

FORTARIAN

WEDNESDAY 22/01/2025

THUNDER BAY, CANADA

Meetings



2nd & 4th
Wednesdays



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



Daytona's Restaurant
965A Cobalt Crescent

2024-2025 Board of Directors

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Glenn Craig

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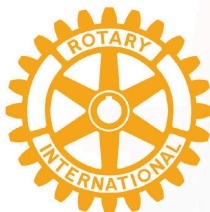


Stephanie Urchick

RI President

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Fort William
Rotary
Club



LAST MEETING

The Club welcomed Linda Bruins representing "Evergreen United", a "grass roots" organization formed to support children, youth and their families who reside in the community in the vicinity of Simpson and Ogden Streets. The organization is a not-for-profit with facilities located in "Evergreen House", a former motorcycle gang clubhouse at 139 Heron St.

Evergreen United's vision is "a United Neighbourhood is strong people living in a healthy and safe community" with the Mission "to enhance the capacities and mobilize the strengths of the people living in the Simpson-Ogden neighbourhood. Together we work to create a vibrant, prosperous, inclusive, resilient, healthy and clean community."

Evergreen United focuses on programs feeding and building a strong neighbourhood by supporting young people in the area with art, volunteering and skill building programs. They offer a safe place for youngsters to meet, learn and grow.

The group is supported through funding from the City of Thunder Bay, the United Way, the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administrative Board, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Home Depot and individual donations.

They also partner with other groups providing complementary or supplementary services, including Our Kids Count, Dilico and the City of Thunder Bay.

Linda Bruins has been an integral part of the organization since it's inception, starting with taking children to Minnesota Park as a neighbourhood "mom" to the children in the community. She described how proud she was that one of the early participants, having achieved a degree in University, was now fulfilling the role of the organizations Board Chair. Linda's work has been recognized by the City of Thunder Bay and others as the organization has developed.



CLUB UPDATES

Allocations

- The list of recipients for the 2025 House Lottery was finalized at a recent meeting. The next task will be to discuss the 2025 allocations process. There will be a Launch Event held towards the end of March, with the House Lottery fund recipients invited to meet with the Club members.

House Lottery

- The application for the Lottery License is underway. It is expected that the house will be ready for a pre-tour at the end of February. Ticket sales are planned to start in early April.

Program

- The Club meeting of February 12, 2025 will be held at the Fort William Curling Club starting at 5:30. The theme will be Valentines Day, with activities and a Chinese buffet dinner.

Video Presentation

- The Club was shown the Hospital Foundation video showing the progress on the Our Hearts at Home cardio-vascular surgery program that the Club has supported. The video had been shown at the Foundation Chair's reception that a few members had attended. This was an opportunity to share the update with the other Club members.

Next Meeting: Feb. 12

Valentine's Social

*Chinese Buffet at the
Fort William Curling Club*



THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE

2025 marks the Year of the Snake in the Chinese Zodiac. Snakes are simultaneously associated with harvest, procreation, spirituality, and good fortune, as well as cunning, evil, threat, and terror.

This year, the local Chinese Canadian Association held their annual Lunar New Year celebration at the Da Vinci with the new owners of the Fort William Curling Club restaurant helping to prepare the traditional food.

新年快乐 (Xīn nián kuài lè)



THIS WEEK'S SCRIBE:



Dave Knutson



Upcoming Events

JAN

24

9:00 PM

**ROTARACT:
Rock the Post**

FEB

12

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Valentine's Dinner

FEB

23

**Rotary Anniversary
Happy 120 Years!**

FEB

26

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

**Club Meeting:
Hemophilia NWO**

MAR

12

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

**Club Meeting:
EcoSuperior & LRCA**

MAR

26

5:30 PM

**Celebrating
Partnerships**

APRIL

9

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

**Club Meeting:
Green Development**

APRIL

23

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

**Club Meeting:
Penny Belluz - Teleco**

MAY

14

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

**Club Meeting:
Team Unbreakable**