

Today's Speaker

Peter Gould, General Manager & CEO, Dairy Farmers of Ontario

Topic

"Today's Modern Dairy Farming and Industry"

Location

The Fairmont Royal York, Upper Canada Room



Peter Gould was appointed General Manager of Dairy Farmers of Ontario effective May 2005. With a wide and varied base of expertise in more than 20 years

of service to Dairy Farmers of Ontario, since 1994, he had been Director of the Marketing and Production Division, which manages the transportation and plant allocation of Ontario's annual production of 2.5 billion litres of milk. Since 1998, Gould also served as Ontario's Director of Regulatory Compliance. In this role, he supervised the province's Raw Milk Quality Program and was responsible for the administration and enforcement of provincial regulations for raw milk quality.

Gould joined Dairy Farmers of Ontario in 1981 as an economist, and during the Canada/U.S. trade negotiations he monitored developments and advised the industry. He was also involved in the dairy and agriculture aspects of the GATT negotiations. Before joining DFO, he worked as an economist for the Canadian Transport Commission in Ottawa from 1976 to 1981.

Raised on a farm in Wentworth County, Gould attended the University of Western Ontario where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics in 1971. He continued his studies at the University of Waterloo and completed his Honours Qualifying Year in Economics in 1972. He then went to Brunel University in London, England, where he received his Masters degree in Economics in 1974.

Last Call for Camp Scugog Weekend!

– by Susan Howson

Today is the last Friday before the 2013 Camp Scugog weekend begins – on May 31st to June 2nd. Food and work orders must be in by Monday, May 27th. Don't delay! Sign up or donate today – [CLICK HERE](#)



Camp Scugog is a weekend of hard work fixing up a camp for disadvantaged families. Generally we're painting cabins, fixing fences and other assorted projects. No special skills are required – though there are specific projects for those who have a skilled trade background. You work in teams with an assigned friendly – if demanding – foreman ... er, foreperson.



Accommodation is basic, in the children's cabins, but with your sleeping bag, more than adequate. The payoffs are immediate and apparent to all: new fences, cabins painted and spiffed up, minor repairs and laughter, song and incredible food prepared by your fellow members.

Interota Is About to Become High-Profile in Canada

– by Neil Phillips

Have you heard of Interota? Well, Toronto & Montreal are co-hosting in 2014 – so time to find out! A worldwide Rotaract meeting, Interota is held every three years, organised and sponsored by Rotaractors. It offers a forum for sharing ideas, concerns, and experiences with other Rotaract Club members from around the world. Participants are also treated to sightseeing and other cultural events throughout the week-long event. In 2014, Canada will host Interota — a first visit of the gathering to North America.

Although Interota is not an official Rotary International meeting, the RI Board of Directors recognises its value and supports the conference by approving its program content and by sending an RI representative to the event. This triennial meeting offers workshops, discussions, and speakers on topics of interest to Rotaractors. It is also an opportunity to network and share ideas with fellow Rotaractors from around the world.

The RCT Board voted last week support this conference, through a donation of \$ 5,000 from our Philanthropic Fund. This donation will help offset some of the conference costs, enabling delegates to come from around the world. To find out more about Interota, visit its website: www.interota2014.com



It's A Girl!

On May 14th, Fabio Ventolini and his wife Sandra Lecce and their son Luca welcomed the arrival of 6lb 3oz Tessa. Congratulations!

Belated Birthday Greetings!

We hope enjoyable celebrations took place for Dorothy Martin on the 8th and Norma Crawford on the 11th. Best wishes for the coming year.





Online Handwashing with Soap Toolkit

The Water and Sanitation Program (WSP) has launched a new Handwashing with Soap Toolkit, intended for water, sanitation and hygiene, public health and other development practitioners who use behaviour change strategies to promote the critical need for handwashing with soap. The toolkit is organized into four modules. Although handwashing with soap can help save children's lives by reducing preventable diseases like diarrhea and acute respiratory infections, it remains an uncommon practice in many countries.

ROTARY GRANTS NEWS

District Grant Projects Meet Multiple Needs in India

– by Dan Nixon, Rotary News

More than 180 students at a primary school in District 3140 (part of Maharashtra, India) now have access to clean water through a district grant project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dombivli Midtown. Rotarians in Maharashtra, India, used a 2011-12 district grant to meet a range of community needs, from providing families with clean water to equipping homes with solar energy.

“District leaders considered projects that came under (Rotary’s) six areas of focus,” says Rahul Timbadia, past governor of District 3140. “Geographic areas were identified, for example, where there was no electricity or water, which could then be addressed by clubs and impact the community.”

District grants aren’t required to fund projects in the areas of focus, but can be used to sponsor a wide range of activities locally and abroad. In soliciting project proposals from its clubs, District 3140’s leaders gave priority to clubs that didn’t participate in 2010-11, the first year of the Future Vision pilot.

“The overall impact of the district grant on the quality of life in the communities served can be described as very significant,” says Timbadia. “Since the district awarded grant funds to 45 clubs, the impact was certainly widespread.” Clean water projects, for example, benefited 15 villages in Maharashtra state, with small dams, rainwater harvesting, bore wells, and water purifiers. Among these efforts, the Rotary Club of Bombay West constructed dams to serve two villages highly prone to drought. “In an area of water scarcity and unpredictable monsoons leading to failure of crops, this (project) has impacted the community in a very meaningful way by harvesting (significant) quantities of water,” Timbadia points out.

Other efforts included solar-powered lighting for homes and streets in more than 15 villages, a new human-milk bank at a hospital serving the poor, diagnosis and treatment of children suffering from malnutrition, a kidney dialysis machine and other medical equipment, vocational training for youth and adults, construction of toilet blocks, and funding for a vocational exchange team to study in Austria.

The grant also funded diagnostic aids for a school for hearing-impaired students near Mumbai. The facility, which provides education from preschool through high school, receives ongoing support from the Rotary Club of Mumbai Queen’s Necklace. The club’s support “has instilled renewed enthusiasm in the children, who are keen to learn new activities,” says school principal Lata Nayak.

FIRST YOUTH EXPO

Over 150 Students Attend

– by Neil Phillips

There may not have been a meeting last Friday – but it was a busy Rotary Friday nonetheless! I had the pleasure of joining members of The Rotary Club of Toronto and Rotaract Club of Toronto at their first-ever Youth Expo. Supported by the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board, there were over 150 students in attendance throughout the day.

For me one of the great highlights of the day was the opportunity to introduce Rosie MacLennan, our Canadian gold medalist from the London 2012 Olympics.

Hopefully this will be the catalyst that will result in our Club sponsoring our very first Interact Club, designed for young people ages 12 to 18. Congratulations to Prince Kumar, the Youth & Children’s Committee, and especially the Rotaract Club on pulling off such an inspiring, energetic event. I’m looking forward to coming again next year!



Rosie MacLennan (in the red-striped jacket), Canada’s gold medal winner in Trampoline at the 2012 Olympics, is mobbed by student participants at Rotary’s Youth Expo 2013. She had just given a motivational speech about how to achieve your dreams. The Expo was a great success, and inspired Toronto-area students to be tomorrow’s leaders by making a difference today. More news about the Expo, and an announcement about the winner of Rotary’s call for student business plans designed to overcome a community issue, will be revealed at our June 7 luncheon. It promises to be a great event, so be there!



FROM THE ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION WEBSITE NEWSROOM

Rotary International President Tours Rotary Transition Centre

– by Karen Gaunt, CLM for Emergency, and community support workers Frank Fournier, Chris Moise and Katharine McGrath

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A patient arrived at St. Michael's Hospital in sub-zero temperatures one day last winter with soaked, open-heeled slippers. Support workers in the Rotary Club of Toronto Transition Centre provided him with clothing and a jacket to fit his 6'6" frame. Using funds raised by the Medical Staff Association, community support worker Frank Fournier was also able to take the man to a shoe store to pick out and try on new boots for his size-13 feet.

A young aboriginal woman regularly visits one of the RTC support workers she trusts. Because the support worker was able to share this ongoing relationship with the woman's community housing worker, she was able to find more stable housing. The woman said she feels much less in crisis all the time because of this ability to connect with her native healing in this new private space.

These are just two stories shared recently with Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka when he toured the Rotary Transition Centre, adjacent to the Emergency Department.

The centre opened in January 2000 in response to the Homeless and Under Housed Community Advisory Panel's concerns that vulnerable patients were being discharged after emergency visits in a fragile state. Now, rather than sending them directly to a hostel, shelter or the streets, the centre gives patients a place to rest for up to 18 hours, launder their clothes, shower and work with staff on a realistic discharge plan.

The centre was built with a \$500,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Toronto, which also provided furnishings and major appliances. The centre has two bedrooms, a bathroom and shower, laundry facilities, clothing cupboard, and small living and dining/kitchen facilities. Non-clinical support staff work with the Emergency team to assist clients with medical follow-up appointments, transfer to hostels, housing or detoxification units, job application and other needs.

In addition, social workers, community care coordinators and geriatric advanced-practice nurses help with discharge planning. The centre can also provide ongoing treatment, such as intravenous antibiotics or complex dressing changes for wounds and other injuries, that would usually happen in the community at clinics and other centres.

"The Rotary Transition Centre is a unique service – the first of its kind in Canada – that responds to a major gap in care for vulnerable and disadvantaged populations in our community," said Jim O'Neill, program director for the Inner City Health Program.

The RTC will sometimes accept patients for longer than 18 hours. One example was a teenager who was eight months pregnant and sleeping on the street. She was at high risk for assaults, using drugs and engaging in the sex trade to support herself, and her baby was receiving no pre-natal care. She stayed at the RTC for three weeks until she delivered her baby. She expressed a feeling of safety and stated that it eliminated her need to use substances to cope with her situation on the street.

The centre sees about 1,000 clients a year. Surveys have found that clients are more than twice as likely to attend specialty follow-up care, probably due to the support staff's organization of these follow-ups and the needed transportation, often with staff accompanying the client. Client surveys have also found a high satisfaction rate of 90 per cent.

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

May 2013

31 Fellowship Meeting
31-Jun 3 Camp Lake Scugog Weekend

June 2013

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
28 No Meeting, Canada Day Weekend

July 2013

5 Changeover Day

Propose a Speaker
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A Taste of Ethiopia

— by Lori Brazier



Most of us probably think famine rather than food when we hear of Ethiopia. In fact, Ethiopian fare features a variety of taste sensations and choices — and is very healthy. Lots of vegetables, lean protein and light bread – almost like a sponge cake. All with fragrant yet not overpowering spices. Ah, there is nothing like a memory of a good meal!

Certainly no one went hungry when a number of Rotarians converged at Nunu restaurant in the vibrant Queen West district back on April 30th. We started with the Ethiopian version of onion soup and progressed from there to roast chicken and crème caramel as dessert. But these evenings are much more than good food. There is no substitute for the fellowship opportunities that these outings provide. We had a record number of new Rotarians join us. Such a bonus for everyone! Over the evening I was able to move about and chat with many of them – with the luxury of more time than over Friday lunch.

I encourage everyone to try to take part in at least one of these multicultural restaurant evenings over the next few months. They are always filled with laughter and lively discussion. The food warms our belly and the atmosphere and good cheer warms our hearts. We join Rotary for “service above self” — and the time spent with our fellow Rotarians having fun is a wonderful added benefit. And what a great way to discover some new restaurants and food experiences! Sincere thanks go to Caroline Bouillet for her great organization of a wonderful evening to be remembered.

What You Missed May 10, 2013

— by Don Brooks



A rainy, cool May day was made brighter by President Neil’s warm welcome, as we celebrated Arts for Children and Youth (AFCY) and its Rotaract Centennial project, Digital Arts Education. AFCY guests included Julie Frost, Executive and Artistic Director and Nicole Jolly, Board Chair. They were joined by staff and artists from AFCY and members of the Rotaract Clubs of Toronto and the University of Toronto. Julie thanked us for the Centennial grant, which enabled the right tools to put into the right hands — the hands of marginalized children and youth who do not have access to digital arts equipment or quality digital arts programming. Julie discussed the impact that AFCY is having by operating 135 arts educational programs each year for impoverished communities. She also talked about the stories behind the numbers, and how the digital arts program is inspiring young people.

We were fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Steve Paikin, journalist, author and documentary producer for TVO. Steve spoke about the “State of Play at Queen’s Park Today”. He said that having a new premier (Kathleen Wynne) who inherited the position by winning a leadership race makes him feel like he has seen this movie before but is not sure how it ends. Steve discussed former Premier Bill Davis who won the Conservative leadership race and became Ontario premier in 1971. Davis called a fast election and increased the number of seats over what he inherited. Steve contrasted this with Premier David Peterson who called an early election in 1990, believing that both opposition parties were vulnerable. The very surprising result was the NDP government of Bob Rae. Later, Premier Rae went into the 1995 election polling in third place, and was soundly defeated by Mike Harris of the Conservatives, who ran on his “Common Sense Revolution” platform. Steve then reviewed the current Ontario situation, where a new premier who has yet to face the voters finds herself in what is essentially a three-way tie in the polls. Although personally popular, she faces Andrea Horwath, polling as the most personally popular leader, and Tim Hudak who is articulating a definite vision for change. How will this all play out? Steve did not say!

President Neil wrapped up a great Centennial Luncheon by congratulating the law firm of Coutts Crane on its long history of service with our Club and the community. This started with Donald Day Carrick who joined The Rotary Club of Toronto in its 35th year in 1947. The proud history continued with Elgin Coutts (1966), Ronald Arthur Crane (1975), past Rotaractor Robert O’Brien (1985), Michele Guy (1991) who became our first woman president, and Kevin Power in 2000. In recognition of the outstanding contribution of Coutts Crane and its partners, the firm was proclaimed a Rotary Warrior Corporation.



Steve Paikin drew many fascinating and ironic contrasts among the surprising results of different elections called by various Ontario premiers.



Front Row: Elgin and Helen Coutts.; Middle Row (l to r): Nora Coutts, Ellen Green, Neil Phillips, Ron Crane, Michele Guy; Back Row (l to r): Kathie Coutts, Peter Coutts, Don Coutts, Kevin Power, Paul Kluga, Robert O’Brien, Andrew Anthony

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