

FORTARIAN

WEDNESDAY 10/09/2025

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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Dave Knutson

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Club President

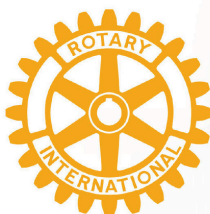


Francesco Arezzo

RI President

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Fort William
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Club



LAST MEETING

10 September, 2025

Peter Chabursky, President of the Canada-Ukraine ICC and a member of the Rotary West Ottawa Club spoke to the Club about the formation of the Intercountry Committee and the results achieved to date.

The Canada-Ukraine ICC was chartered at the Rotary International convention held in Calgary this summer and is supported by Rotary Districts across Canada. **Intercountry Committees** are "Unique entities within Rotary International that connect Rotary clubs from different countries to foster lasting connections between Rotarians around the world, and to promote peace & international understanding across borders."

In Ukraine there are over 60 Rotary clubs and six satellite clubs with around 1100 members. The primary Rotary Club connection is with the Rotary Club Kyiv-Balzac. The intent of the Committee is to assist in bringing hope and aid in solidarity with Ukraine through the completion of a variety of projects.

Peter outlined some of the projects that have been supported by Rotary clubs in Europe, Canada and Ukraine. One project addresses emotional and psychological healing for young people orphaned by the war by providing respite from war conditions through camps and vacations outside Ukraine. Another project supports centres for internally displaced people inside Ukraine. These centres, located in Kyiv and Volyn regions provide clothing, food, essential medications and school materials for children. Other projects include support modernizing a pediatric Hospital, providing Christmas celebrations and gifts for orphans and winter vacations for orphaned children. Efforts are underway on veteran support programs.

Peter has presented at a number of Rotary Clubs to spread awareness of this meaningful opportunity to support international projects with connections provided by the ICC Canada-Ukraine.

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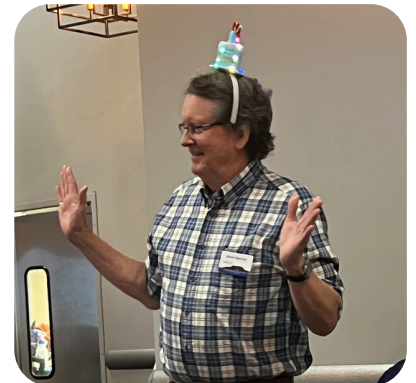


SPECIAL MILESTONES

President Jodi informed the Club that three Rotarians had recently celebrated Birthdays:

- K S Joseph had recently turned 91
- Robert Moore has turned 80 and (the youngster)
- Dave Knutson turned 70

As the only one in attendance, Mr Knutson had to wear the comical, if not stylish, Birthday hat.



THIS WEEKS' SCRIBE:



Dave Knutson

CLUB UPDATES

10 September, 2025

Allocations

- The Committee met to finalize the 2024 donations and to recommend the donations for this year's approved charities. These will be forwarded to the Club Board of Directors for approval.

House Lottery

- This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Fort William Rotary House Lottery. A proposed home has been identified in the Parkdale subdivision to be built by Triad Contracting.

Santa Claus Parade

- This year's parade will occur November 15, 2025. The presenting sponsors will be the Canadian Tire stores, with a kick-off/launch planned at the Thunder Centre location. The organization of this Tri-Club event is well underway.

Club Survey

- Response to the survey request from President Jodi has been good and will provide valuable information to assist in the preparation of a strategic plan.

Peace Day Ceremony

- The Peace Day ceremony will be held September 14, 2025 at 10:00 am. The committee members and helpers should arrive at 9:15 to erect the tent, flags and public announcement equipment.

Battle of Britain

- The Annual Air Cadets Battle of Britain Commemoration will occur September 21, 2025. Arrival at approximately 12:15 is requested, with the parade to start at 1:00 pm.

WDC APPRECIATION DINNER



PEACE DAY CEREMONY



BATTLE OF BRITAIN



Next Meeting: Sept 24

Celina Reitberger
Indigenous Initiatives





Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

13

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**WDC
Appreciation Dinner**

SEPTEMBER

14

10:00 AM

**Rotary Peace
Day Ceremony**

SEPTEMBER

21

1:00 PM

**Battle of Britain
Ceremony**

SEPTEMBER

24

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

**Club Meeting:
Indigenous Initiatives**

SEPTEMBER

30



**National Day for Truth
and Reconciliation**

OCTOBER

7

8:15 PM

**Air Cadets Change of
Command Ceremony**

OCTOBER

8

5:30 PM

**Club Meeting:
RYLA @GJCC**

OCTOBER

22

5:30 PM | 6:15 PM

**Club Meeting:
Topic TBD**

OCTOBER

30

6:30 PM - 11:00 PM

**Rotary Spooky
Green Halloween**