



Today's Speaker

Valarie Wafer, Governor, District 7070

Topic

District Update

Location

Imperial Room, The Fairmont Royal York



Valarie Wafer, District Governor for 2013-2014, spent many years in her community as a coach and leader of house league sports and girl guides. When her daughters entered high school, she wanted a more varied and substantial way to give back and

volunteer, so when asked to join Rotary she knew she had found exactly what she was looking for.

A proud member of the Whitby Rotary Club, Valarie was club president in 2008-2009. Since then, she has held various other positions within the club and in District 7070: Assistant District Governor, member of the District Long Range planning and policy and procedure committee, District membership, RADAR, Club visioning and Rotary at Work District Committee Chair.

Valarie's life changed in 2005 when she was asked to join Rotary. Rotary offers personal growth and opportunity to its members. She went to India to vaccinate children against Polio, led a team of mental health professionals to Sydney, Australia as a Vocational Training Team leader and visited an orphanage in Kenya to help establish a micro-credit project for women to work. Valarie believes that every Rotarian has a "Rotary Moment" and she will be encouraging Clubs to share their Rotary moments during the next year.

Valarie and her husband Mark live in Ashburn with their two daughters, Meghan and Coleen. Mark is also a Rotarian with the Whitby Club and a Champion of the Rotary at Work Program, which helps Canadians with a disability find meaningful work.

Valarie and Mark have been Tim Horton Franchisees since 1995, with seven locations in the Scarborough area. Their company has won numerous awards, including the Canadian Manufacturers Association Award for Innovators of the Year 2010 and both have been awarded a Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal for their hiring practices to employ individuals with disabilities.

K.R. Ravindran to be new Rotary International President for 2015-2016



K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka, has been selected by the Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2015-16. Ravindran will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Ravindran said his top priority for Rotary will be to increase membership, which he called the bedrock of any organization. "The emphasis on membership has to continue with focus on the younger generation," Ravindran said. "Additionally, we must seek to attract the just-retired and experienced people into Rotary."

Creating regional membership plans and realizing that "one size does not fit all" has been a move in the right direction, he said. "Albert Einstein defined insanity as 'doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.' In many ways this has been the story of Rotary's poor membership advance," he said. "Thankfully, our approach this time has been studied and altered. We have created 22 different membership regions so that each region would develop and execute a plan that would suit that particular region."

Ravindran said it's important for Rotarians to share their stories, especially through social media, so others can see the impact Rotary has had in their lives. He said it's also important for the organization to speak with a consistent voice. "Our identity must remain

Rotary Day at United Nations



United Nations

Our 4th Annual trip to Rotary Day at the United Nations is in full swing for registration and promises to be another great trip, especially for Interact and Rotaract coordinators.

This is an all-ages trip, and we welcome any Rotarians and families to join us. All details of the Itinerary, registration links and chaperone requirements can be found by clicking on the UN symbol at www.rotaryclubofmississauga.com

Highlights of the day will include a luxury bus ride to/from New York City, three nights including hot breakfast at the Courtyard

simple and be based on our core values. It must be clear and straightforward to both our internal and external audience."

Ravindran holds a degree in commerce and is founder and CEO of Printcare PLC, a publicly listed company and global leader in the tea packaging industry. He also serves on the board of several other companies and charitable trusts. He is the founding president of the Sri Lanka Anti Narcotics Association, the largest antinarcotics organization in Sri Lanka.

As his country's PolioPlus chair, Ravindran headed a task force with members from the government, UNICEF, and Rotary and worked closely with UNICEF to negotiate a cease-fire with northern militants during National Immunization Days.

A Rotarian since 1974, Ravindran has served Rotary as a director and treasurer of RI and as a trustee of The Rotary Foundation. He has also served as an International Assembly group discussion leader, District Governor, Council on Legislation representative, and zone institute chair. He chaired the Schools Reawakening project, sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts in Sri Lanka, which rebuilt 25 tsunami-devastated schools, benefiting 15,000 children.

Ravindran has been awarded The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award and the Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Vanathy, have two children, and are level 4 Major Donors to the Foundation.

Marriot in Lyndhurst NJ, a United Nations Guided Tour (in addition to the UN Day), a tour of Ground Zero Memorial Site, and lunch at Ellen Degeneres' STARDUST Café, home of the singing waiters.

There will be free time, including scavenger hunt and prizes, and you can cruise along the Hudson River to see the lights of NYC at night.

The Dinner cruise has an open invitation to all Rotarians near and far, so even if you don't travel with us, you are welcome to purchase a ticket for the dinner cruise. Please tell all of your NYC/NJ-based friends about this.

If you have any questions, please call or email the UN Trip Coordinators, Julie & David Grabb, at juliegrabb@hotmail.com.



What You Missed August 16, 2013 – by Bert Steenburgh

A Rotary Reporter has to sniff the wind to get a good story. As I approached the Imperial Room, I could feel ‘something’ in the air. The first person I saw was President Elect Steve Smith’s charming wife Debbie. Turns out today was Steve’s first time running a meeting, as President Richard has fled the scene after only a month on the job ... they just don’t make Presidents like they used to!

A Reporter’s dream — a fresh-faced upstart at the podium – one look at him pacing before the meeting and I knew we were in for a treat ... it didn’t take long. Steve graciously welcomed us and announced that we should remain standing after the invocation for the usual toast to Her Majesty and Canada’s Anthem. He stood back, dead-silence. After what seemed like an eternity, our upstart realizes the invocation will not come-forth unless he reads it from the script on the podium. Yikes!

It is noteworthy that we had a ‘couple’ as Sgts’ at Arms – Cliff and Lorna Johnson. I noticed that Lorna was the Sergeant and Cliff was the Assistant. Nice to see that the power structure in the Johnson family pretty-much mirrors my own situation!

President-Elect Steve did not follow the advice he has been given by his older and wiser “esteemed”

predecessors: two Past-Presidents were allowed time at the podium. First, Susan Howson referred to Steve as “whoever you are.” After that, the just ousted Neil Phillips strolled to the podium on the pretense of an announcement. I thought, this will be another hit on our poor neophyte. But the tables turned for the better for Steve. Neil proceeded to tell us about all of the wonderful contributions Steve Smith has made to our club since joining in 1999, culminating in the presentation of a Paul Harris/William Peace Award. He actually accused Steve of “Philanthropic Promiscuity”. Debbie wasn’t sure how to take that one. What a real pleasure for everyone there to share in this presentation to such a well-deserving recipient. Congratulations Steve!

After that, Steve as given the task of announcing an increase to the parking fee we are charged at the Royal York – nice move Richard White – give that job to the President Elect.

Our guest speaker Chris Snyder was not-introduced by Jim Hilborn (you had to be there). Turns-out, Chris has published his 5th book, *Be Smart With Your Money*. Chris presented a very interesting introduction to his book. I bought one for each of my kids Too late for me to read it.

John Farrell “won” the wine in the 50/50 draw. In closing, Steve told us that Elvis had passed-away 36 years ago as of the 16th. He then said in his best Elvis voice “Thank you, thank you very much and then collapsed at the podium. Debbie and some friends carried-him home for a much-needed rest. I hear he survived the weekend.

Another great day to be at Rotary.



In spite of the efforts of two past presidents to disrupt proceedings, Steve Smith came out the winner.

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

August 2013

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September 2013

6 Wendy Cuthbertson, Historian

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20 Lt General Yvan Blondin, Commanding Officer, RCAF

27 Olivia Chow, Member of Parliament

Propose a Speaker

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What You Missed Reporter for August 23rd

Bert Steenburgh

Top Ten Reasons to Register for This Year’s District 7070 Conference

1. A great lineup of keynote speakers including: Michael ‘Pinball’ Clemmons, The Positive Rebel – Michael Bortolotto and Shelterbox Chair, Ron Noseworthy.
2. Taming the Dragon – watch three Interact Teams compete for prize money, Dragon’s Den style, based on programs they’ve designed to combat a local problem in their community.
3. Hear Dr. Bob Scott’s breakout on dealing with the politics and vulnerability of Overcoming Polio in Afghanistan and Pakistan.
4. Meet organ donor recipient Sarah Marshal in the Be a Donor – Save a Life breakout.
5. Engage in camaraderie and fellowship with old acquaintances and meet new friends and future leaders.
6. Engage Rotary, Change Lives – meet RI Rep, Brad Howard.
7. Enjoy great local entertainment & cuisine Friday night at the District Governor’s Reception, A Taste of Muskoka, and dance to the Rhythm Kings at Saturday’s Gala, 50 Shades of Black.
8. Full a la carte package options. Register and pay on-line at www.IntoTheFuture.ca
9. Accommodations from as little as \$109 per night per room along with one-, two- and three-bedroom condo (options to share with friends and colleagues), all at the fabulous Deerhurst Resort.
10. Lots of options for non-Rotarians and partners.

Did I say 10 reasons?

11. Brand new look and format for the House of Friendship.
12. Fun and fellowship with Friday hospitality suites and more.
13. Fantastic selection of breakout sessions, on-site Bloodmobile, Youth Exchange Display and much more.
14. As a SPECIAL BONUS: Register by September 14th for a chance to win a FREE WEEKEND FOR 2 at the Deerhurst.

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