

FORTARIAN

WEDNESDAY 09/04/2025

THUNDER BAY, CANADA

Meetings



2nd & 4th
Wednesdays



Dinner - 5:30pm
Meeting - 6:15pm



Daytona's Restaurant
965A Cobalt Crescent

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GREEN DEVELOPMENT

President Glenn's dinged the bell and called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm. As always, our club sang our National Anthem. President Glenn followed with the Toast to the King and Canada. Mary Ann read the Land Accord. Glenn also welcomed and introduced guests.

Fhara introduced our guest speaker - Port Arthur Rotarian, John Stephenson from the Thunder Bay Climate Transition Collaborative. John Stephenson and Margaret Woods are co-chairs of the collaborative. John provided an overview about the collaborative and how it relates to the health and other benefits of our community and planet. John's slide deck is available if requested. John also suggested some ideas on how fellow Rotarians can help with the climate change crisis. He also asked that perhaps the House Lottery Committee would consider adopting green development standards in the house build. A few comments and questions followed John's presentation.



WHO IS THE THUNDER BAY CLIMATE TRANSITION COLLABORATIVE ?

The Thunder Bay Climate Transition Collaborative was created to:

- Establish a network for community members, organizations and institutions engaged in local climate action;
- Share information, knowledge, skills and resources and to identify shared goals and priorities; and
- Align and integrate climate actions to achieve systems level change centered on equity and justice.



LIGHTER SIDE

Brian provided the club with the lighter side story – something about left hands, right hands and neighbours unable to open a sample bottle.



FINES

Therese initiated fines and asked for Happy Dollars. Paul Harris Fellows NOT wearing their pins were fined!



CLUB UPDATES

Allocations

- Stephen provided an Allocations Committee update. He thanked Nancy, Laurie, Dawn and Irene for organizing the lovely Partnerships Reception held at the Italian Hall on March 26th!

House Lottery

- Cindy provided a quick house report stating that one week into our launch there has been 5,164 tickets sold (25%) – mostly purchased online. She also reminded everyone that the volunteer schedule will be circulated and that open houses will start on Saturday, May 3rd.

Announcements

- Glenn reminded everyone about Lakehead Rotary's May 2nd Spirit of Thunder Bay Event. Scotch tasting with non-tasting tickets available too.
- Glenn via Hill City Kinsman Brent Hagberg mentioned the "Fans Lending Hands" event being held May 9 at the Chanterelle. The event will support Easter Seals & Our Kids Count.
- Craig announced that June 7th is International Trail Day. Port Arthur Rotary's Waterfront Trail Rotary Committee Action Team (WTRCAT) is having a planting day from 10am to 12pm near pool 6. Reach out to Craig or Warren Philp (PA Rotary). Approx. 40 volunteers required.

Next Meeting: Apr. 23

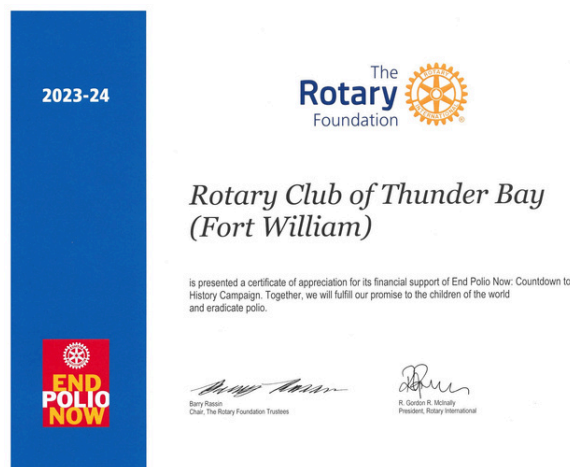
Penny Belluz
Teleco



END POLIO NOW

Assistant District Governor Krysta attended the meeting to present Therese Lim, Foundation Committee Chair, with a certificate from The Rotary Foundation in recognition of our Club's giving to the End Polio Now campaign for 2023-2024. Thanks to all Rotarians who contributed to Polio+ last year!

\$1,942.53 USD



**THIS
WEEK'S
SCRIBE:**



Cindy Levanto



Upcoming Events

APR

23

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

Club Meeting:
Penny Belluz - Teleco

MAY

2

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Spirit of Thunder Bay
Scotch Tasting

MAY

4

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Volunteering:
Lunch at Shelter House

MAY

5

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Volunteering -
RFDA

MAY

14

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

Club Meeting:
Team Unbreakable

MAY

28

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

Club Meeting:
President-Elect Jodi

JUN

11

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

Club Meeting:
Air Cadets

JUN

25

5:30 PM

Club Meeting:
Passing of the Gavel

JUL

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11:00 AM

39th FW Rotary House
Lottery Draw