

Leadership Thunder Bay Class of 2008-2009



Jacki Alto

My name is Jacqueline Alto I was born in Dryden, Ontario. My father and his family are from this area but I have never lived there. I have lived in Ottawa, Thunder Bay, Nootkamegwanning First Nation, Kenora, Edmonton, Alix Alberta, and Dawson Creek.

I started working when I was twelve years old at the Park Street Café on Park Avenue, Thunder Bay. It was a popular greasy spoon café and I was the dishwasher. Besides the usual teenager jobs of convenience stores, child care jobs, pizza delivery etc., I traveled with a carnival in the summer months from the time I was fourteen to twenty years old. Traveling with the same family

of workers was a strange combination of being independent yet a communal living experience. I drove taxi during the night while going to University. I've worked at the Public Library for fifteen years in various capacities. I was a Volunteer Coordinator for the Neighbourhood Capacity Building Project; Thunder Bay Urban Aboriginal Strategy for three years. I recruited, screened and trained volunteers for their various programs and the Good Food Box program. Currently I work for Victim Crisis Assistance and Referral Service. I am motivated by varied interests and experiences.

I love reading, dancing, traveling. I'm pretty open and love to try different foods and customs. I traveled alone to Morocco to marry my husband. I was stranded in Paris, France for two days and I don't speak French. I talk to everybody, my husband thinks that that is dangerous but I'm six foot tall, BIG Aboriginal woman...er...hear me roar? So, my Father is Finnish and my Mother Ojibway. My ex-husband is Irish mix and my new husband is Moroccan and my (twin boy/girl) children ended up being blond and blue-eyed. I love my own beautifully diverse family.



Robert Berardi

I was born in Thunder Bay, ON and I graduated from Lakehead University in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. My profession began at Shebandowan Dynatec mine where I worked for ten months. During this time I got engaged to Debbie, Lakehead University Business Administration grad who was working for Investors Group. At that time there was not a huge demand for registered nurses in Thunder Bay, so I moved to Winnipeg MB and worked at the Health Sciences Centre on a spinal cord injury unit. Deb and I got married a year later in 1998, and she moved to Winnipeg where she continued to work for Investors Group. We lived in

Winnipeg for another year, and then came back home to Thunder Bay. I worked on the Transition unit at St. Joseph's hospital as a staff RN until 2007 when I became a Clinical Education Coordinator, and I continue to work in this role presently. Deb continues to work in financial planning and is presently employed at RBC.

Shortly after moving from Winnipeg we were blessed with a baby girl, Isabel who is now eight, and then a baby boy, Nicholas, now five. We like to take advantage of our natural surroundings enjoying camping, fishing, biking and snowmobiling. More recently we have been fortunate enough to begin taking some family vacations to places like Portugal and Punta Cana.

My profession requires me to demonstrate leadership skills, which I look forward to build on during my participation with Leadership Thunder Bay.



Brad Bonazzo

Born in Fort William, Ontario, I have lived in Thunder Bay my entire life. I graduated from Hammarskjold High School and went on to attend the Lakehead University Business Administration program majoring in Human Resources. I completed approximately 2.5 years of the 3 year program and decided there was not enough practical application for my needs. I switched to the Confederation College Human Resources/Industrial Relations program and graduated in 1990.

I went on to work in a number of HR roles with the Federal and Provincial Governments and the private sector. Around this time, I also started a Mobile Disc Jockey Service "Night Moves" which employed approximately 3-4 people depending on the season. In 1993, I also began to provide bookkeeping and accounting services to number of local small businesses. I was (and still am) extremely busy! (Cont'd...)

While this was going on, I was becoming increasingly interested in the financial markets. In 1997 I enrolled in the Confederation College Personal Financial Planning Program. Upon graduation I started my career as a Financial Consultant with Investors Group. In 2006, I was promoted to my current position as Division Director. My partner of the last 12 years Cyndy Howarth, is employed as my Executive Assistant.

My hobbies include restoring and drag racing cars and trucks. I have participated in the Terrace Bay "Drag Fest" every year since inception. In addition, I am a member of the Superior Classics Car Club. I also enjoy landscaping and yard work. (Oh boy, I must be getting old!!)

I have volunteered/provided fund raising activities for various causes through the years including the Kid's Help Phone, The United Way and the Thunder Bay Legends.



Tammy Chiodo

I was born and raised in Thunder Bay. In High School I met and married my high school sweetheart, Julio and we have three amazing children, two sons, who are both currently engaged, and one daughter. I started my career in the Bearing business and soon realized that it would not provide me with the ability for growth that I was seeking. I started working on some part-time college courses and accepted an entry level position at Confederation College in around the same time (1990). While taking breaks to raise children and taking courses on a part-time basis I was finally able to graduate in 2004 with a Business

Administration Diploma. I made several upward moves within the College and in 2005 I accepted the position of Program Officer in the Centre for Continuing Education which I still currently hold. My portfolio includes part-time Health and Community Service subject areas. Although I have strong family beliefs I also feel strongly about giving back to the community. I have volunteered for several years in many capacities with various local not-for-profit children organizations; from Decorations Coordinator for the City of Thunder Bay Children's Festival to Chair of the Board for Footsteps Family Centre. I am currently on the Board of Directors for the Friends of Olivia Foundation and on the Executive Committee of the Confederation College's Staff Recreation Association. In my spare time I enjoy camping, reading, painting and scrap booking.



Kathleen Eaton

I was born and raised in Thunder Bay. I'm very passionate about my family, I have 2 older brothers and I am the baby of the family. My niece's and nephews are my pride and joy and every chance I get, I love spending time with them. I've been married for 10 wonderful years to Mike. We have no kids but we do have a pure breed German Sheppard. She is 1 1/2 years old and her name is Sierra. I started working for Lakehead Community Credit Union in 1991 right from High School and then merged with Thunder Bay Municipal Credit Union in 1998 and we became Superior Credit Union. In my spare time I really enjoy camping. Summer is my favorite time hanging out with my friends camping. I try to go out as often as I can. I've been

involved in the 12 hour Relay for Life. I'm also a volunteer at Co-Op Young Leadership camp. The camp is a leadership camp for kids between the ages of 14 to 18 years old. It's a camp teaching, team building, leadership and working together with their peers. I've been doing this for the past 4 years and I really enjoy it. My hobbies are biking, reading, gardening and going to the gym. I'm also a big Nascar fan!! I'm very excited for this Leadership program.



Peter Evans

I was born in Toronto. I attended two universities, one American and one Canadian before deciding what post secondary education I really wanted: namely, a four year Hons. B. Commerce from Lakehead University. Early in life I adopted a policy of exploring as many different life experiences and careers as possible. I have owned and operated numerous businesses in NWO for 25 years, been a business consultant for 15 years, a Professional Fund Raiser for 6 years, a Lecturer for 2 years, and now my last career as a Financial Advisor.

My beautiful wife of 25 years and I have been fortunate enough to travel (Cont'd...)

extensively in United States, as well as to the Islands. We both enjoy working and have no plans for early retirement. Our 22 year old son just graduated from LU with a Hons. B Commerce and will go to Law School. In previous years I worked with numerous boards, politicians, and volunteers. Currently, I'm on a reserve list should a vacancy open with the Thunder Bay Regional Health Science Centre Board, and I've applied to the Contact North Board of Directors as well as Committees for the Health Foundation Board. I believe in the North and Thunder Bay and look forward to the leadership journey.



Catherine Hilgers

Catherine Hilgers – I was born in Cochrane, Ontario but my family has lived in Thunder Bay since I was twelve years old. I graduated from Confederation College with a variety of Business related Diplomas. I now work at Confederation College in the Admissions & Registration Office as a Senior Admissions and Registrations Officer. My job varies but part of my job consists of problem solving student accounts and implementing the tuition fees for the year. One of my favorite parts of my job is organizing our annual Convocation ceremonies.

My husband Brad and I have been married for 11 years. Brad works for Dougall Media as a radio personality and program director. We have two beautiful children, Gabriel who is 3 and Mikayla who is 2. As you can imagine with two toddlers our lives revolve around them. When I'm not playing with (or running after) my children I enjoy camping, gardening, reading and scrapbooking.

As a teenager and young adult I used to be involved with a local Air Cadet Squadron. I currently volunteer at my church as a weekly reader and I help to train new readers. I am really looking forward to my Leadership Thunder Bay journey.



Stewart Kallio

I grew up in a vibrant Northern Ontario Finnish community just west of Sudbury, Ontario. In 1970, I started my undergraduate education in fine arts (painting/printmaking) at York University in Toronto which really started a chain of events that saw me spend some time studying and working in Toronto, meet my Thunder Bay born wife (Lesley Turcotte) who also attended York (dance), travel to Thunder Bay in 1976 to be married, move to the Sudbury area to raise three children (now 30, 28 and 27), and work at several community colleges in Sudbury (Cambrian), Welland (Niagara) and Thunder Bay (Confederation).

My college work involves academic leadership, primarily in the areas of access, transfer, and preparatory programs. Currently, I am the Associate Dean, Negahneewin College of Academic and Community Development which, in addition to the above, includes a strong focus on Aboriginal learners.

I am an artist, and I am exploring leadership as an artful process in my current Ph.D. studies with OISE/UT. I am also aging reluctantly by attempting to stay active and fit through running, mostly, and golf when I can. I don't have any particular hobbies, but I am passionate about the simple pleasures that flow from finding and experiencing what life has to offer.



Sarah Kerton

I am currently the Coordinator of the EarthWise Community Environmental Action Plan for the City of Thunder Bay. I came to this job after working for Ontario Parks and Lakehead Public Schools. I was born in Sudbury, but spent most of my life in Thunder Bay, and Kakabeka Falls (where my Mom still lives with her llamas). An avid environmentalist, I completed my Honours Bachelor of Environmental Studies, and an Environmental Assessment Certificate at the University of Waterloo. After falling in love in Thunder Bay, I returned home, bought a house, and signed up for a Bachelor of Education at Lakehead University. I taught high

school for a while and then decided to pursue a Masters Degree in Natural Resource Management at the University of Manitoba. I have volunteered extensively over the years, and am currently on the Steering Committee for the Ontario Environment Network. I live happily in Port Arthur with my partner Chris who is a financial analyst, and our two cats. In my spare time I teach aerobics, love to read, walk, hike or do yoga. I also quilt and make baskets or crafts.



Nancy Kos

I'm a ThunderBayite – born & raised just outside of Thunder Bay in the small rural community of Scoble (now Neebing Township). Except for a short stint in Winnipeg, I have lived my entire life in and around the Thunder Bay area. While growing up in Scoble, I had the privilege of attending one of the very last one room schools. Our entire school consisted of 25 children – and our facilities were outhouses!!! And NO, I'm NOT a Senior Citizen!!!

I am married to my husband Con, and have two grown daughters, as well as two wonderful grandsons. I work at Bombardier as an Administrative Assistant in the Engineering/Quality

Assurance Department. While keeping my 'day' job, over the past several years, I have owned, built and managed Pineview Motel in Kakabeka Falls, started a catering business (Absolutely Delicious), and owned and operated a Real Estate Company (Peartree Home Marketing).

I have been active in the volunteer sector – some being – past member of the Board of Directors of the local Canadian Red Cross, past member of the Board of Directors of Moonlight Melodrama; woman's auxiliary member of Girl Guides of Canada, as well as being a Brown Owl, and Secretary/Treasurer for our local Happy Hollow Campers Association.

My hobbies include reading, kayaking at my camp at Oliver lake, playing with my grandsons – they're teaching me how to fish, and traveling

I look forward to meeting all of my LTB colleagues in person in the near future!



Nicole Landgraff

I was born in Leduc, Alberta, while my, Thunder Bay born parents, were exploring opportunities in Western Canada. Like my parents, I have explored different parts of the country, always returning to Thunder Bay to cherish it's natural beauty and familiarity, and to build opportunities at home.

I enjoy swimming in Lake Superior after a sauna, rollerblade around Boulevard, skiing down the NorWesters, or around Kakabeka Provincial Park, and most of all socializing and cultivating creativity with the diverse people of Thunder Bay.

I am a nurse with passion for my calling. After graduating from Confederation College's Diploma Program I gained experience at Winnipeg's Health Science Centre, working in 3 different areas; internal medicine, the neonatal nursery and the children's emergency. I chose to return to Thunder Bay 4 years ago, and since my return I have completed a BScN at Lakehead University, bought a character home in the north side of the city to share with my cat, Chloe and most recently, I have been involved in developing a geriatric emergency program at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

I am looking forward to the upcoming years activities and meeting each of my fellow Leadership Thunder Bay participants.



Mika Lees

I was born in Toronto, grew up in Windsor, Ontario and have lived in so many places across this country since I was a teenager I could easily be considered gypsy! I graduated high school in St. Stephen (aka: "Chocolate Town"), New Brunswick home of the Ganong Chocolate Factory and call that "home" as they welcomed me as one of their own and I go back regularly to refresh myself with the salty sea air. I graduated from Confederation College with a Technologists Diploma in Architecture and designed and built the house I am now raising my three children in. My childhood friends laugh that I am everything I said I would never be: a mother, I have three dogs

and I live in the country with my main heat source being wood, which means I swing a mean chainsaw! Most people recognize me for my passionate life safety and injury prevention work with the youth of the community and for all of the other volunteer committees I am actively involved with. I am also a Firefighter and Prevention Officer with Lappe Fire Department and particularly LOVE doing public safety education in both the elementary and high schools. I learn so much from them!! After receiving my certificate in Occupational Health and Safety from Cambrian College this summer, I am always looking for new and exciting challenges and am very much looking forward to working with and learning from other folks in the Leadership Thunder Bay Program. I still do not know what I want to be when I grow up...we will see if the wind stops blowing.



Kelly Litt

I was born and raised in Mount Forest, a small town of 4000 in southern Ontario. I attended high school in Belleville ON and after graduating from Albert College, I moved to Thunder Bay for university. I have a degree from Lakehead University (B.A.) and a diploma from Confederation College (Travel/Tourism Administration). I began my working career in Thunder Bay in the travel industry at Bayway Tours and Thunder Bay Travel. Working in the travel industry provided me the opportunity to use and further develop my skills in customer service, project management, and attention to detail. When the opportunity came to work at the Thunder Bay Chamber of

Commerce as their

Events Coordinator, I jumped at the opportunity. I thoroughly enjoy what I do, the people I work with and the community I work in.

My time away from the chamber finds me being a mother to my son Ryan (the best job in the world!) who is 4 years old and starting JK this fall. I am active as a volunteer in our community and currently serve on the Board of Directors of Little Lions Daycare Centres and the 2009 Thunder Bay Marathon. I am a member of the Thunder Bay Business Women's Network and the Thunder Bay Executives.

I am a believer in life long learning, I have returned to post secondary education and enrolled as a part time student in the Post Graduate Human Resources program at Confederation College.



Margie MacDonald

I was born in Thunder Bay. As a child, I moved with my family to Vancouver Island, BC and then to Welland, ON before returning to Thunder Bay for my teenage years. I attended Confederation College and University of Manitoba before starting my career in Social Work and Education. I later graduated from Lakehead University in both of these areas. I am currently finishing my Master's degree in Education at Lakehead University. I have one daughter named Chantel and she recently moved to Burlington, ON to pursue her career in Dental Hygiene. I work as a professor at Confederation College. In my spare time, I enjoy competitive dragon

boating, canoeing, kayaking, camping, hiking, golf, curling, and reading. I am looking forward to this new experience with Leadership Thunder Bay! 475-6155 (w) 624-0929 (h) mjmacdon@confederationc.on.ca



Nicole Maillette- Seller

I am the fifth generation by my mother's side to be born in Thunder Bay, ON. My grandfather emigrated from Finland and my father came to Lakehead from Grand-Mère, Québec. Mechanical Engineering is my chosen profession, graduating from Lakehead University and starting my career in the engineering department at the Société d'Assurance Automobile du Québec in Québec city. After completing my four month contract there I returned to Thunder Bay to begin work in the production engineering department of Bombardier Transportation. Ten years later, I am still thrilled to be helping to design state of the art

trains with an amazing team of people. In 2001 I married Steven Seller whom I had met in Dr. Patterson's first year engineering statics class. We bought a home just five houses down from my parents (the home where I grew up) where we are raising our two children – 6 year old Gabriel Masahiro and almost 3 year old Hana Charlotte. In the past I have enjoyed volunteering with Jack Rabbits cross country skiing, Old Fort William Volunteer Association, Les Danseurs du Lac Supérieur (teaching French-Canadian step dancing), The Lakehead Japanese Canadian Association and more recently with the Volunteer Pool Soccer Club.



Cathy Matthews

I was born in Italy and immigrated to Canada in 1966 with my mother, brother and sister to join my father who had immigrated some years earlier. I have lived in Thunder Bay since then except for a few years in London, Ontario while attending the University of Western Ontario. My heritage, along with my Canadian upbringing has made me a very proud Canadian who loves to eat! My employment history while in school and after completing my education centered on the hospitality industry. It started as the "Buffet Girl" at the infamous weekend buffets at the Royal Edward Hotel and eventually progressed to Catering Manager at CP's Red Oak Inn (cont'd..)

(now the Victoria Inn). While working as a waitress in the hey days of the Airlane Hotel, I met a chef, Tim Matthews, and to ensure that I would be able to eat fine cooking for the rest of my life, I married him. Tim and I were married in 1985 and have two children, Stuart 21 and Gillian 19.

Since the Hospitality industry is not kind to family life, I gave up my position to care for my young family. However, my need for a career eventually led me to secure employment as an Adjudicator with the WSIB. After 17 years in this position I have moved into Management.

As time permitted, I pursued volunteer work in various areas such as The Heart and Stroke Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Thunder Bay Triathlon and The Pride of Canada marathon. More recently I have become very active in the Thunder Bay Hiking association holding an executive position for the past 5 years.

To counteract the effects of eating well, I try to be as active as possible. I regularly run, hike, ski and go to the gym. I also get a great deal of pleasure from gardening and traveling to far away places. My favourite travel destination is anywhere in Europe.



Michael Mehagan

I was born in Thunder Bay, Ontario at the Port Arthur General Hospital, and raised in Current River. However over the past ten years, I have spent time living in North Bay, Scarborough, Kitchener, and a city the size of Thunder Bay in central Argentina called Olavarria. I attended Lakehead University for five years, graduating from the Bachelor's of Engineering Program – Electrical (with Co-op Education Designation) in 2003. After graduation I worked for Waterloo North Hydro, and then I returned to Thunder Bay in June of 2005 to assume a position with Thunder Bay Hydro. Upon returning to Thunder Bay, I immediately resumed one of my

favorite childhood hobbies... camping. I purchased a trailer which is now seasonally parked at Mirror Lake Campground (east of Thunder Bay), and which is also where you can find me almost every weekend from the beginning of May until early October. It was also upon returning to Thunder Bay that I met my girlfriend of two years, Tonya. My other hobbies include working out and exercising, and sports such as mountain biking and softball.



Kristen Oliver

I was born in Thunder Bay, ON. After spending time living in southern Ontario, I returned to Thunder Bay to enter Confederation College's Health Record Technician program. Although I did not continue in the health care field, I developed research skills that were a great asset to me in expanding my career horizons. In my wild and crazy teenage years, I developed an appreciation and passion for politics and, in particular, the impact decisions have on our daily lives. I was employed as Special Assistant to Lyn McLeod, M.P.P., Thunder Bay- Atikokan until the birth of my son Carter. I enjoyed some time as a stay at home mom but was then offered a position as

Policy Assistant to the Mayor. I have been working with Mayor Peterson and City Council since 2004. It is a very exciting time to be working for the municipality and I thoroughly enjoy being a part of the transition of Thunder Bay as we work to diversify the economy. I am married to Rick, a teacher with the Lakehead Public School Board and our son is now five. When I'm not chauffeuring Carter to his various activities, I love to stimulate the economy with my friends. In the summer I enjoy golfing and swimming. I am so thrilled to be part of the 2008/09 Leadership Thunder Bay Class and look forward to developing my leadership skills.



Tammy Orr

I was born in Toronto, ON and spent the first six years of my life in Tottenham before growing up on Manitoulin Island. After completing my degree at Laurentian University (Sudbury, ON) I spent a year traveling around Australia and New Zealand. Upon my return I was not sure what I should do, so went to Mohawk College (Brantford, ON) with a friend for a one year post grad diploma, Rehabilitation Teacher for the Blind and Visually Impaired. I started my career with CNIB in Saskatoon, SK in 1995, then in Owen Sound, ON from 2001-2003. From 2003 – 2005 I worked as an Ophthalmic Assistant for the CNIB Ontario Mobile Eye Care Unit, Eye Van, based

out of Sudbury. I am currently a Low Vision Specialist at CNIB Thunder Bay and work part-time at Crossroads Centre as a Casual Support Worker. Over the years I have volunteered for the Canadian Cancer (Cont'd..)

Society, SaskTel Jazz Festival, Saskatoon Fringe Festival and Rodeo, as well as the Heart & Stroke Foundation and CNIB.

Last November I volunteered for Kids Insight, a program in St Lucia, and have been invited to return to volunteer at the end of January 2009. I am currently single, never married, and have no children. Most of my family resides on Manitoulin Island, including my parents, brother and sister, three nieces and two nephews. I love to travel, meet new people, reading, music, and walking. I am excited to be participating in Leadership Thunder Bay and look forward to meeting everyone.



Tracy Puurunen

I was born in Thunder Bay and lived most of my life in the rural Kaministiquia. My family relocated to Oshawa, ON (which is just east of Toronto) when I was 17 years old. I completed high school in Oshawa and then after working for 1 year enrolled in the Social Service Worker/Gerontology Program at Seneca College and relocated to live in Toronto. After completing my diploma my family returned to Thunder Bay, however, I continued to work throughout the Toronto area at various agencies providing care to seniors. After working for several years in Toronto and the birth of my first child (Caitlin, now 18 yrs old), I returned to Thunder Bay to complete my Honours Bachelor Degree in Social Work at Lakehead University. I

also hoped to be closer to family and wanted to raise my daughter in a small community with CLEAN AIR and ready access to nature. Following the completion of my degree, I attained the position as Family Support Coordinator at the Alzheimer Society of Thunder Bay. I worked at ASTB for 9 years and also during that time had a second child (Logan, now 6 yrs old) and completed my Masters of Social Work degree. Five years ago, I moved on to a new position as an Addictions Specialist in the Older Adult Program at the Sr. Margaret Smith Centre. I also recently completed training as a Clinical Traumatologist from Traumatology Institute in Toronto. I am currently a single parent and keep busy with caring for the kids, working and volunteering for various activities. I enjoy theatre, drama, running, kickboxing and reading. In my spare time (whew!), I illustrated a comic strip for the Alzheimer Society newsletter called the "Silver Lining", take acting classes at Magnus Theatre and recently took on a new challenge, and completed my first ever marathon (26.2 miles!) in Duluth in June 2008. My plans for the fall are to take singing lessons for the first time!

I am looking forward to the fall sessions and the interesting year ahead!



Sylvia Renaud

Sylvia Renaud, nee Postenka. I was born in Port Arthur (Thunder Bay), attending Prospect, Balsam and Hillcrest schools locally. My first undergraduate degree was from Laurentian University in Sudbury. After graduating in 1984 I moved to Toronto and got married. I lived in Scarborough for about a year then moved to the Ottawa area, living in Gatineau, PQ then Aylmer, PQ. I moved back to Thunder Bay in 1988 and spent a short amount of time in the fall/winter of 1988/89 in Northern Manitoba teaching French. I then resumed my post-secondary education at Lakehead University, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree (Library Technician) in 1991.

In the fall of 1991 I continued my library education at the University of Western Ontario, receiving my Masters of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree in 1992. Before gaining permanent employment at the Thunder Bay Public Library in 1993, I was supply teaching for the Lakehead Board of Education (core French and French immersion). I am currently the head of reference at the Thunder Bay Public Library and I currently volunteer for the Blues Festival and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In the past I have volunteered at the Run for the Cure and the George Jeffrey Children's Centre. I enjoy working out at the gym (PUSH Fitness), reading, walking, and spending time at my parent's camp at Lac Des Milles Lacs. I have recently divorced, so I have more time to pursue my interests. I have a Facebook account and welcome new friends from Leadership Thunder Bay.



Rosanna Scaffeo

Hello my name is Rosanna Scaffeo. I was born and raised right here in Thunder Bay. I work full time at Lakehead University in the Career and Co-operative Education Services as a Career & Co-op Officer. I assist Lakehead University students and Alumni on their path to employment. As part of my role I coordinate 2 Co-op programs for the University and host various employment recruiting events. I enjoy fostering relationships with employers while assisting them with all of their recruitment needs. I hope to learn more about Thunder Bay through Leadership Thunder Bay and pass more information along to employers.

In my spare time I love listening to music, decorating, and traveling with my husband. I believe anything is possible with hard work and passion.



Paul Wolfe

I was born in Thunder Bay and graduated from Hammarskjold. After high school I moved to Saskatchewan to study to become a Pastor. I worked with various churches in Western Canada doing the typical Pastor stuff, and also overseeing a building campaign and a new church start. In 2000 I came back to Thunder Bay and began working with a public accounting firm in marketing. I wrote a horrible amount of proposals, attended countless "functions" and even learned to golf a bit. For the past three years I've been the Executive Director of the Thunder Bay Community Foundation, where I work with a volunteer Board of Trustees and

oversee \$4.8 Million. Each year the Community Foundation distributes grants and scholarships to worthy charitable causes in the District of Thunder Bay.

I have been married to Jennifer Wolfe for 16 years which has created the by-products of a home, RRSPs, a mini-van, some credit card debt, numerous vacations and two children. My son, D'Artagnan is 13 and my daughter, Jubalee is 11.

I do not read much and I don't follow sports, so I'm often lost in conversations about last night's game or "that fantastic new book". However I draw, create concrete sculptures, renovate old homes, volunteer as a director with various organizations and spend a lot of time generating new ways of filling my time and making people smile.

I'm looking forward to getting to know the LTB group and working with as many of you as possible.

Leadership Thunder Bay Facilitator



Maggie Chicoine

When Maggie established her training firm in 1986, she quickly earned a reputation for zealous, interactive and content rich programs. Her expanded company, The Idea Sculptor, specializes in *Strategies to Think Ahead™*.

Maggie is a founding Director of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers (CAPS), a member of International Federation for Professional Speakers and NSA (1991). She belongs to the International Coach Federation, International Association of Facilitators, Professional Writers' Association of Canada, Chamber of Commerce, and is a founding Champion of Leadership Thunder Bay. A graduate of Lakehead University, Maggie continues to invest annually in her development by studying with the Masters.

Her claim to fame is her ability to jump in with both feet and get passionate about the work at hand. Her joie de vivre speaks for itself.

Maggie recently married Richard Chicoine, and gained a huge and hearty family in the process.