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The Fortarian

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay, (Fort William)

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*Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,
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Rotary House Lottery Committee

Chair: Dave Knutson
*Meets: 1st Tuesday of each month,
 Weiler Maloney Nelson, 12 noon.*

Weekly Dinner Meetings

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

Newsletter Editors

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January 30, 2019

President Sante welcomed everyone & had Craig lead us acapella through O Canada. Bev toasted the Queen. Sante thanked Robert Moore for manning the door.

Jill Zachary introduced our guest speaker, Karl Everett from the Duluth Harbourtown Rotary Club. Karl is a former professional engineer & geologist & also had a career in environmental health & safety.



Karl has participated in 4 different service projects in Bolivia, which is one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere. Jill accompanied him both in 2015 & '17 & assisted locals in the building of a school in a remote village high in the Andes. Karl & 5 other intrepid Rotarians from 5580 made the trip again in the summer of 2018 to the same region & helped to build a medical clinic in the village of Jatun Mayu. The native people there are the direct descendants of the Inca tribes & they live on the slopes of mountains that tower over 16,000 feet. Our district has worked in conjunction with a group in that part of the world called "Mano a Mano" which was started in 1994 & has shipped surplus medical supplies worth more than \$14 million from Minnesota to South America over the past 24 years. Karl's next project is building a clinic in the Bolivian Amazon region which will be funded by Rotary. He's still looking for an additional \$12,000 in funding & welcomes any donations from District

clubs. He's also selling a Bolivian coffee called Velvet Hammer to help finance the project. He welcomed any interest from Rotarians who might consider joining the group travels next summer. Sante thanked Karl for his years of service to these less fortunate people who's average life expectancy is only 69!

A couple of reminders that the Feb.13th meeting will be our annual Valentines dinner at the Fort William Curling Club & our annual Foundation dinner will be held on Feb. 22nd at the Italian Hall. The Feb. 20th meeting is cancelled because of that.

Robert presided over Bingo & your editor was lucky enough to win (for the first time ever!)

Dave McColl guided us through the Lighter Side of life with various zingers about missing money, elephants, lotteries & Bill Gates. Irene then solicited loonies from everyone for their particular versions of Good News.

Dave K let us know that we have the house lottery license now so soon we'll begin selling those 14,000 tickets.

Sharon asked for help to promote RYLA applications & if you know any local students in grades 10 or 11, please encourage them to apply through their Student Services office.

Stephen concluded the announcements by asking for volunteers this coming Monday at Shelter House to assist the Satellite Club in preparing dinner.

Next week's program will be about saving the famous Carousel at Chippewa Park. We should have moderate temperatures by then so please come out & join us!

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