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2015/16 President—Volker Kromm



# Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

June 16, 2016



**ROTARY  
 SERVING  
 HUMANITY**

President-Elect Chris leads our planning session and looks for our ideas as we prepare for a new Rotary Year

A damp spring morning with 19 Lakehead Rotarians on hand for our monthly Business Meeting dedicated to developing our Club's goals for the new Year.

**ON THE DOOR IN 2015/16:**

Mo was on the door today and for the month of June. Here is our 2015/16 line-up: Thank you Rotarians for your service to our Club. The sign-up sheet for 2016/17 is available now so pick a month and sign on to help your Club.

JULY	Karl Ratz	JANUARY	Mo Papich
AUGUST	Mo Papich	FEBRUARY	Mo Papich
SEPTEMBER	Graham Stewart	MARCH	Wayne Robinson
OCTOBER	Richard Kehrig	APRIL	Claudio Monteleone
NOVEMBER	Karl Ratz	MAY	Wayne Robinson
DECEMBER	Mo Papich	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Mo Papich</b>

**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 "sold out" sponsorship line-up:

JULY	Sunset Memorial Gardens	JANUARY	MS Society
AUGUST	Beaux Daddy's	FEBRUARY	Valhalla Inn
SEPTEMBER	Blair Schoales	MARCH	Audrey Halvorsen
OCTOBER	Contact North	APRIL	Great Expectations Mktg
NOVEMBER	Investors Group	MAY	Salvation Army
DECEMBER	RFDA	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>5 Star Rotarians</b>

**Five Star Rotarians**

*Mo Papich, Paul Carr, Bill Butuk, Karl Ratz & Clint Kuschak*

Our sponsor this month...  
**FIVE STAR ROTARIANS**  
 Thank you Rotarians Mo, Paul, Bill, Karl, and Clint

**OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY**

**Celebrating birthdays this month**

Ken Boshcoff  
 Paul Carr  
 Gail Kromm  
 Don Morrison

**And celebrating anniversaries this month**

Bill & Vicki Butuk  
 Paul & Anne Carr  
 Mo & Bonnie Papich  
 Stewart & Laurie Graham

**CALENDAR – MEETINGS & EVENTS:**

<b>JUNE</b>	<b>ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH</b>
<b>JUN 16</b>	<b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>
<b>JUN 19</b>	<b>FATHERS' DAY</b>
<b>JUN 23</b>	<b>CANCELLED</b>
<b>JUN 23</b>	<b>PRESIDENT'S BBQ – VIKING ROOM</b>
<b>JUN 30</b>	<b>DON RUSNAK, MP</b>
	<b>LAST MEETING OF 2015/16 ROTARY YEAR</b>
	<b>A NEW ROTARY YEAR BEGINS</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>CANADA DAY</b>
<b>JUL 1</b>	<b>DIRECTORS' MEETING WITH DG SCHMIDT</b>
<b>JUL 4</b>	<b>GOVERNOR SCHMIDT'S PRESENTATION</b>
<b>JUL 7</b>	<b>STEPHEN HURRELL, TB PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>
<b>JUL 14</b>	<b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>
<b>JUL 21</b>	<b>CANADA CLUB MEETING</b>
<b>JUL 21</b>	<b>NORTH SUPERIOR E.M.S.</b>
<b>JUL 28</b>	

## BUSINESS MEETING:

Our final Business Meeting of the year was all about planning for our 2016/17 Year. P-E Chris led the session with the help of a questionnaire to focus discussion.

## FELLOWSHIP FINES:

Graham worked the cup starting out with tribute from President Volker for being so relaxed this morning as Chris led the planning session. Chris was next to be recognized for taking on the job of President in our new Rotary Year. Richard earned a nod for a cell phone intrusion. Claudio was thanked for his Father's Day/Weekend project in support of our Club and the Salvation Army Soup Van project. In the interest of time, all those who use Facebook or whose family indulges were invited to pay tribute. And to ensure a sweep, those who are happy that summer is almost here were invited to add a happy dollar.

## 50/50

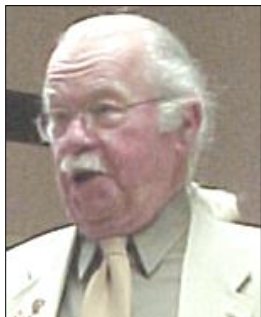
Gail Kromm was our lucky winner today and her \$9 will go to the Rotary Foundation later this year.

## NEXT MEETING:

**THURSDAY, JUNE 23/16**  
**MORNING MEETING CANCELLED**  
**PRESIDENT'S BBQ – VIKING ROOM, VALHALLA INN**

## BILL'S STUFF...

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



# Big Mama Thornton



Big Mama Thornton (born Willie Mae Thornton December 11, 1926 in Anton, Alabama—died July 25, 1984 in Los Angeles, California) was an American blues singer, songwriter, and harmonica player who was active from the 1940s to the 1980s. She was the original performer of the classic hit song "Hound Dog" (covered but previously refined by Elvis Presley). She was known for her deep powerful voice and sexually-explicit lyrics. Her father was a Baptist minister and she was exposed to music at an early age singing in the church choir with her mother and six siblings. While still a child, she taught herself to play harmonica and drums. When she was 14 her mother died and she took a job washing and cleaning spittoons at a local saloon to try and help make ends meet at home. Soon she was substituting for the regular saloon singer. In 1940 she left home to make her career in secular music. She joined Sammy Green's Hot Harlem Revue where she contributed drums and harmonica parts in the show as well as some vocals. She was soon billed as "The New Bessie Smith". She stayed with the band until 1948 when she moved to Houston, Texas where her career began to take off.

Her introduction to music was in the church but her education came from watching and listening to the great blues women, Memphis Minnie and Bessie Smith. While in Houston, she noticed a new kind of blues was coming out of the Texas clubs— a blues that had brass horns and jump rhythms-- this was the early Rhythm and Blues (R&B) music. Also while in Texas she contributed to the development of the "Texas Blues" style. In 1951 she signed a 5 year contract with Peacock Records. She spent most of the early 1950s recording and touring the southern U.S. "Chitlin Circuit". In 1952 she appeared at New York City's Apollo Theatre. In August of that year she travelled to Los Angeles where she recorded "Hound Dog" for which she received only \$500 for a record that sold 2 million copies. Her career declined in the mid 1950s but by the early 1960s it was revived when she re-located to the San Francisco Bay area, a hot-bed of blues.

In the 1970s, her years of heavy drinking began to affect her health. However, she appeared at many festivals and made some recordings. She died from a heart attack on July 25, 1984 in Los Angeles, California. Later that same year she was inducted into the Blues Foundation Hall Of Fame.

Watch and listen to Big Mama Thornton at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxoGvBQtipM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnLJZQe9wiY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iU8m5-FOc38>

(See her harmonica virtuosity)



## Lakehead Rotary Weekend Celebration

### Father's Day Weekend

### Friday June 17th - Sunday June 19th, 2016

*in support of*



### The Salvation Army Soup & Disaster Relief Van

Listen to Thunder Bay Information Radio 90.5 FM starting at noon on Friday June 17th until midnight on Sunday June 19th, 2016 to learn about our local Lakehead Rotary Club and the work they do in our community. Celebrating Rotary in Thunder Bay for 100 Years - 1916 to 2016.



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**PRESIDENT'S BBQ—JUNE 23  
6:00 P.M.—VALHALLA INN  
VIKING ROOM & COURTYARD**

