

FORTARIAN

WEDNESDAY 25/02/2026 THUNDER BAY, CANADA

Meetings



2nd & 4th
Wednesdays



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



Daytona's Restaurant
965A Cobalt Crescent

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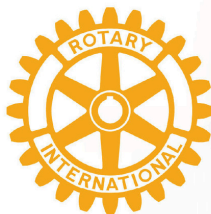
Jodi Phillips
Club President



Francesco Arezzo
RI President

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LAST MEETING

Tonight's meeting was held at the Boys & Girls Club!

They treated us to pizza & salad so we could see their beautiful new paint job completed in their well-used gym space. The paint job was supported through our club's house lottery proceeds - \$25,000!

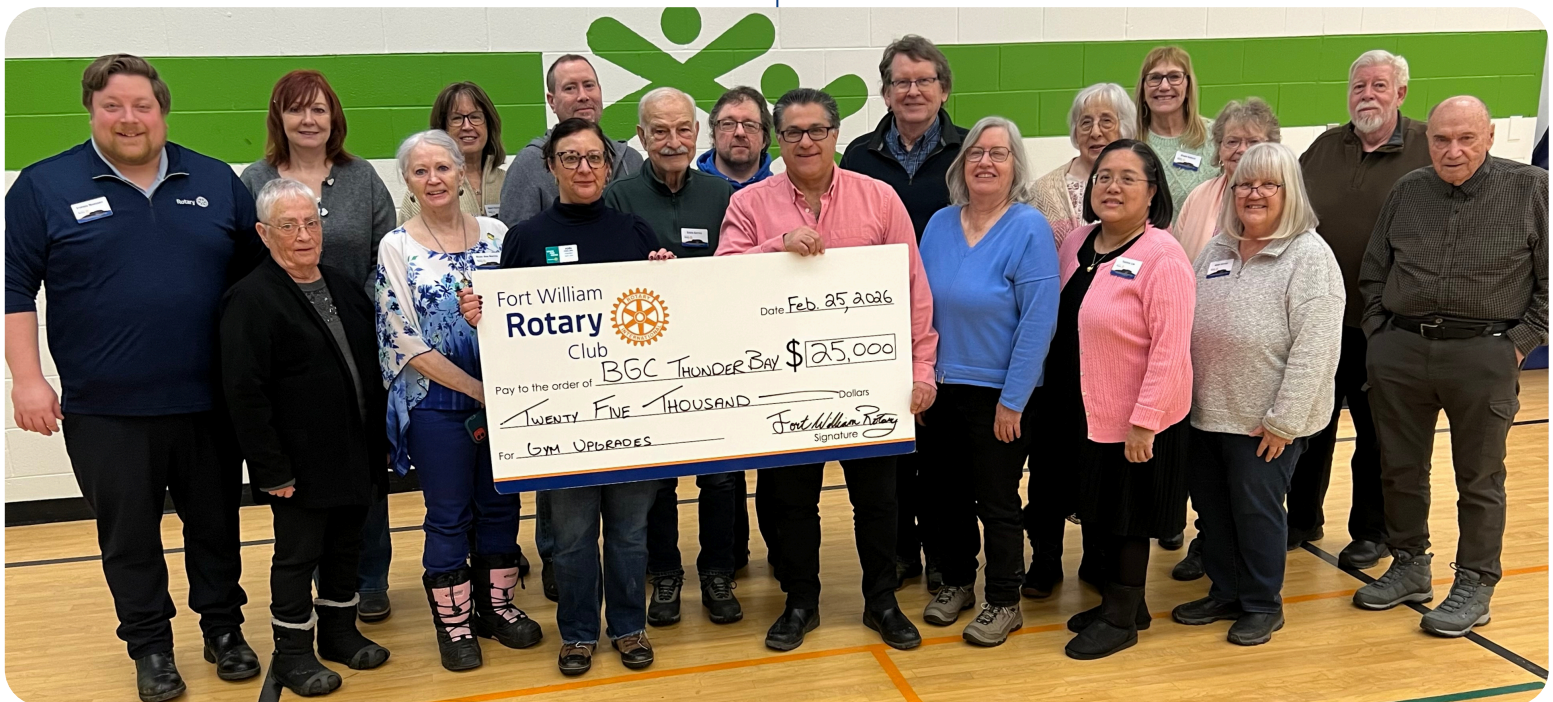
Albert spoke of his organization's gratitude for long-standing support of the Boys & Girls Club of Thunder Bay. Their current building is the old Forest Park School which was built in 1971 and the club has been housed there since 1991. He thanked our club for our continued support and showed off the \$25,000 gymnasium paint job. He also advised that the building is undergoing a building assessment review by TBT Engineering.

As Executive Director for the last 37 years, Albert's passion for the BGC Thunder Bay is still evident and speaks highly of his great staff and the culturally diverse environment - the United Nations of Kids! He said everyday 160+ children and youth begin arriving at 4 pm and it's buzzing. He also noted that they are a true non-profit and zero funding from government resources, yet the long history of the club speaks of a giant need in our community.



Next Meeting: March 13

Romy Marlo
Crush Coffee Co. *Crush* COFFEE CO.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

House Lottery

- Cindy advised that the licence application has been submitted and we are pending approval. She also announced that the rules of play have been revised to accommodate a \$600,000 cash option to the winner of the house lottery. More to come!

Allocations

- Stephen announced that the partnership celebration event will be held at the RFDA on March 25th. He thanked Dawn, Nancy, Laurie and Irene for once again taking the lead on the event.

Community Service

- Chair Nancy reminded all that volunteers are need on Monday, March 2 from 5pm to 8 pm at Shelter House.

Rotary Message 2026/27

- President-Elect Stephen announced that the 2026/27 Presidential Message has been announced "Create Lasting Impact". He noted that this message is very fitting as it coincides with our club's 110th anniversary year – and our club has made a lasting impact – millions of dollars of impact!

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Community Service Committee, we'd like to **Thank: Irene, Sante, Craig, Stephen, Dawn & Nancy**. They sorted, stacked and labeled close to 480 non-labeled containers into 80 boxes at RFDA in under 2 hours. What a team!!



SCHOLARSHIP

Dawn announced that the Musical Festival has agreed to change the Rotary Scholarship to the **JOAN KRISKO MEMORIAL PIANO SCHOLARSHIP** with the following write up:

Sponsored by the Fort William Rotary Club and established in memory of Joan Krisko who was a gifted and devoted pianist that gave her life to music education, her church and a life of service within the Thunder Bay community. She was a dedicated member with the Fort William Rotary Club for many years. This scholarship honors Joan's love of piano and recognizes a senior level piano student who exhibits remarkable music talent and distinguished performance ability. Scholarship in the amount of \$250.00. This Scholarship may not be won two consecutive years by any student.

HAPPY 121 ROTARY

Therese thanked all that attended the Foundation event on February 21 at the RFDA and thanked Dawn for her help! She announced that **\$1,050** was raised for **Polio Plus**, this will be divided by the 3 clubs.



Congrats to our Foundation Committee Chair **Therese**, who was prestned with her **Paul Harris +8** Pin by Committee Vice Chair Dawn. Thanks to everyone who continues to donate to the Rotary Foundation!

THIS WEEKS' SCRIBE:



Cindy Levanto

Upcoming Events



MARCH

2

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Volunteering:
Shelter House

MARCH

11

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

Club Meeting:
Crush Coffee Co.

MARCH

16

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Volunteering:
RFDA

MARCH

25

5:30 PM

Offsite Meeting:
Partner's Event

APRIL

6

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Volunteering:
Shelter House

APRIL

8

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

Club Meeting:
Katy Commisso - OBA

APRIL

20

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Volunteering:
RFDA

APRIL

22

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

Club Meeting:
Topic TBD

MAY

4

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Volunteering:
Shelter House