million though an affordable housing program.

### 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.

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| 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 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 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 held 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 reference by future Conference hosts starting with the Minot Conference Committee.

#### PRESENTATION:



Carol Dagenais delivered her classification talk today in the company of her fellow Rotarians and special guest District Governor Debra Warner.

Carol is a registered Practical Nurse practicing at Southbridge Lakehead Manor, but also known as Mom, grandma, friend, neighbour, helper, cook and Guide leader. She was born the same

year that Thunder Bay became a city with the amalgamation of Port Arthur and Fort William and in 2 years she will be able to celebrate her birthday along with this wonderful city. She is the second born daughter of 7 children, 4 girls 3 boys. Her next sister was born 11 months after her and we were best friends growing up. Carol is excited that her sister is coming home for 2 weeks this summer. Her mom was born to a large family here in Thunder Bay, the Potvin's. She was 1 of 5 girls in a family of 17. Grandma lived on the Mission Island until her death in 1999. My grandma taught me how to bake, cook, garden, can and hang out laundry. Carol is a great cook and gardener because of her teachings. For her first time baking a pie, she ended up baking 17 different kinds. She can cook for large groups and she does. She is in charge of Round Lake Bible camp's kitchen 3 weeks this summer cooking for 30 - 45 children.

She went to St Mary's, St Patrick and Selkirk school respectively, Corrine my oldest was born 1988 and today is 30 years old, she and her husband have 2 beautiful daughters. David my step son was also born 1988 but I would not meet him till the children were 6. David and his wife also have a daughter, 3 in total. Sahara is starting school this year as she will be 4.

In 1990, she started the Nursing program and succeeded in completing 2 semesters, this was a dream come true but not to be completed yet. In 1997, she started early childhood Education and completed with honours in 1999. Then again in 2009 she applied and started Practical Nursing. She started Volunteering very young while still living at home with her parents. First she volunteered with the Multicultural Society's Folklore Festival – she worked the Fish pond. She then started volunteering as an adult with the Children's Festival as a face painter eventually receiving her 10 year pin for services to Thunder Bay.

Meanwhile, my first marriage ended in 1992 and I met my second husband in 1995. He had a son David (his mom had died of cancer when David was 3). Shortly after they moved to Red Rock for her husband's work. While in Red Rock she joined Girl Guides and became involved at the library, the rec center, and the legion all while going to school and raising 2 children. When she moved back to the city she was an Early Childhood Educator, a Girl Guide Leader and raised 2 children and also found out she was pregnant with a son. He was delivered stillborn June 6, 2002 and while this was a sad moment in time he opened the doors for his sisters to be born. Bri-Anna Angela was born March 17, 2004, Emillie Joy was born June 18, 2007 and my last was Andreanna Lorraine, born on Aug 24, 2010.

Andreanna was Carol's next story. She had started the nursing program in September 2009. ECE was not able to give her the income she needed with children again so she wanted to finish what her heart so desired - to be a nurse. She completed her first semester, went to her first day back and found out she was expecting her newest daughter. That next Sunday she smashed her right ankle while carrying her 2 ½ year old daughter Emillie. 16 weeks on crutches and surgery means she is out of the program. 5 months later they found out Denis had Stage 4 cancer in his colon which had metastasised to his liver and lymph nodes in his stomach! Andreanne was 2 ½ when Denis died June 9, 2013. She completed her nursing after Denis had passed and 1 year later she graduated - June 8, 2014.

Meanwhile, Guiding had taken a five year setback while she had babies. She became re-enrolled and I is currently Guide Leader of the 9<sup>th</sup> Guides out of Broadway United Church. She cooked at Round lake bible camp since 2015 and head for the last 2. Sewing with Dance studio 2017, just before Slightly Off Broadway closed. So along with being a single mom and nurse, she is also a wonderful Grandma, cook, sewer, crafter, canner of jams and pickles, gardener and a really great champion of the girls' world! Neighbour and friend Bill Butuk is fond of saying "No moss grows on her". She was driving Bill around one day when he presented the idea of joining Lakehead Rotary. Hearing about how she volunteered perked his interest and for Carol it was a great idea to join to do things as an adult.

She thanks Bill Butuk for asking her to join the Lakehead Rotary Club and she is excited for every meeting to come and looking forward to help with programming. Carol has taken over the important role of Club Programmer from Shirley.

#### **50/50 FOR THE FOUNDATION:**

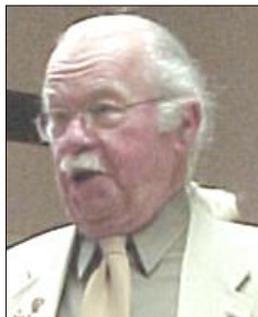
Audrey was our winner today and her winnings will be sent to the Rotary Foundation in December along with all other donations and 50/50 winnings from December 21/17 to June 7/18.

#### **FINES:**

Richard worked the cup today starting out with tribute from President Wayne for his lyric highlights from 60's tunes...thanks to Serious Radio and their "60s on 6" program. Richard then warmed up the cup with tribute from those who would be rising early [or staying up late] to watch the Royal Wedding in real time. Picking up on the Royal theme, he invited tribute from those with stories of Royal encounters. Richard started this round with his own for shaking hands with Prince Phillip. Graham shared his with Rotary "royalty" as he met the next Rotary President at his friend's home in Nassau. Clint recalled the Mayor Walter Assef controversy over touching [not touching] the Queen's back during her welcome event at City Hall. Audrey shared her story of encounters with Prince Phillip and Clifford shared his at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Ottawa while he was a student in the city. Gail Brescia started the happiness round with her dollar for son Matthew returning soon with his girlfriend. Wayne was happy to visit her granddaughter in Minneapolis and especially happy to have wife Kathy home from Toronto. Gail Kromm and Graham were happy to invite everyone to support those going up on the scissor lifts for the benefit of the United Way. Sandy was happy to welcome DG Debra today and to thank Richard and Carol who helped with the recent MS Carnations Campaign. The MS goal of \$34,000 was achieved. Audrey was happy to remind Wayne that Serious Radio also offers "80s on 8" and Gail Brescia gave a happy dollar to ask Wayne for his favourite 60's tune. It is "She Loves You", by the Beatles.

#### **BILL'S STUFF...**

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



# DAMON FOWLER



Damon Fowler (born 1979 in Brandon, Florida) is an American blues and blues rock guitarist and singer/songwriter who has been active from 1999 to the present. His music is blues based but shows hints of R&B, country, gospel and swamp rock in his playing and song-writing. Damon grew up in Brandon, Florida just outside of Tampa. He lived with his grand-parents and everyone in the house liked country music so he was surrounded by that music and bluegrass music. He had an uncle who played in a band and Damon and a cousin would sit in with them and listen to them play "Steamroller Blues" by James Taylor. Damon really liked the blues and could understand it. At age 12, he received his first guitar and after being shown a few chords, he taught himself to play. .

By experimenting and experiencing he learned to play acoustic, electric, lap steel, Dobro guitars and learned to incorporate slide techniques. While still a high school teenager, Damon began to play in small clubs in the Tampa area where with his musical talents he began to develop a reputation as one of the "hottest" new talents on the scene. With a growing local reputation he began to appear as a support act at music festivals and on other musician's tours. He appeared with the likes of Buddy Guy, Johnny and Edgar Winter, Jeff Beck and Delbert McClinton.

In 1999 he self-released his debut album "Riverview Drive" which featured original material all written by him. He followed this by 2 more self-released albums "Roots and Branches" in 2000 and the live concert "Live At Skipper's Smokehouse" in 2003. All 3 of these albums gave him accolades from blues critics. In March 2007 he signed with Blind Pig Records and 2 years later he released his first album for them "Sugar Shack" having 9 of the 12 tracks on the album written by him. His second Blind Pig release was "Devil Got His Way" in 2011 which received praise from reviewers everywhere. In July of 2011, he teamed up with 4 other musicians to form what was to be known as "Southern Hospitality". Their first gig was the next month to support Buddy Guy at the Heritage Blues Festival at Wheeling West Virginia. Southern Hospitality's debut album was "Easy Livin'" for Blind Pig and was produced by the legendary Tab Benoit and released in 2013. Early in 2018, Dickey Betts, co-founder of the Allman Brothers Band, announced that he had chosen Damon to share lead guitar duties with him and his son Duane Betts on their 2018 summer tour. Damon recently appeared at our Community Auditorium opening for George Thorogood. Watch and listen to Damon Fowler at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sd3kDI3CwO4>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Use1t8wvwwA>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3ABgepaXz4>

**NEXT MEETING MAY 24/18**  
**MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING**

**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.



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



Krysta! We had fantastic and diverse speakers, engaging breakout sessions and great entertainment! During the Conference, I concentrated on recognizing Rotarians who went above and beyond in their District roles.

Those recognized were Lakehead Rotary Club President Wayne Robinson-Conference Chair, Past District Governor (PDG) Gary Nolte-Zone 28 End Polio Now Advisor, Irene Sottile-Zone 28 Assistant Rotary Coordinator, PDG Don Cavalier-Membership Chair, PDG Craig Loughery-Public Image Chair, Keith Brokke-Foundation Chair, Al Makynen-Assistant Governor, Elaine Hanson-Treasurer, Linda Marrin-District Trainer and Diane Collins for her continued support to our District and to me following her retirement last year.

Our District was awarded two prestigious International Awards. PDG Dave Fihn was awarded the PolioPlus Pioneer Award for his extraordinary service to the Rotary Foundation, such service having a substantial impact on the goal of polio eradication. Please see the [article written by PDG Gary Nolte](#) outlining Dave's accomplishments. Congratulations PDG Dave! Also, PDG Earl Rogers was awarded the Service Above Self Award. In 1991, Rotary International Board of Directors created the Service Above Self Award to recognize Rotarians who truly embody Rotary's principle motto. While many Rotarians distinguish themselves through service, it is important to recognize those few who make service a way of life. Congratulations to PDG Earl for being one of 150 Rotarians from around the world to receive this award! Please see the [article written by PDG Jill Olson](#) regarding Earl's extraordinary service to his community. Please see all the [awards in this newsletter](#) that were given out at the Conference.

**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)



Our Executive Secretary has compiled a great video on [highlights of the conference](#).

Rotary International's theme for May is Youth Services and we are very active in our District with Youth. We have engaged Interact and Rotaract clubs, our 4-way Essay Test is under the direction of Becky Roeder, our Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is well run under the leadership of Beth Althoff and her team and it is a life changing event for the students who attend each year, and Youth Exchange, under the direction of Blake Carlson, is another one of our premier programs. My experiences with our Youth this year has warmed my heart and left me memories that I will always cherish. Thank you to all Rotarians in our District who work to make our programs a success. Our District Youth Service Chair Rozanne Casey has written an [article about our youth programs](#).

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE**

The District Conference in Thunder Bay, Ontario was certainly one of the highlights of my year as District Governor! Thanks to everyone who attended the Conference! Our theme was Building Bridges...Goodwill and Friendship and we certainly accomplished that. Again, a heartfelt thanks to Wayne Robinson our Conference Chair and the four Canada Clubs for over 2 years of planning this great Conference. A special thank you to Krysta Logozzo Daniele who was our Mistress of Ceremonies for the Conference. Great job

There are 2 months left in this Rotary year and I would like to update each of you on our District Foundation giving. To date, Rotarians in our District have contributed approximately \$177,000 to the annual fund and \$65,000 to PolioPlus which is down in both areas from last year at this time. Our District goal for the Annual Fund is \$100 per capita with each Rotarian contributing a minimum of \$26.50 which was the original amount that Arch Klumph contributed in 1917 to create The Foundation. Rotary Direct is an easy way to contribute to The Rotary Foundation.

In the following links, you can read frequently asked questions regarding Rotary Direct and find the form you can use to register for this great way to give to The Rotary Foundation. <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/rotary-direct-frequently-asked-questions>, <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate>.

Rotaractor MacKenzie MacFarlane was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow during the Paul Harris Breakfast at the District conference for her commitment and dedication to Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. Please see the [article that MacKenzie has written](#) regarding why she contributes monthly to the Rotary Foundation through Rotary Direct. The District PolioPlus goal is \$1500 per club so we have about \$35,000 to go to make our goal! Thank you to everyone who has contributed already and to those of you who have not...there is still time!

**Note: Lakehead Rotary's PolioPlus goal for this Rotary Year is \$1,700 U.S. and we have achieved it.**



I look forward to my last two months as District Governor and will be visiting several clubs before the end of the year! Please contact me if you would like me to attend an event and I will certainly come if possible!

Yours in Rotary,  
Debra Warner  
District Governor 2017-18