

FORTARIAN

WEDNESDAY 12/03/2025

THUNDER BAY, CANADA

Meetings



2nd & 4th
Wednesdays



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



Daytona's Restaurant
965A Cobalt Crescent

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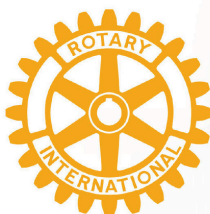


Stephanie Urchick

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ECOSUPERIOR

The Club welcomed two groups making presentations on Environmental project here in Thunder Bay.

The first was Eco-Superior, who described a research project "Litter Free Lake Superior" currently underway in the City, in which human generated litter is captured using 16 screens inserted into storm drains at various locations. Since the storm drains are untreated, any contaminants washed into the system are flushed into Lake Superior.

Perhaps surprisingly, one of the largest fractions of this human generated litter is cigarette butts/filters. Plastics also form part of the pollutants. With the rising concern around micro-plastics it is obviously undesirable to have plastics in the lake breaking down into small particles. As the collection screens are limited, to date, the data collection has been focused on key areas within the city.

The proponents of the study wish to acquire both additional screens and larger screens to allow more data to be obtained. Currently the Federal and Provincial Governments fund the project but Eco-Superior is looking to forge alliances with a local sponsor.

For further information see:
<https://www.ecosuperior.org/storm-drain>



LRCA

The second presentation was by the Lakehead Conservation Authority. The representatives outlined the "Seeds for Conservation" program, in place for the past 4 years, utilizing native plants to restore and rehabilitate vacant or brownfield sites. In that time, 4500 plants have been grown "in house" and approximately 12,000 have been planted.

The program emphasizes the use of ethical and sustainable seed harvesting seed harvesting practices to ensure that existing growth remains viable.

Once the seeds are harvested, they are cleaned and stored. To mimic the winter temperature changes that the seed would experience in nature, they are "stratified" either through exposure outside in protective containers or, if stored indoors, through refrigeration.

Some of the challenges the program faces are greenhouse space, room for the germination process, seed cleaning process refinements to reduce the labour requirement and cold frame capacity.

The Conservation Authority has a number of opportunities for volunteer assistance as part of the ongoing program. They also would welcome support of groups within the Community.

For further information see:
<https://lakeheadca.com/stewardship>

As part of a Tri-Club (Rotary) Environmental initiative, both of these projects are being reviewed for the potential of support by the Thunder Bay clubs. The potential for matching grants is being assessed by that Committee. Craig Sandberg is our representative on that Committee.

CLUB UPDATES

Allocations

- Everyone was reminded of the "Celebrating Partnerships" event to be held March 26, 2025 at the Italian Cultural Centre on Algoma Street. This will be an opportunity to meet the recipients of Lottery Funds for the 2024 House Lottery and to hear how those funds will be put to use.

House Lottery

- The Lottery License has been approved. The house is nearing completion. Rotarian Steve Beaucage is organizing staging of the house in conjunction with Portobello Home. The marketing approach is being finalized and ticket sales are expected to start in early April.
- There will be opportunities to volunteer for open houses and at the 50/50 store in Intercity Mall where House Lottery tickets will be sold.



Next Meeting: Mar. 26

**Celebrating
Partnerships**
Italian Cultural Centre

Fort William
Rotary



PAUL HARRIS PINS

Therese Lim, Foundation Committee Chair, had the pleasure of presenting two Paul Harris pins.

The first went to Dawn Sebesta who is a "Paul Harris +5" multiple Fellow.

The second was presented to Erle Wheatley who is now a "Paul Harris + 6" fellow.

Congratulations Dawn and Erle for your exemplary support of the Foundation!



**THIS
WEEK'S
SCRIBE:**



Dave Knutson

Upcoming Events



MAR

26

5:30 PM

Celebrating Partnerships

APR

9

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

***Club Meeting:
Green Development***

APR

23

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

***Club Meeting:
Penny Belluz - Teleco***

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***