FORTARIAN

Meetings

📅 **2nd & 4th Wednesdays**

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

📍 **Daytona's Restaurant**
965A Cobalt Crescent

2025-2026 Board of Directors

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Fort William Rotary Club

LAST MEETING

This evening, the Club celebrated Valentine's Day at the Fort William Curling Club. Irene and Cynthia greeted each person and soon all were busy making key chains to give to their loved ones.

President Jodi welcomed everyone to the celebration. She also gave the Toast to the King. Soon, we were all enjoying the wonderful meal! The food was delicious and plentiful.

Beverly Knutson gave the Toast to the men and husband, David, gave the Toast to the women.

The meal was followed by a fill-in-the-blank Valentine's Day game that produced some hilarious results! Everyone was a winner so each table received a box of chocolates.
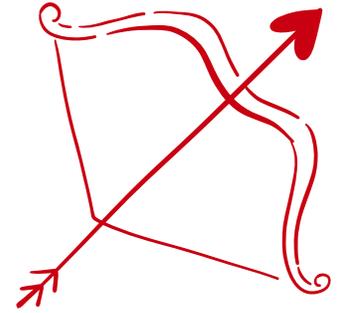
Irene asked that the cooks come out so that we could thank them for the great meal. They certainly deserved the round of applause that they received,

President Jodi drew the ticket for the door prize which was one by her husband, Gilles.

A group photo was taken to put on our social media.

Thanks to Irene Sottile for organizing such a wonderful evening! Thanks also to Laurie Etter for providing the candy.

HAPPY
Valentine's Day

ROTARY TURNS 121

Rotary was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris, an attorney who settled in Chicago but found himself without friends or clients—and decided to start meeting with like-minded individuals to find solutions for his community.

First Meeting

- Paul Harris held the first Rotary meeting on February 23rd, 1905 with three other members: Gustavus Loehr (a mining engineer), Silvester Schiele (a coal broker), and Hiram Shorey (a merchant tailor). By the end of the year, Rotary Club One had grown to 30 members.

Origin of the Name

- The name Rotary comes from the fact that the meeting rotated from one member's office to the next, ensuring participants knew about each other's business and professional classification.

Adopting a Motto

- Although it existed in various forms, Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" was officially adopted in 1950 as a way to communicate what Rotarian life represents.

Here at the Lakehead

- The Rotary Club of Fort William–Port Arthur was established on July 1, 1916. After a burst of growth, the Port Arthur members split off in 1924.

Next Meeting: Feb 25

Offsite Tour
Boys & Girls Club

NEXT MEETING

Please note that our next meeting will be offsite at BCG Thunder Bay (aka Boys & Girls Club) at 5:30pm located at 270 Windsor Street.

Will be tour the newly painted gym which was funded by our 2025 House Lottery.

Pizza and salad will be provided, please let Dawn know if you will be attending.

THANK YOU

Our Community Service Committee would like to **THANK**: Craig, Kerry, Lori, Mary Ann, Mark and Sante for preparing and serving 112 diners at the Shelter House with others ie. program recipients being served with remaining food. Chicken fingers, french fries, frozen vegetables and brownies.

THIS WEEKS' SCRIBE:

Bev Knutson

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY
21
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Rotary Anniversary Celebration @ RFDA

FEBRUARY
23
Rotary's 121ˢᵗ Anniversary

FEBRUARY
23
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Volunteering: RFDA

FEBRUARY
25
5:30 PM

Club Meeting: BGC Tour

MARCH
2
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Volunteering: Shelter House

MARCH
11
5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

Club Meeting: Topic TBD

MARCH
16
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Volunteering: RFDA

MARCH
25
5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

Club Meeting: Topic TBD

APRIL
6
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Volunteering: Shelter House