

The Rotary Club of Toronto is donating in excess of \$1,000,000 to local and international agencies during our Centennial Year

Today: Centennial Luncheon Program

The Fairmont Royal York, Upper Canada Room

Guest Speaker

Steve Paikin, Journalist, Author and Documentary Producer



“State of Play at Queen’s Park Today”

Steve Paikin is the anchor and senior editor of TVO’s flagship current affairs program *The Agenda* with Steve Paikin. Each program tackles one to two topics in depth, giving viewers intelligent analysis and a thought-provoking debate among newsmakers and experts. For twelve years prior to *The Agenda*, Paikin co-

hosted TVO’s *Studio 2*. He also hosted TVO’s weekly foreign affairs series, *Diplomatic Immunity* which debuted in 1998. In addition to his hosting duties, Steve has produced documentaries for TVO. His 1993 effort *Return to the Warsaw Ghetto* won the Silver Screen Award at the U.S. International Film and Video Festival as well as awards at Canada’s Yorkton Film Festival and China’s Shanghai Film Festival. He also went to Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia and presented *Balkan Madness* in 1992. Here at home, in 1996 Paikin co-produced *A Main Street Man*, which chronicled the life of former Ontario Premier William Davies. The Mike Harris’ government’s controversial education reform Bill 160 was the subject of *Teachers, Tories and Turmoil* in 1997 and *Chairman of the Board: The Life and Death of John Robarts* aired in 2001 on the occasion of the former Ontario premier’s 40th anniversary of taking power. He is the author of *The Life: The Seductive Cal of Politics*, *The Dark Side: The Personal Price of Political Life*, *Public Triumph Private Tragedy* and *The New Game: How Hockey Saved Itself*. He hosted and moderated federal election debates in 2006, 2008 and 2011 and has been named as the Queen’s Park journalist with the most Twitter influence all of which makes him one of Canada’s most respected journalists and authors.

Highlighting:

Arts for Children and Youth - The Rotary Club of Toronto’s \$50,000 Award Recipient for Its Innovative Program “Digital Arts Education”

— by Julie Compton, Office Administrator, Volunteer Coordinator

Two inaugural arts education programs at Lawrence Heights Middle School and Boys and Girls Club of Weston Mount Dennis (Humber Boulevard) are engaging children and youth living in two of Toronto’s Priority Neighbourhoods. These Digital Arts Education programs were funded by part of a \$50,000 Centennial grant from The Rotary Club of Toronto, in conjunction with the Rotaract Clubs of Toronto and the University of Toronto, to Arts for Children and Youth (AFCY). These workshops celebrate the unveiling of the new Digital Video and Sound Labs and the inaugural use of a custom built, portable photo booth. Under the guidance of professional artists, the workshops provide hands-on, participant-led arts education in photography, video, digital art, and sound recording, using state of the art equipment purchased through these funds.

Set in schools and community centres, the programs impress the elements of AFCY’s Community Sharing Program, aligned with the guiding principles of the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs. Focusing on local service, engagement, and community capacity building, the AFCY participants will explore and celebrate the Centennial Rotary spirit through mediums including photography, videography, and digital musical expression. Through the purchase of this hardware as part of the Rotary grant, sustainable resources provide the means and the inspiration for recurring projects and workshops throughout Toronto communities in the future.

Images and artwork created during the Lawrence Heights Photo and Video Community Sharing Program will be showcased during The Rotary Club of Toronto Centennial Luncheon. Commemorating the club’s Centennial Anniversary and the Rotary spirit, these works have brought together students throughout the school, inspiring both teachers and participants alike.



Vibrant History of Rotaract in Toronto

– by Crystal Chin, and Andrea Tirone



Crystal Chin,
Rotaract Club of the
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Andrea Tirone,
Rotaract Club
of Toronto

Through the Youth and Children's Services Committee, The Rotary Club of Toronto has worked

with its partner in service, Rotaract, for the last 33 years. The club's history with Rotaract has included many partnerships, joint-events and support for projects that has benefited thousands of individuals. Taking stock of the relationships that have been built and fostered between Rotaract and Rotary in Toronto, this club should be extremely proud of the impact it has had on the lives of many youth through Rotaract in the GTA.

A Rotaract club functions much like a Rotary Club: they have an independent board of directors, organize their own events, run their own meetings, and operate under their own district leadership in the form of a District Rotaract Representative. Rotaractors can be students or young professionals between the ages of 18-30. The Rotary Club of Toronto is extremely fortunate to sponsor two Rotaract Clubs: the University of Toronto Club, which is based out of the university and the Toronto Club, which is community-based.

Beginning in the early 1980's, the Rotaract Club of Toronto has had a significant impact on a local and international scale with its projects, events and partnerships. In the 1980s and early 1990s, the Rotaract Club of Toronto, being one of the only Rotary youth groups in south-central Ontario, assisted many Rotary events and initiatives in multiple districts. With this history of service, the support from Rotaract for Rotary events continues today. Some of the most memorable examples of where Rotaract has supported Rotary through the years include:

- Rotaractors played a significant role in supporting and eventually running aspects of Camp Enterprise.
- Rotaractors have been a part of the annual Children's Christmas party, serving in a variety of roles from logistics planning, to programming support, to partners in the overall event organization.

- Every year, Rotaractors have come to the annual charity camp work weekend to assist in any way possible.



RCT- 2012 Children's Christmas Party

As a club that also prides itself on the events and projects it has created for causes close to the hearts of its members, the Rotaract Club of Toronto has established its own annual traditions including:

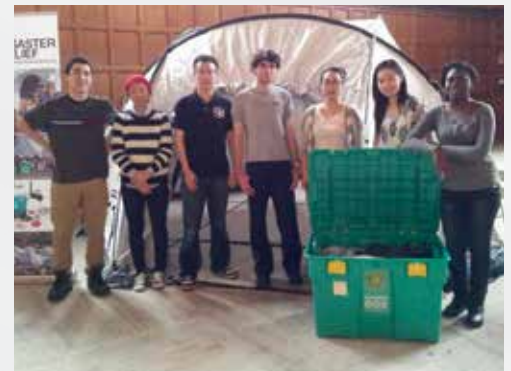
- An international service project organized and/or supported by the club members in the city where the Rotaract Preconvention and Rotary International Convention is being held: 2010, Park clean-up in Montreal; 2011, Habitat for Humanity build in New Orleans; 2012, purchased two water tanks and helped to paint/restore a school and its playground in Bangkok, Thailand; 2013, support for a local organization that provides work, training, and psychological counselling to handicapped adults in Lisbon, Portugal.
- An event to fundraise money for the End Polio Now campaign: in 2012, the Toronto Rotaract Club partnered with the U of T Rotaract and Toronto Rotary Clubs to host "Purple Pinkies for Polio" and a screening of the film "Benda Bilili". Through the Purple Pinkies event, the clubs were able to raise \$4, 500 which was matched by Pennies for Polio to a total of \$13, 500 to End Polio Now.

The Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto has been a part of St. George campus life since 2003. The club was chartered in 2004 and has since grown and spearheaded many projects dedicated to enriching the community, locally and abroad. As the club's members are generally university students, the club is dedicated to

helping members develop a network and the skills necessary to succeed in their post-graduation endeavours.

The club's history is long and filled with many successes and triumphs. Since the beginning, Rotaract at U of T has organized formal meetings, guest speakers, committee meetings, fellowship activities, special outings, large events and international projects. In addition to joining the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Toronto in events, such as the Children's Christmas Party and the Purple Pinkies for Polio fundraiser, the University of Toronto club has also collaborated with other Rotary clubs and organizations. Some highlights include:

- InspiReacHope. This collaborative project with The Rotary Club of Krishnanagar began in 2004. The project was dedicated to education and sanitation in Krishnanagar, India. It continued until 2006.
- The Race for Dignity with Dignitas International. Inspired by Past-President Ali Okhowat in 2005 to "finish the Race for Dignity", the club worked together with Dignitas Youth in the race's first two years. The race is now a major event in Toronto.
- Shelterbox Awareness on campus. To highlight the amazing work Shelterbox has done, the club hosted two Hart House 5 Buck Lunches in 2012 and 2013. Students, staff and faculty on campus got the opportunity to see a Shelterbox tent and learn more about the organization.



U of T Rotaract Shelterbox Program



Vibrant History of Rotaract in Toronto *Continued from P.2*

Members of the U of T club are also encouraged to create themes that the club will dedicate themselves to throughout the year. Past themes and events include:

- Literacy in Thailand. In 2012, the International Service Committee organized a social fundraiser for a school library in northern Thailand. The club fundraised over \$2000 for the cause.
- First Nations in Toronto. The Community Service Committee worked in partnership with the University of Toronto First Nation House from 2012 to 2013. Members learned about issues regarding First Nations in Canada, hosted a documentary screening of "First World Canada", and volunteered at many First Nations campus events.
- And most recently, microfinance. Following members' interest in sustainable investment in developing countries, the International Service Committee organized a fundraiser in 2013, with proceeds going to FINCA, a Canadian microfinance charity.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS FIVE GOOD REASONS TO JOIN ROTARY

– by Bill Morari



An active membership is the lifeblood of The Rotary Club of Toronto. It is paramount that we continue to recruit new members to build on the legacy of the great work that we undertake in our community, and elsewhere throughout the world.

The time is NOW to introduce someone to the wonderful world of Rotary, during our once-in-a-Lifetime Centennial Year. The RCT is celebrating a century of aiding those in need, which is in keeping with our motto of "Service Above Self". Explain how becoming a member can open the door to a wealth of opportunities, including, most importantly, giving back!

Here are five good reasons to join:

1. Service: above all else, Rotary offers the priceless chance to serve, to help people, and make the world a better place. This can be part of your legacy, and provide personal returns that are beyond measurement.
2. Personal growth: Rotarians have discovered that being an active member provides wonderful opportunities for personal development. This includes, for example: acquiring management and leadership skills, gained, perhaps, when you're helping to "stick handle" a Rotary project through from conception to completion. In the process, members may also increase people skills, by working with a wide variety of people in the process of getting the job done.
3. Knowledge: weekly Rotary luncheons feature an incredible variety of speakers who are experts in many fields, and share their knowledge and experience with Rotarians.
4. Friendship: in our fast-paced, stressful lives, Rotary offers the chance to meet friendly, interesting, knowledgeable and dedicated people. Many lifelong friendships have been made at Rotary.
5. Fun: Rotarians have a good time, at meetings, on club projects, at social activities, and through the friendships they make at the club.

Quoting RI President Sakuji Tanaka, "It is clear to me that the day I joined Rotary, was a day when I took my first step down a different path in life. A path of greater connection, great satisfaction and a deeper sense of fulfillment and peace."

Let's start the second century off right and introduce a new member candidate to the RCT, and remember "All You Have to Do is Ask." You just may help someone make one of the best decisions of their lives!

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

May 2013

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| 17 | Victoria Day, No Meeting |
| 23 | Club Centennial Gala |
| 24 | Peter Gould, CEO Dairy Farmers of Ontario |
| 31 | Fellowship Meeting |
| 31-Jun 3 | Camp Lake Scugog Weekend |

June 2013

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| 7 | Youth Day with Youth Civic Leadership Awards |
| 14 | Douglas Sanderson, Asst Professor, University of Toronto Law School |
| 21 | Rocco Rossi, CEO, Prostate Cancer Canada |

Propose a Speaker

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Significance of the Rotary Award to the Youth Community

– by Julie Frost, Executive & Artistic Director

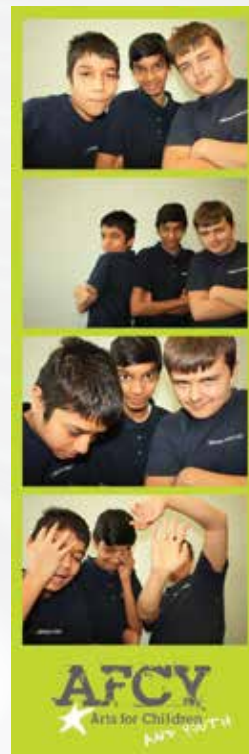


Arts for Children and Youth and our students will benefit significantly from the partnership we have formed with the Rotaract Clubs of Toronto and the University of Toronto and The Rotary Club of Toronto. Their grant offers sustainable opportunities for community capacity building through digital arts education. Armed with the resources to offer programs featuring specialized equipment and software through arts programming under the guidance of professional artists, AFCY can develop itself as a leader among community arts organizations.

Many of the participants in these programs would not otherwise have access to the software and equipment made available through the purchase of the Digital Music and Sound Lab, Digital Photo Booth and Photo and Video Lab. Because these kits are portable, the equipment and funding

give AFCY the means to develop programs in under-resourced priority neighbourhoods across Toronto. In light of recent school restrictions and cost limitations creating barriers to off-site field trips and excursions, these labs offer unique alternatives and access to new and meaningful learning experiences.

Rotary Club of Toronto President Neil Phillips attended the inaugural launch of the Photo and Video Lab at Lawrence Heights Middle School on March 19th, speaking to the participating students about the spirit behind the Club's Centennial, inspiring them to capture and explore what one hundred years of Rotary service – past and future – connotes. In a five-day AFCY project funded through this grant, Lawrence Heights students have created original digital artworks that represent their interpretations and understandings of how 100 years of service and contributions can impact communities and inspire ongoing social change.



What You Missed May 3, 2013

– by Bill Bressmer



Rotarians and guests filled the elegant dining room of the National Club and enjoyed a superb lunch followed by introduction of guests by Jack Robertson.

Ken Andras presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to his long time colleague David Hetherington, treating us to a short history of their firm and a rendition of Tiny Tim's "Tiptoe Through the Tulips." Kathy Hetherington and their daughter Virginia enjoyed the proceedings at my table along with two other lovely ladies. During his 36 years with our Club, David has served on numerous committees and projects including Investment, Camp Enterprise and became President of our Foundation in 2010.

John Andras introduced our distinguished speaker Hon. Justice Murray Sinclair, Manitoba's first Aboriginal Judge who is also an adjunct professor at University of Manitoba, Faculty of Law. The topic for his speech was

Truth and Reconciliation, a commission established to record for posterity the hardships and abuses suffered by native children at Residential schools. These were operated by Christian churches and religious orders for the purpose of assimilating and educating children as young as 5 who lived in native communities in Western Canada and Northern Territories. Children were forcibly removed from their homes and confined to the schools for up to 11 months each year. In what Paul Martin described as "cultural genocide", children were deprived of their family and community associations, traditions and language. As adults, these students had adopted some of our skills and customs but were isolated socially, living between two cultures.

It gets worse. Of 150,000 children taken, over 10,000 died of disease or other causes while 37,000 filed claims for serious injuries or mistreatment. Justice Sinclair was from north of Winnipeg and was familiar with Aboriginal conditions which probably motivated his

career choice. Practicing civil and criminal law, he was eventually appointed Co-Commissioner of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry. While he was not personally confined in a residential school, he represented many victims throughout his career and bore witness to their shattered lives, families and communities.

Judge Sinclair feels there will be legacies of resentment unless there is greater interaction between our communities using education as a bridge. In thanking our speaker, President Neil mentioned some of the Rotary initiatives toward better relations and outcomes with Aboriginal communities. He then presented Justice Sinclair with a certificated providing a book each month for a year to a child in a fly-in reserve in Northern Ontario.

John Berton won the consolation bottle of wine for ace of clubs draw.

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