

Special Centennial Luncheon: The Women's Meeting Place



Join us on January 18, 2013 when the Working Women's Community Centre will receive the Centennial Award of \$100,000.00 for their innovative program "The Women's Meeting Place."

The Rotary Club of Toronto's generous contribution to the creation of The Women's Meeting Place, a beautifully renovated and fully functional community space in a busy downtown neighborhood, will provide hundreds of women with the opportunity to develop skills, share those skills and most importantly, form a nurturing support group of friends. The Women's Meeting Place is a project of the Working Women Community Centre, a charitable, non-profit organization devoted to improving the lives of immigrant women and their families through self-development and community action. Many of the women that rely on the agency's programs and services were career women before immigrating to Canada, who are now looking at reestablishing themselves as contributing members of the society. For this reason, the Centennial Program Initiative partnership between Working Women and The Rotary Club of Toronto is all the more meaningful.

Be Part of India's National Immunization Days 2013

Applications are now being accepted for Rotarians interested in joining a trip to India to participate in the February, 2013 polio National Immunization Days (NID). Travel to Delhi and participate in the polio NID activities in nearby Sonapat; visit the Taj Mahal in Agra; see the "Pink City" of Jaipur and the Rotary Jaipur limb factory. Dates are Friday, February 15th - Tuesday, February 26th. Cost is \$2,399, excluding international flights and visas. Contact the District via its website www.rotary7070.org

Today's Program

Brian Clark, 9/11 Survivor and Nominee for Canada's "Medal of Bravery"

Topic

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Location

Upper Canada Room, The Fairmont Royal York



A native of Toronto, Brian Clark earned a Bachelor in Industrial Engineering (1970) and a MBA (1971) at UofT. Hired in Toronto in 1973 by Euro Brokers, an inter dealer brokerage firm serving international financial institutions in the wholesale capital markets,

Brian relocated in 1974, when Euro Brokers moved its headquarters to New York City's World Trade Center. On September 11, 2001, Brian was at work on the 84th floor of the South Tower when the second hijacked airplane slammed into the building six floors below him. He is one of only four people who survived from floors above the point of impact; 61 of Brian's co-workers died that day. During his descent, hearing cries for help from within the 81st floor, Brian rescued a stranger who was trapped by debris.

For the next five years until retirement, Brian served as President of "The Euro Brokers Relief Fund," a public charity created to support financially the families of the company's 61 victims. In 2004 Brian was recipient of the annual "Norman Vincent Peale Award For Positive Thinking"; he has been nominated to receive Canada's "Medal of Bravery." Brian's story has been recorded multiple times and he has been interviewed on dozens of shows. Peter Mansbridge selected his interview with Brian as one of his favourites to be included in his book "One On One."

Brian is currently on the Board of Trustees at the New Brunswick (New Jersey) Theological Seminary and on the Board of Governors of Opportunity International, a global enterprise providing micro finance loans to the poorest of the poor in 25 developing countries. Brian and his wife, Dianne, live in Mahwah, New Jersey, where they raised four children and now enjoy nine grandchildren.





What you Missed December 14th, 2012 – by Bert Steenburgh



Our annual Christmas Luncheon had all the hallmarks from past years: a packed room filled with Rotarians, families, and friends; and a great feast prepared by the Royal York Hotel. This annual event follows a lot of hard work by many in our Club after hosting 250 seniors and 250 special children, bringing the magic of Christmas to them through Rotary. Our Master of Ceremonies was our own John Fortney, who gave President Neil a chance to enjoy reduced duties. John did a great job with his effervescent personality. Prize tickets sold for the day generated funds for The Salvation Army. Speaking of the Sally Ann, we were lucky enough to have a brass ensemble play Christmas carols, which helped bring my heart closer to the values of this special season. Glen Davis' work at the piano also helped to bring a festive air to the room. We are so fortunate to have Glen's music from week to week at our meetings. Someone has taken to calling the Rotary Singers "Warblers" – I'm not sure it's a compliment. It is great to have John Andras with his inimitable vocal styling as part of the group. Not sure how I would classify John's performance but "warbling" doesn't come to mind! If you missed it ... you missed a great time of Rotary fellowship. I was glad to be there with my beloved wife, Wendy. She even joined in with the Warblers – a spousal membership just may be in the cards in 2013.



Club Christmas Party MC, John Fortney



Salvation Army Band



Club Christmas Party buffet

Upcoming Speakers & Events

January

- 11 John Fraser, Master Massey College, "Secret of the Crown"
- 18 Special Centennial Award Luncheon
- 25 Neil Hetherington, CEO Habitat for Humanity, Toronto

February

- 1 Lynn Philip Hodgson, Author
- 8 Amanda Lang, CBC Business Journalist

March

- 1 Mr. Sakuji Tanaka, Rotary International President, "Peace through Service"
- 2 Rotarians for Peace Symposium

Propose a Speaker
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Membership Matters – by Bill Morari



I remember the day Brian Westlake asked me if I would be interested in joining Rotary; I am very glad he did. Seeing the Power of Rotary and what a difference it makes is remarkable. I have met remarkable people since I joined, developed friendships that will last a lifetime, and I have learned many valuable life lessons that have made me a better person.

I know many of you feel the same way about The Rotary Club of Toronto. So why not share the Rotary values with your family, friends and business colleagues? Based on the recent success of our "All you have to do is ask" Membership Campaign, we have introduced many new members to our great Club. To that end, we have decided to extend our appreciation to any club member who introduces a new member to our Club, until March 31, 2013. Every member who introduces a new member will have their name entered in a draw for a case of wine. In addition, Geoffrey Johnson and en Ville Event Design & Catering are donating a lobster and steak dinner, with all the fixings (for four, to go) for the draw. And finally, the member who sponsors the most new members will receive a gourmet dinner for two, with wine, at The National Club.

I would like to congratulate Susan Hunter and Glenn Davis as the first winners of the wine which was drawn at our Annual Christmas Party on December 14. Thanks to all members who already introduced a new member – you are still eligible to win at the next draw, but do not stop at one! The more people you introduce, the better your chances of winning. Let's start the New Year right. Remember "All you have to do is ask" and you may be helping someone like me make one of the best decisions of their lives!

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