

# FORTARIAN

WEDNESDAY 14/01/2026

THUNDER BAY, CANADA

## 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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Jodi Phillips

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**Jodi Phillips**

*Club President*

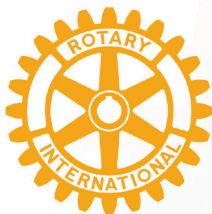


**Francesco Arezzo**

*RI President*

01/04

Fort William  
**Rotary**  
Club



# LAST MEETING

President Jodi rang the bell and called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm which was immediately followed by singing our National Anthem and a Toast to His Majesty the King. Sonja from Our Kids Count read the Land Acknowledgement. Jodi welcomed guests and visiting Rotarian Shirley from the Lakehead Rotary Club. Mary Ann introduced her guests and potential new Rotarians. Cindy also announced that her guest, Dan Albert, was also considering joining as a new Corporate member.

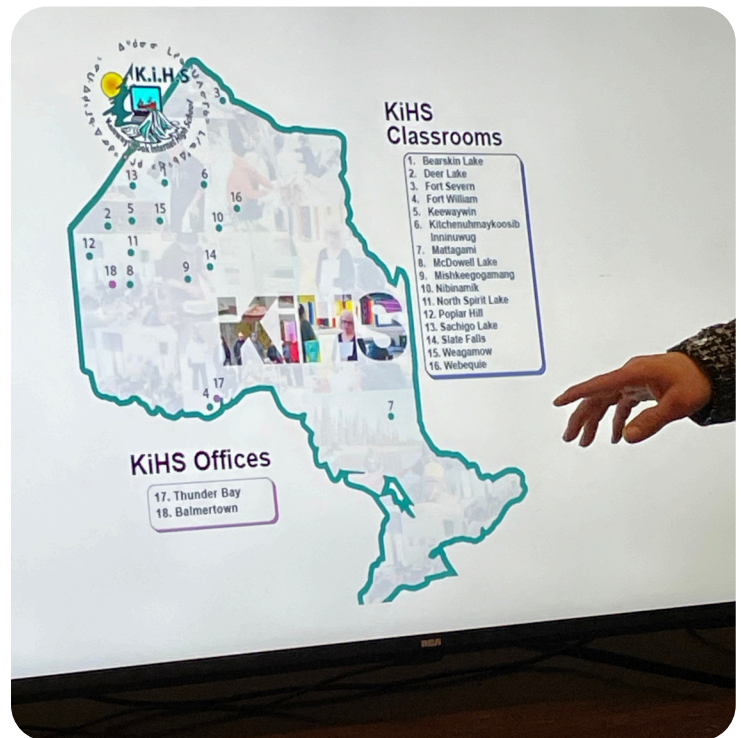
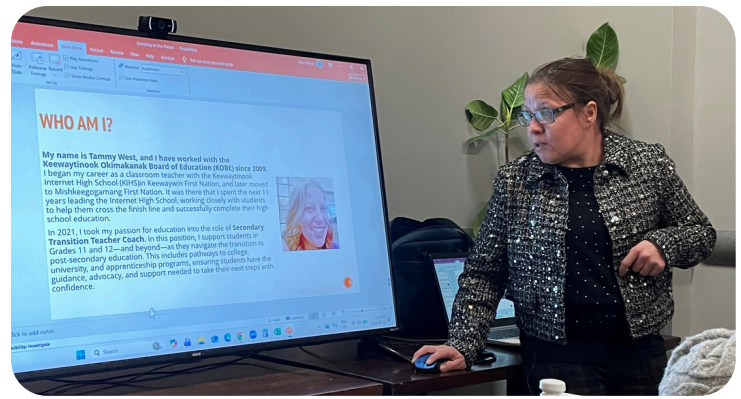
Jodi let the club know that fellow Rotarian, Robert Moore, has managed to pull through a recent health scare and that he's all in our thoughts. She also reminded us that she recently lost her own father over the holidays. Jodie also reported that Rotarian Mandi has made her way to Edmonton and is settling in and hopes to find a Rotary Club to join.

Mary Ann introduced our guest speaker, Tammy West, from Keewaytinook Internet High School. Tammy's presentation was very informative and asked our club to consider supporting the school with \$1,500/ year to support 3-5 bursaries for their students.

Tammy can be reached via phone or email: [tammywest@edu.knetca](mailto:tammywest@edu.knetca) or 807-708-5012.

Nancy collected fines for those admitting that they are on the Naughty or Nice List – she collected \$58.20!

Therese read some cute antidotes for the Lighter Side



Sante presenting Jodi a certificate from the TBD CrimeStoppers

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Correspondence

- Jodi read 2 thank you notes. One from St. Joseph's Foundation & 1 from Peter re: Ukraine donation.

## TBD Crimestoppers

- Solade announced to the club that Crime Stoppers Thunder Bay is celebrating 40 years and presented Jodi with a certificate of appreciation for our club's ongoing support.

## House Lottery

- Cindy provided a quick house build update for the 40th house lottery. House is located, on Bruin Cres. She also reported that she and Steven B. have been working behind the scenes to find a way to incorporate a cash option for the 40th House Draw. Stay Tuned!

## RFDA

- Nancy reminded everyone that the next volunteer opportunity with the RFSA is on Monday, January 19th at 6 pm.

## Shelter House

- Nancy thanked to Irene, Sante & Craig for preparing and serving 102 diners at the Shelter House tonight.

# THIS WEEKS' SCRIBE:



Cindy Levanto

Next Meeting: Jan 28

**Rotaract  
President**  
TB Rotaract Club

Thunder Bay  
**Rotaract**  
Club



# DISTRICT NEWS

## Membership Minute

The Fourth Object of Rotary is advancing international understanding, goodwill, and peace. This object couldn't be more important than in a District that includes three states and two nations. All of the service work that we do locally in our communities, in our District, as well as internationally is building peace. We need to build the human resources of Rotary in order to have a greater impact on the building of peace. The task of building peace is person to person, community to community, and nation to nation. We need to teach our children and our grandchildren to carry the torch of peace through Rotary into the next generations. Peace.

## Foundation Minute

Welcome to Week TWO of RI's Month of Vocational Service. In line with this month's theme of vocational service, Foundation Month reports about a recent vocational project made possible by a grant from TRF.

An auto repair program that trains electric vehicle technicians at a Philippine university is getting a boost from the Rotary Club of Iloilo. With the support of a \$32,000 Rotary Foundation global grant, the club provided equipment that is benefiting more than 300 students and faculty members, says Herman Lagon, a club member and college spokesperson. The university also plans to offer community-based training for youths and adults, with a goal of reaching 120 trainees annually through 2028, he says. The club partnered with the Rotary Club of Namweon Central in Korea. "The grant is of great help for the studies of the poor but deserving students, as well as a genuine service to the community," Lagon says. For more info click [here](#).

# Upcoming Events




**JANUARY**  
**19**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Volunteering:**  
**RFDA**

**JANUARY**  
**28**  
5:30 PM | 6:15 PM  
**Club Meeting:**  
**TB Rotaract**

**FEBRUARY**  
**2**  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Volunteering:**  
**Shelter House**

**FEBRUARY**  
**11**  
5:30 PM  
**Valentine's Social**  
**Chinese Buffett @FWCC**

**FEBRUARY**  
**21**  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
**Rotary Anniversary**  
**Canada Club Event**

**FEBRUARY**  
**23**  
A small illustration of a three-tiered birthday cake with candles on the left, and a black and white portrait of a man in a suit on the right.  
**Rotary's 121<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

**FEBRUARY**  
**23**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Volunteering:**  
**RFDA**

**FEBRUARY**  
**25**  
5:30 PM | 6:15 PM  
**Club Meeting:**  
**BGC Tour**

**MARCH**  
**2**  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Volunteering:**  
**Shelter House**