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*Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
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Note: For July and August, meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday only.

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The Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William) meeting of March 6, 2019 was an informal “off-site” get together held at the new St. Joseph’s Hospital facility on Algoma St.

The meeting started with greetings from Kim Callaghan, Director of Communications, Engagement & Client Relations and Tracy Buckler, President and Chief Executive Officer of the St. Joseph's Care Group.



The program included a presentation of the new corporate video in the Contemplation Room; an interesting circular room used for contemplation, presentations, and employee engagement programs. The video can be seen at <https://youtu.be/MZm-6mPHKPA>.

Following this, the group was taken on a tour of the new addition to the existing St. Joseph's hospital. The facility is LEED certified, reflecting design, construction and operation to an established environmental standard. The new facility is a spacious, open and well lit with windows and skylights providing natural light.



While a modern building, recognition of the history of the St. Joseph's Care group in Thunder Bay has been incorporated with the inclusion of a beautiful terrazzo inlay of the Nursing School crest which has been preserved from the old building and relocated for re-use in the new construction. Similarly, stained glass windows, commissioned for the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital during St Joseph's tenure in that location, was also retained for use in the new facility. These details connect the new building with features familiar to past Clients.





An interesting feature of the addition is the inclusion of a “living wall”. This is a vertical surface provided with supports for plant life and an irrigation system. A living wall acts to capture carbon dioxide and other indoor pollutants (cooking smells, plastic off-gassing, etc.); it can act as additional insulation and provides a soft surface that can reduce noise. The water trickling in the irrigation system is also a soothing sound. Interestingly, it is the exposed roots of the plants that absorb the pollutants and metabolize the “smell”.

The wings of the building are colour coded for quick reference by Clients and visitors. All of the lake facing rooms on the upper floors are used as Client spaces. There are some innovative common areas that allow basic food storage and preparation for smaller meals and small lounges adjacent to the nursing stations with fireplaces. These features provide beautiful views and comfortable bright surroundings to assist in the quality of client treatment and healing.

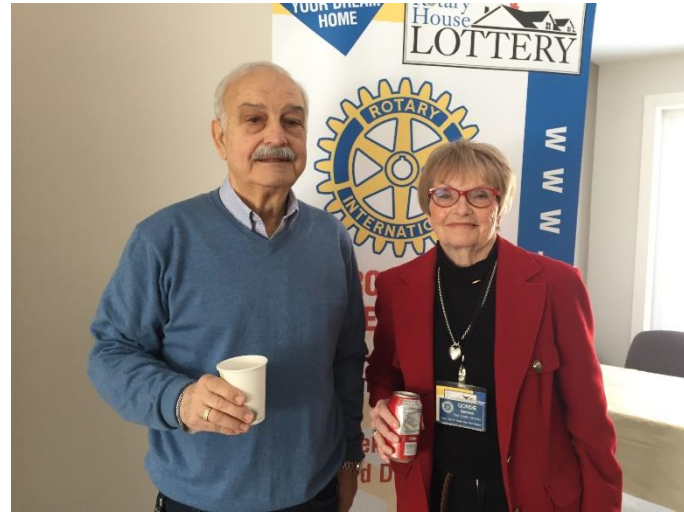
We toured the Library, which is open to the public, featuring books and reference material focused on health, medical practices, healthy lifestyles, personal experience in navigating health related issues and some general interest topics. This was an attractive south facing space, airy and bright even though located at a lower floor in the building.



The tour ended back in the Contemplation room, where we tested the unique acoustics.

Thanks to Tracy and Kim for an excellent tour of the beautiful new facility that is so focused on providing the best environment for care and treatment.

Following the Tour, the Rotarians regrouped at Tony and Adams for dinner and refreshments. Thanks very much to Rotarian Dawn Sebesta for organizing this event!



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