



## Today's Program

Rocco Rossi, CEO,  
Prostate Cancer Canada

## Topic

March to the Top: Inspiration and  
Recovery on the Way to Everest

## Host

Brian Westlake

## Location

The Fairmont Royal York, The  
Ballroom



A successful entrepreneur and business executive, champion fundraiser, and dedicated public servant, Rocco Rossi's unique blend of experience intersects general management, philanthropy, public policy, politics, business strategy, and new media.

His passion for public policy has led him to stand for election both for the position of Mayor of Toronto and for MPP. And as CEO of the Heart and Stroke Foundation from 2004 to 2009, he oversaw four consecutive years of record fundraising. A past board member of United Way of Greater Toronto and Toronto's Olympic Bid Committee, in 2012 Rocco was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for his Philanthropic and Community service.

An unstoppable adventurer, Rocco has walked the fabled Camino de Santiago five times, cycled the 1900-km length of Yonge Street from Rainy River to Toronto, kayaked the 500 km from Toronto to Ottawa, and recently co-chaired an expedition to Everest Base Camp and the summit of Island Peak in support of injured Canadian veterans. Mr. Rossi has a B.A. (Hons) in political science (McGill University) and a M.A. in politics (Princeton University). He is married to Rhonnie and their 23-year-old son, Domenic John, attends Dalhousie University.

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF



Please join us at a  
**Special Friday Awards Luncheon**  
on **June 21, 2013**  
at The Fairmont Royal York, The Ballroom

The \$25,000  
**2013 Past Presidents'**  
Award will be presented to



Our Club's Past Presidents' Committee will present this award for the renovation of the kitchen at SKETCH's new home at ArtScape's YoungPlace. In cooperation with George Brown College and designed with help from our Past President Geoffrey Johnson, the kitchen will be the heart of the renovation of SKETCH's new home. The culinary arts program will provide nutritious food for the SKETCH community and beyond. The kitchen will provide many opportunities for the creation of social enterprises.

## Presidential Citation Awards

—by Richard White, President-Elect

District Governor Ted Koziel, District Governor Elect Valarie Wafer, and many other district Rotarians have been very supportive of our Club during our Centennial Celebrations. At the Gala, Ted Koziel presented three Presidential Citations to the presidents of The Rotary Club of Toronto, the Rotaract Club of Toronto and the Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto.

The Presidential Citation recognizes achievement by the Club during the year over many areas, including a specific Presidential Challenge from the RI President (Peace Symposium), Club Strengthening (identifying and carrying out short and long term goals and a number of other activities designed to attract and keep new members), Increasing Service in the many areas identified by Rotary International (support for Polio Eradication and the Rotary Foundation, promoting Rotary in the community and working with other Rotary Groups) and Enhancing our Club's Image in the Community (promotion of the Club and its projects using media coverage, social media and the website).

When you look at our past year, you see success in all those areas! Most notably, we are up in membership, and had enormous success on the media front, with several interviews in print, on radio and television. President Neil had his usual fun turning the tables — and made DG Ted a “Rotary Warrior” in response at the Gala! Thank you Ted, for all your support this year — from all of us in The Rotary Club of Toronto.



President Neil was  
honoured to accept the  
Presidential Citation

## The \$25,000 Past Presidents' Award Goes to SKETCH

—by Jim Hilborn

Designed with help from our past president Geoffrey Johnson, the SKETCH Community Kitchen will be the heart of its Culinary Arts Training Initiative. This new facility will guarantee a range of opportunities for growth and increase SKETCH and the surrounding community's capacity to engage homeless youth in meaningful and transformational activities.

The \$25,000 Special Centennial Award will support the renovation of the kitchen at SKETCH's new home at Artscape's Youngplace, 180 Shaw Street, in cooperation with George Brown College. Due to spring back to life this Fall after a multi-million dollar overhaul of the old Shaw Street public school building, Youngplace will be the largest cultural institution in the West Queen West neighbourhood, and will contain studios for artists, craftspeople and designers, learning labs, showcase/gallery spaces, social spaces for the community, and creation labs

The SKETCH Community Kitchen will support more than 850 youth every year by creating a skill-building space for youth to work along with professional chefs, food specialists, nutritionists and elders who can introduce them to various aspects of food preparation and culturally specific diets — all with the important added dimension of Greening Priorities. It will offer creative space for employment training and community building and will be a vibrant and nurturing meeting place for marginalized youth from a variety of cultures and ethnic backgrounds from across the Greater Toronto Area.

The Culinary Arts Training Initiative will open by March 2014. For more information, check out its Capital Campaign website at: [www.sketchiswheretheartis.ca](http://www.sketchiswheretheartis.ca) or contact Rudy Ruttimann, Executive Director at 416-516-5428 or email [rudy@sketch.ca](mailto:rudy@sketch.ca).



*Culinary artists preparing a feast in the old SKETCH studio.*

## Jim Hunter: Our Newest Club Builder

Born in Scotland, Jim spent most of his childhood in Forres, an ancient Royal Burgh, 24 miles from Inverness in the North of Scotland. After high school at Marr College, Troon, he graduated with an M.A. degree from Edinburgh University in English Language and Literature in 1973 and articulated with an accounting firm in London and shortly after becoming a chartered accountant in 1976, emigrated to Canada. Although he intended to stay for only a year or two before returning home, he joined Peat Marwick Mitchell (now KPMG) and 31 years later is still there. What kept him in Canada? Her name is Jane. They were married in 1979 and have one daughter, Emma, a 24-year-old actor.

Elected to KPMG partnership in 1987, Jim is a trustee in bankruptcy and spent some years in KPMG's forensic group, being appointed president of KPMG Forensic in 2003. An active volunteer over the years, and now a retired partner at KPMG, Jim is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, and a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors and the Canadian Centre for Ethics & Corporate Policy. He is a Director of The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation, and Director and Chair, Fundraising, Edinburgh University Club of Toronto. Until recently chair of the Research & Appeals Committee, Jim Hunter is also the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Youth Employment Services, founded by our Club in 1968.

Jim's interest in The Rotary Club of Toronto was sparked over a lunchtime discussion with Rick Goldsmith, although he has other links: his father was treasurer of the Rotary Club of Forres and his mother was president of the Inner Wheel of Forres.







## The Past Presidents Just Want to Serve

– by Robert O’Brien



There is an old expression that there are no second acts in politics. In Rotary, however, there are not only second acts but also multiple opportunities to serve and to continue serving. There are 20 Past Presidents of our Club and for the past thirteen years the PPs have met for dinner each year to reflect on how they can use their experiences and backgrounds to be of effective service to the Club. One of the early ideas originating from those presidential gatherings has been a common theme: “Give us a job and the tools, and we will help”.

In preparation for our Centennial, the Past Presidents undertook, along with our philanthropic committees to search far and wide to investigate and then recommend a Centennial project. Our recommendation was to award the Centennial Grant of \$100,000 to the Sherbourne Health Centre for the opening of The Rotary Club of Toronto Newcomer Clinic. The cheque presentation was made at our meeting on November 2, 2012, and yesterday June 20, 2013, an official celebration at the site launched this new project.

We PPs were further delighted when the Board gave us a \$25,000 budget, similar to our other committees who receive an annual budget, to fund a single project during this fiscal year. We dubbed it the “Presidents’ Award” and eagerly took up the challenge. The original Centennial Committee, consisting of **Jack Robertson, John Carr, Michael Morgan, Bert Steenburgh, Susan Howson, John Andras, Michele Guy, Brian Westlake, Gerry Nudds and Robert O’Brien**, was broadened to include **Geoffrey Johnson, Peter Love, Sylvia Milne, Sandy Boucher and John Austin**. All were involved in the selection process.

The Past Presidents had a shorter time frame, but still managed to check out three worthwhile contenders. Each of the projects had originally been considered and approved by Research & Appeals. After five meetings, much reflection, and considerable deliberation, we held a secret ballot vote and selected Sketch as a project our Club could be proud of, and the Board and the Charitable Foundation approved our choice.

The old myth that there is nothing more past than a Past President has been effectively dispelled in this Centennial year thanks to the enthusiastic work of this Committee, the high level of activity of Past Presidents in events such as Founders Day, the Tanaka Visit and the Gala, and continuing leadership roles on the Centennial Committee, the Charitable Foundation, the Membership and New Members Committees. The Past Presidents were grateful to be of service and hope that we can continue to help the Club to thrive and prosper as we enter our second century.

## Belated Happy Birthday Hans Schafer!

Hans Schafer, an Honourary Member of our Club, turned 98 on June 18. It would have taken a seriously massive cake to hold your candles, Hans! However you celebrated, our best wishes to you!



## June 21st is National Aboriginal Day

John Andras and Peter Love accepted the invitation of the youth of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) to visit. Today they are in this remote Northern Ontario fly-in community celebrating National Aboriginal Day together



## The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

### Officers:

President: Neil Phillips  
 President-Elect: Richard White  
 Vice President: Steven Smith  
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### Executive Director:

Carol Bieser

### Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation:

Robert Smith, President

### Editor of the Week:

Jim Hilborn

### Editor for July 5:

Don Bell, Sylvia Geist and Anne Saunders

### What You Missed Reporter for July 5:

Bert Steenburgh

## The Four-way test of the things we think, say, or do

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

### Submit an Article to the Voice Newsletter:

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## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### June 2013

- 28 No Meeting, Canada Day Weekend
- 28-July1 Toronto Rotary Ribfest

### July 2013

- 5 Changeover Day
- 11 RCT-Argos Scholarship Kick-off
- 12 New President Richard White's "Throne Speech"
- 19 Andrée Cazabon, Gemini Nominee and filmmaker
- 26 Michael Shapcott, Director of Housing and Innovation, Wellesley Institute

### August 2013

- 2 No Meeting, Simcoe Day Weekend
- 16 Chris Snyder, Author, "Be Smart With Your Money"
- 22 Club's 65th Annual Golf Tournament
- 23 Valerie Wafer, Governor, Rotary District 7070
- 30 No Meeting, Labour Day Weekend

### Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

### Program Committee

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## What You Missed June 14, 2013

– by Maureen Bird



Many thanks again to Bill for his hospitality at The National Club. It was another jam-packed meeting, and among our many guests were several representing First Nations. We began with a special presentation of \$25,000 to Club Amick, to buy books for Aboriginal children in northern fly-in communities. Daryl Novak of the Ontario Library Service, which runs the program, accepted the award. Next we welcomed new member, Heather Findlay, who we introduce elsewhere in this newsletter. Then Rick Goldsmith welcomed our newest Club Builder, James Hunter. Jim is retiring from his role as Chair of Research and Appeals, which also involved a full commitment on the Foundation Board as well as the Audit Committee. This role is truly a full-time involvement and we thank Jim for his work over several years.

Speaker, Professor Douglas Sanderson, a member of the Cree nation and Beaver clan, gave us a very different history of the Five Nations Confederacy than I remember from school. He spoke of the enormous confederate empire that stretched from Pennsylvania to Ottawa and from Nova Scotia to the Manitoba border. These groups had Treaties of Peace that were backed by Wampum – beautiful beaded belts which he had for us to see. These belts were also used by the Vatican and in the 1783 Treaty of Paris ending the American Revolutionary War between Great Britain and the United States and its allies.

Presented with a full deck of cards for our 50-50 draw, Steve Dulmage went home with the wine.



*Douglas Sanderson holding a wampum treaty belt*



*Daryl Novak accepts award for Club Amik*

## Heather Findlay, New Club Member



Born in Florence, South Carolina, a small railroad town on the way to Myrtle Beach, Heather's life truly opened up to the rest of the world when a Rotarian came to her school and chose her, at fifteen, to be a Rotary Exchange student. She spent a year in Quito, Ecuador, and fell in love with traveling. Since then she has worked on archaeological digs in Israel, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, poured over worm-eaten 15th century manuscripts in the Vatican archives, and been soaked by the mists of Victoria Falls in Zambia. Her exchange year opened up so many doors that she has always wanted to give back by supporting Rotary in creating opportunities for others.

With degrees in Modern Languages and Religious Studies (Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina) and Theological Studies in Italian History and Religion (Harvard University), Heather has worked at a variety of start-ups in many different industries. She is currently Director of Corporate Social Responsibility and Global Community Outreach for SkyPower Global, the world's largest utility-scale solar development firm. Working with NGOs and outreach organizations around the world, she is now exploring projects in education, healthcare, rural electrification, and borehole drilling in Africa, India, South America, and Southeast Asia. In her free time Heather does martial arts, boxing and MMA, and goes on long trail runs. She also likes to garden, cook, scuba and have "magnificent adventures".

## Thank You to Retiring Board Members

Five of our current board are about to retire, and they take with them our most sincere gratitude and appreciation.

- Don Brooks, Youth & Children's Service-2010/11, Rotaract – 2011/12, Rotaract – 2012/12
- David Libby, Membership Development-2010/11, Women's Initiatives-2011/12, District 7070-2012/13
- Jane FitzGerald, Healthy Beginnings-2010/11, International Service-2011/12, International Service-2012/13
- Jayson Phelps, Rotaract/Interact-2010/11, Community Service-2011/12, Senior Citizens' -2012/13
- Shannon Lundquist, Youth & Children's Service-Start July 1, 2012 ended December 31, 2012 for year 2012/13

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