



## Today's Speaker

Historian Wendy Cuthbertson

## Topic

**“Equal Partners in This World  
Crusade: Unions and Women in the  
Second World War”**

## Location

Imperial Room, The Fairmont Royal York



Wendy Cuthbertson has served as a senior civil servant with the Ontario Ministry of Finance and the Ontario Pay Equity Commission. She has also worked as a senior official with the Canadian Auto Workers Union and the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations. Wendy has a background in educational publishing and television and recently earned her PhD in history from the University of Toronto. Her book, “Labour Goes to War: The CIO and the Construction of a New Social Order, 1939-1945” was published last year by the University of British Columbia Press. Those interested in the history of workers, war, and union power will want to obtain a copy of Wendy’s book.

## Centennial Update: Cambodia Sweat Equity Trip

– by Chris Snyder



We are down to the short strokes on the Cambodian Sweat Equity trip. Our departure dates are November 10th and 17th. We will be building classrooms at the

Bakong Technical College to get it ready for official opening on November 25th. The first students will not be arriving until February 1st 2014. The initial classes will all be aimed at providing skills to help young people work in the fast growing tourist industry. Classes will initially be offered in languages (English, Japanese, Korean and Mandarin), computer skills, tailoring, hospitality, bike and small engine repairs and small business management. Many of the students will be from landmine survivor families. Cambodia was virtually without a proper educational system for about 30 years during which time 2 million people were killed by the Khmer Rouge and over 100,000 people were either maimed or killed by landmines. Our club, as part of our Centennial Project, provided

\$100,000 for the building of the IT Centre and classrooms. Those from our club who are going include Paul Truelove, Brian & Joyce Westlake, Susan Hunter and Hedley, Maureen & Gerry Bird, Jack Robertson and his daughter Deborah and Pat & Chris Snyder. Nina Cole, formerly of our club will also be going. There is still space with Trip #1 leaving November 10th. The two groups will be together for a large part of our time. No specific skills other than having the right attitude are required.

About 60% of our 35 people going have been on one of our previous sweat equity trips.

The cost of this amazingly exciting and meaningful trip is \$4,400, all tax receiptable. If you would like to know more, go to our website [www.makeanimpact.ca](http://www.makeanimpact.ca) or call Chris Snyder at 416-364-0181 ([snyder@eccgroup.ca](mailto:snyder@eccgroup.ca)) or Julie Dunaiskis 416-364-0181 Ext. 2500 ([julie@eccgroup.ca](mailto:julie@eccgroup.ca)).

## Join President Richard White on Sunday Oct. 6, 2013: Rotary Walks the Rebel Heartland

The Rotary Clubs of Region 5 invite all Rotarians, their families and friends to Newmarket for the 2013 walk to support the Rotary Foundation on Sunday October 6th, 2013. Two walk routes have been prepared, integrating the natural and historical features of this community for your day’s enjoyment. Both routes are appropriate for all fitness levels and accessible with minimal inclines. The North route is under 4km and will take you north on the Tom Taylor Trail, past the old Radial Railway Arch and up to Davis Drive, where the architectural past and natural heritage are being preserved as Newmarket continues to grow into the future. The South Route is over 4km and you will explore how the New Market of the past continues in the Newmarket of today. Cycling and rollerblading, pets and strollers are allowed on the trails.

For more information or to register go to [www.rotary7070.org](http://www.rotary7070.org).

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## FEATURE ARTICLE

### All that Glitters is Gloria – by Mathew Harrison



It all started a few months before the golf tournament. The golf committee was shifting into high gear as the pressure of the approaching event date began to weigh on us. Our first big decision would be the charitable organization that we would choose to support for this year. In April, I had received very unfortunate news that one of our committee members, Diane Watson, would have to back out because she had been diagnosed with breast cancer. Terrible news! We, of course, all wished Diane strength on her journey and a proposal was made that we might support Diane with the proceeds of the tournament. The committee voted, and this was the chosen direction. Diane (who had no knowledge of this proposal) was thrilled when I informed her of what we wanted to do. At her request, The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation was chosen as the destination for the funds.

A big part of the success of the annual Rotary Golf day comes from the quantity and quality of prizes that we are able to solicit for the winners, the auction, the raffle and for all of the participants. Members of the club are so incredibly generous with their donations and it is these members that really make the day as

successful as it always is. I asked my contact at The Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation if they had any prize items that they might be able to donate to us that we could use for the tournament. They sent me about five prizes including a Sony AM/FM Digital Clock radio with a retail value of about \$20. I put the clock, along with many other prize items, under my desk where they stayed for more than a month before the date of the tournament.

Thursday, August 22nd came quickly. More than 70 golfers enjoyed a wonderful day on the links and several more joined us for the evenings events. The silent auction was a hit with several items in hot competition (including a carving donated by Cijay Shah that went for \$700!). Raffle ticket sales totaled \$1,260. One of those raffle ticket buyers was Gloria Lee. Gloria was the lucky winner of that Sony AM/FM clock radio. Little did anyone know at that time, that there was no clock radio in that box. When Gloria got home she opened the box, inside she discovered \$10,000 in \$50 bills and a bar of gold with a value of \$7,000! There was also a note inside from a Scarborough

resident stating that he had hoped that these funds had made it to The Princess Margaret Foundation as he was unable to deliver them personally. Well, the funds did make it to their rightful destination eventually. Gloria immediately reported what she had found. I received a panicked call from Jackie Davies at 10:30 that night first asking me if I was missing any money. She told me the story and I'm still not sure I quite believed her at the time but it was all true. The following day, Gloria returned the box with its contents to the Rotary office. It has since been delivered to The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation.



Club member, Gloria Lee

Gloria Lee – You are a model citizen and embody the spirit of Rotary. Thank you.

### What You Missed August 23rd, 2013 – by Bert Steenburgh



President Richard White was a comforting sight at the podium this lovely late-summer Friday as he reflected on [Esteemed] Past President Neil Phillips' current, past and aspiring positions in the Rotary world. Michele Guy served as monitor and introduced all visiting rotarians and guests, and Anna Koneva acted as Sergeant at Arms. President Richard was so flummoxed about having District Governor Valarie Wafer there he kicked over the wine and lost his notes at one stage in the proceedings. Also could have had something to do with the fact that Carol is going on vacation and Richard is at a loss without her. Deputy District Governor Les Shernovsky introduced Valarie, who in her real job, runs 7 Tim Horton's franchises in Scarborough. Valarie gave an inspiring speech focused on "engagement" and the need for every Rotarian to be an actively engaged Rotarian – bang-on Valarie! She also reminded us of RI Founder Paul Harris' admonition for Rotary to be forever looking forward and changing to meet the needs of the present day. We had two draws, one for a bottle of fine French wine that was won by Jackie Davies and the second draw for the Ace of Clubs was "won" – well, lost actually by David Libby. As always – a lot of fun to be together in Rotary fellowship. You missed a good one if you were not there.



President Richard White and guest speaker Valarie Wafer

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### September 2013

- 13 Eugene Jones, CEO, Toronto Community Housing
- 20 Lt. General Yvan Blondin, Commanding Officer, Royal Canadian Air Force
- 27 Olivia Chow, Member of Parliament

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