



Lakehead Rotary Chronicle

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OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH!



Rotarian Donald MacDonald

Our sponsor this month, Donald MacDonald, in the interest of time deferred his two minutes about Scouts Canada to next week.

It was another bitterly cold morning but 19 Rotarians joined together for warm fellowship. President Brian welcomed all including our speaker, Rotarian Karl Everett from the Duluth Harbortown Club and Jill Zachary from the Fort William Club.

ON THE DOOR IN 2018/19:

Moe was at the door today.

Help your Club this year by taking on the door for one of the remaining months – confirm your choice with Clint.

JULY	Mo Papich	JANUARY	Mo Papich
AUGUST	Clifford Mushquash	FEBRUARY	
SEPTEMBER	Graham Stewart	MARCH	
OCTOBER	Richard Kehrig	APRIL	
NOVEMBER	Jennifer Kahan	MAY	
DECEMBER	Carol Dagenais	JUNE	Gail Brescia

Thank you Rotarians for your service to our Club.

SPONSORSHIP:

If you can help your Club and wish to promote your business or community interests through a month sponsorship, please contact Sergeant Bill or Clint. Here is the sponsorship line-up so far:

JULY	CEDC	JANUARY	Don/Scouts
Canada			
AUGUST	Shirley DeWilde	FEBRUARY	Clint/TBAG
SEPTEMBER	4 Amigos	MARCH	Volker/RFDA
OCTOBER	Shirley DeWilde	APRIL	MS Society
NOVEMBER	Lori/A&W	MAY	Salvation Army
DECEMBER	N.O.S.M.	JUNE	5 Star Rotarians

OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THUNDER BAY

Celebrating birthdays this month



Celebrating anniversaries this month

CLUB CALENDAR

JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

- JAN 1** NEW YEAR'S DAY
- JAN 3** DR. JORDAN SOKOLOSKI, NATUROPATHIC CLINIC
- JAN 10** JASON NAPER, THUNDER BAY DIVING CLUB
- JAN 17** BUSINESS MEETING
- JAN 24** MANDI O'CONNOR, DENNIS FRANKLIN CROMARTY
- JAN 31** KARL EVERETT, ROTARY WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE: BOLIVIA

FEBRUARY IS PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

- FEB 1** SPIRIT OF THUNDER BAY
- FEB 7** OPEN
- FEB 9** ONE ROTARY SUMMIT - DULUTH
- FEB 14** VALENTINE'S DAY

FEB 14 DONALD MACDONALD
FEB 18 FAMILY DAY
FEB 21 MEETING CANCELLED
FEB 22 ROTARY ANNIVERSARY EVENT – ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTRE
FEB 23 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ANNIVERSARY
FEB 28 BUSINESS MEETING

PRESENTATION:

Jill Zachary introduced Karl Everett who is the chair of the District International Committee and Chair of Water and Sanitation.

Karl spoke about Rotary District 5580 & Mano A Mano Bolivian Projects in 2018. Karl and a team from the District travelled to Bolivia to visit the projects there. Bolivia is one of the poorest countries in South America. It is a remote country that is completely land locked. The indigenous people there are direct descendants of the Incas.

They started at Cochabamba, a city that is about 8-9,000 ft. above sea level. Here they took time to acclimatize before travelling to higher regions going up to 14,000 ft. They met with the Cochabamba Rotary Club who repair and distribute medical equipment as well as handing out medical supplies. Since 1994, our District has shipped 3.5 million pounds (valued around \$14 million) of supplies and equipment there for distribution.

Next was a stop in Sucre, the capital city, and on to the Medical Clinic in Candelaria which is supported by the District. This clinic was founded by Mano A Mano in 1994. When it opened the life expectancy in the area was 57. Now, with better health care it is 69.

The Sumala Road Project was developed to replace the goat paths through the mountains used by the locals to travel to the medical clinic in Sumala. This clinic was originally built with funds from member of the Duluth Skyline Club. The clinic needs to be expanded and they are looking for funds for the expansion.

The Guilarrani School project has built an educational facility in the community. It is now open and children are attending school.

The Jatun Mayu Medical Clinic is in a small community 150 miles from Sucre. It has a population of 3,300 and a very limited economy. It is an agricultural community. This clinic opened in May of 2018. Nine clubs in our District, including Fort William and Nipigon, contributed to make it possible. They have already had over 2,000 visits.

The Jusku Molle Reservoir Water Project has greatly improved farming in the area providing enough water for crops.



The team also had an opportunity to visit the Bolivian Amazon which was very lush and tropical in contrast to the rest of the country. There is a proposal to expand the Toocopilla Medical Clinic which is located in this region. It currently has two rooms and is very poorly equipped. They have a nurse but there is no doctor. Karl is looking for funding for the clinic. The total cost is \$76,000 and he already has \$65,000 committed. So, he is looking for another \$12,000.

Mano A Mano is very appreciative of the support that our District has given to all these projects. It is having a big impact in Bolivia saving lives, increasing life expectancy, and making it possible for more children to attend school.

SPIRIT OF THUNDER BAY:

The Spirit event was held on Friday. We had about 12-13 silent auction items and 6 Chinese auction items. 80 taster and 20 non-taster tickets have been sold.

ANNIVERSARY EVENT:

Tickets at \$40 each will be available after Spirit.

FELLOWSHIP FINES:

All present paid a loonie if they hadn't been to Bolivia. Clifford was happy that Bell Let's Talk Day was so successful. Clint was happy for the positive interactions with Bolivia over the years including memories of a Bolivian exchange student. Karl Everett was happy share with us about Bolivia. Jill wished the club well for the spirit event and since Karl E. was not able to stay of the event, they had their own tasting with the Robbie Burns the winner. Wayne was happy that he was going to see his grandchildren but sad that he will miss the Spirit event.

50/50:

Paul won the 50/50 draw today. His share will be forwarded to the Rotary Foundation.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

This thought comes from Karl Everett.

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime.
Mark Twain

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7
Cody Fraser, Neebing Ward Councillor

