



Today's Program

Chris Snyder, Rotary member

Topic

"Be Smart with Your Money"

Location

Imperial Room, The Fairmont Royal York



Chris Snyder is the co-founder (1974) and Chairman of the ECC Group Personal Financial Advisors. He has written four books and several hundred articles on personal finance. Two of his books have sold over 100,000 copies. He has served in senior positions in a number of associations and financial organizations and in 1991 was chosen as the CAFP's Member of Distinction. He has been a trustee of the Canadian Institute of Financial Planning.

Chris joined the Rotary Club of Toronto in 1984 and has been involved with the International Service since that time. He

has participated in many Rotary developing-world projects and has lead sweat equity trips that have taken him to cities and remote villages in Indonesia, India, Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Malawi, the Dominion Republic and Cambodia. Most of the work has been in refurbishing and building schools.

He is:

- Co-founder of Project Mainstream, a Rotary project in Mumbai, India, which has taught over 30,000 street children ages 10-23 small business and vocational skills.
- Chairman of the District's Hospital of Hope project which, with the help of three sweat equity teams, built a surgical wing on a hospital for poor children in the Dominican Republic. This was the largest ever District 7070 International Project.
- District Chair of the Landmine & Jaipur Foot Program and introduced the landmine issue to the Toronto Club and District. He is on the board of the Canadian Landmine Foundation.
- Chair of Umugenzi for Refugees in Toronto.
- Co-ordinator of the Rotary/Dignitas AIDS Project in Malawi.
- On the Board of Street Kids International where he was a delegate to the special UN session of children in 2002.
- One of the founders of Healthy Beginnings Inc. and a past President. Much of the focus was on programs for Aboriginal youth 0-6 in fly in communities in partnership with Lieutenant Governor, James Bartleman.
- A member of the Frontier College Great Expectations Literacy Campaign team.
- Served on a number of City of Toronto Early Years Steering Committees.
- Served on the Board of YES (Youth Employment Services).
- Past chair of Alpine Ontario South, as well as a number of other Ontario Ski Boards.
- On the board of the Nature Conservancy of Canada (Ontario).

Chris is a recipient of a number of awards including the Paul Harris Fellowship, the Queen's Jubilee Medal, Rotary Service Above Self Award and is a member of Canada's Who's Who.

Chris loves to start new things, read, travel, hike, golf, bicycle, canoe and ski. He is married to Pat. They have three children, Jennifer, Heather and Stuart and four grandchildren.

Welcome New Member Van Horne Lum



Van Horne Lum is Chief Operating Officer at Sherbourne Health Centre, an organization providing primary health care and support services to LGBT, Homeless/Under-housed, and Newcomers to Canada. As COO, Van oversees Finance, Human Resources, Physical Plant, IT and Decision Support, and is active in strategic and operational planning for the organization. He is currently serving as Acting Chief Executive Officer, as an executive search process is underway.

Van has worked in the Non-for-Profit and Public sectors for twenty years in various finance and operational roles at Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, Ministry of Health & Long Term Care, Ontario March of Dimes, CAMH, and Toronto Community Foundation. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Wilfrid Laurier University and is a Certified Management Accountant. Van lives with his life partner of 19 years, Ron Currie, and their English Bulldog Monty (Montgomery) in downtown Toronto. Van volunteers on the Finance Committee of Fife House, an organization that provides supportive housing for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Richard White will be acting as Van Horne's mentor and we all welcome him to the club.

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What You Missed August 9, 2013

– by Valerie Clarke



“If music be the food of love, play on; Give me excess of it, that, surfeiting, The appetite may sicken, and so die.”

President Richard presided over a wonderful fellowship meeting with a delicious buffet lunch. In keeping with our club tradition of having a musical component during the summer months member **Harold Hetherington** introduced our guest performer Lydia Munchinsky, a cellist of outstanding talent. Lydia provided us with beautiful music, opening with Bach's Cello Suite and the above quote from Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, 1602, captured our mood.

Lydia is also a new mother, having just brought a delightful little girl.....a Princess, into the world on the same day as Prince George – July 22.

Past President **Sylvia Milne** introduced visiting Rotarians from Richmond Hill and Barrie as well as our guests. I was fortunate to sit with our member Joe Amato as well as his son John and daughter Natalie, who are wonderful young people.

Our member **Mathew Harrison** was invited to the podium where he read a letter to his friend: Peter Procrastinator, who could well

be a member of our Club, asking him to remember our upcoming **Golf Day on August 22** and not delay any further as we are fast approaching this 65th Annual Event which will be a great day.

President Richard had the pleasure of introducing a new member, Van Horne Lum, of Sherbourne Health Centre. As you may be aware, our member **Suzanne Boggild** retired as CEO of Sherbourne Health Centre and is currently on a well earned holiday. We are very happy to have Van Horne join us as we continue our relationship with the Sherbourne Health Centre.

Our Healthy Beginnings Committee is currently looking for new members. If you are interested in this committee, please contact Chairman, Blair Spinney or member Jackie Davies.

Next week we will be in the Imperial Room and our Speaker will be our member Chris Snyder, Author and Investment Executive. Past President Sylvia was very excited to have an opportunity to draw the card for our 50/50 draw but she had to take home the wine! It certainly was a relaxed and enjoyable meeting.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

August 2013

- 22 Club's 65th Annual Golf Tournament
- 23 Valarie Wafer, Governor, Rotary District 7070
- 30 No Meeting, Labour Day Weekend

September 2013

- 6 Wendy Cuthbertson, Historian
- 13 Eugene Jones, CEO, Toronto Community Housing
- 20 Lt General Yvan Blondin, Commanding Officer, RCAF
- 27 Olivia Chow, Member of Parliament

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

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What You Missed Reporter for August 23rd

Bert Steenburgh

Dear Peter Procrastinator,

The Toronto Rotary Club's 65th annual golf tournament is less than a week away on August 22nd. As always, it's sure to be a great day of fun and fellowship with your Rotary friends. It's a relaxing day and you don't have to be any good to play – nobody is really any good at golf anyway (except maybe Bill Morari who apparently wins most years). Anyway, registration opens at 11:00 followed by a delicious BBQ lunch. Tee-off time is 12:45 and we will end the day with a reception, fantastic dinner, silent auction and prizes for the winners.

I write you today because for one reason or another you always sign up late. Please go on the Rotary website today to register. If you are having troubles, please give me a call.



*Sincerely,
Mathew Harrison 416-868-3578*

P.S. We are still accepting prize donations and hole sponsorships if you have anything to give.

To Register [CLICK HERE](#)

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