

Today's Programme

Allan MacInnis

Topic

Young People's Theatre is Toronto's Most Important Theatre - Let Me Tell You Why?

Host

Mathew Harrison

Location

The National Club

Allen MacInnis – Artistic Director of Young People's Theatre



Allen worked as a junior high school teacher in the city where he was born and raised, Edmonton. He quit teaching early on, however, to attend the Vancouver Playhouse Acting School and worked

for a number of years as an actor. After several fortunate opportunities, his primary focus became directing.

Allen has worked across Canada directing contemporary and classical theatre, new plays, opera and musicals, aboriginal theatre, and theatre for young audiences. He has also dedicated much of his career to teaching in a variety of contexts including professional theatre training.

Prior to becoming Artistic Director of Young People's Theatre in 2002, Allen was Artistic Associate of Alberta Theatre Projects where he helped found playRites, a national festival of new plays that ran for 27 years. From 1995-2003, he was Artistic Director of Prairie Theatre Exchange in Winnipeg where he worked to revitalize PTE's national reputation for contemporary theatre. Today, his focus at YPT is on deepening the vital link between innovative, professional theatre and young people's education and development.

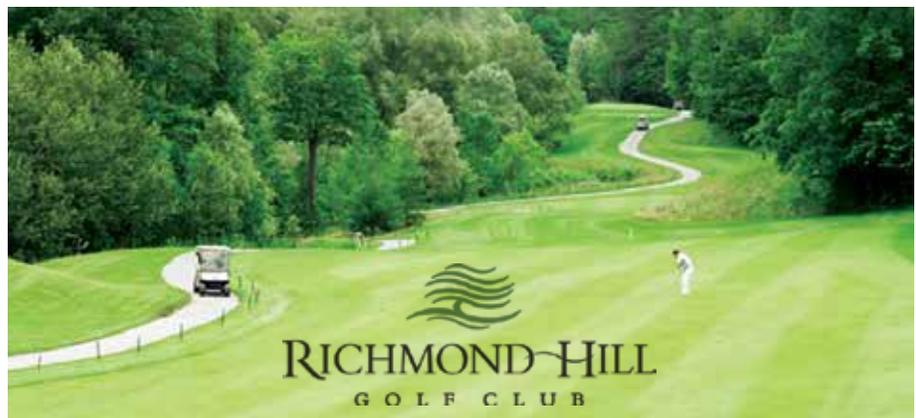
Update on Toronto Ribfest and Fundraising Committee

– by Pat Neuman



The Toronto Ribfest committee is now finalizing the 2015 Ribfest and in early September we will welcome Etobicoke Rotary Club as they present us with the "big cheque". Again, thank you so much to everyone who helped at the Ribfest. You smiled, in spite of rain, wind and lots of mud, but a little sun too, and enthusiastically greeted everyone attending the event. You did us, and Rotary proud. Stay tuned for the announcement of the cheque presentation.

How about joining a fun committee with a great group of Rotarians?? I hear there are some new ideas for fundraising coming up. Contact our new Chair, Brian Porter at b.porter@laservices.ca to join this engaging committee. Meetings start in September.



Come and join your friends at Rotary for a fabulous day of golf, sun and a great time!

The Rotary Club of Toronto 67TH Annual Golf Tournament

on

Thursday, August 20, 2015

at the

Richmond Hill Golf Club

8755 Bathurst Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

\$175 per person | Register online or contact the office

Happy 90th Birthday, Jack

– by Maureen Bird



Jack Robertson joined our club in 1976. The members recognized his skills, electing him president in 1992-93. His presence on the Senior Citizens Committee has been invaluable and he still organizes drivers for three events a year. He has participated in Fundraisers, Golf, Curling, Camp Scugog, Remembrance Day, Poker Night, Ribfest – 2 shifts this year! -and singalongs as Eardley's driver. He joined two sweat equity teams, one to Malawi in 2010 and the other to Cambodia in 2013. He is present almost every Friday – except when he flies out to take art classes. He is a true Rotarian and a wonderful model for the rest of us.



Jack, Brian Westlake, Norm Ovenden and Paul Westlake at the Annual Golf Event



Jack in Cambodia



Jack and his fellow Rotary Veterans



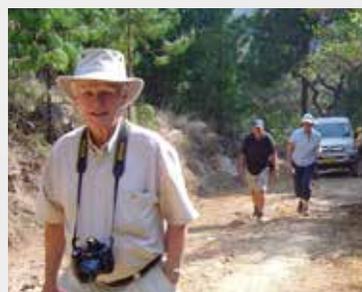
Jack going strong at Scugog this Past Spring



Eardley Samuels with Jack at Seniors Committee Picnic



Jack and his fellow Past Presidents - 2011



Jack with the Malawi sweat equity team



Jack at Blue Mountain Camp- tending bar



Tennis, Anyone?

As a follow-up to Kelly Murumets, CEO of Tennis Canada, speaking to our Club earlier this year, I am pleased to announce that District 7070 has entered into a partnership with Tennis Canada to promote Rotary and raise some funds through this year's Rogers Cup in Toronto. We are being offered tickets at a deep discount for Quarter Finals day –Thursday, August 13th, both day and evening sessions – with a portion of all tickets sold being donated back to Rotary.

CLICK HERE for a link to the flyer on our District website.

(Note that if you are purchasing tickets for other days, you must do as a separate transaction - our deep discount only applies to that day.)

While the funds raised in and of themselves will not be huge amounts, the event is a fantastic experience, one of the most intimate sporting events at such a high performance level available. In addition to the matches themselves, the grounds at York provide for much more. Truly, it is an event for tennis fans and those who want some entertainment with family, friends, colleagues - And we have a Canadian female who we hope will be making a major push. If we end up with significant participation, there may be special messaging regarding Rotary at the event.

There is no commitment made for ticket sales. Tennis Canada has simply offered to donate for every ticket sold, be it 10 or 100 or more! Everyone is directed to the online Rogers Cup site as they normally would – you simply use the promo discount code of ROTARYRC15 on the flyer which includes a link to the purchase site as well. Funds are being donated to the End Polio Now campaign. Tickets can be bought online at: <https://tickets.rogerscup.com/Toronto/centre-court.html>

For more information on the event in general go to <http://www.rogerscup.com/women/english/home.php>

Fellowship and Entertainment International Dinner Series – Italy Sold Out Quickly

On Friday, October 16th we travel to the region of Umbria in Italy for a large family-style dinner at the Massimo lofts on King Street East.
<http://massimobruno.com/events/2015/7/23/umbria-supper-club>.

Massimo Bruno is a popular Italian chef, teacher, tour guide and media personality and character who was raised in the Southern Italian region of Puglia before immigrating to Toronto in 2001, where he lives today with his wife and daughter. This is what he has to say about the Supper Club:

“The supper club is my baby! I have been hosting it at my kitchen studio since 2005. Every event has a theme, like the typical food of one of Italy’s many regions, a typical Italian holiday, or the al fresco supper club in the summer. Guests sit together at a long harvest table for 30 people. Everyone brings a bottle of their favourite vino and we always serve “family style” because sharing the experience is what authentic Italian food is all about. I am very passionate and curious by nature, and love sharing what I know, so I always give a little presentation during the meal and there’s lots of discussion throughout the evening about all things Italian.”

This one is SOLD OUT ! Watch for the next in the series. Feel free to contact Neil Phillips for more information at nphillips@dgn-marketing.com

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Ravi Ravindran

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What You Missed Reporter for August 7th:
Geoffrey Cobham

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:**
voice@rotarytoronto.on.ca

Upcoming Speakers & Events

August

Watch This Space

September

- 4 No Meeting due to Labour Day Holiday
- 11 John Godfrey, Advisor - Ministry of Environment Climate Change
- 18 Honorable Michael H. Wilson, CAMH
- 25 Dr. Shannon Meadows, Infectious Diseases (animal to human)

October

- 2 Dr. Carolyn Harris, 800th Anniversary Magna Carta
- 9 No Meeting due to Thanksgiving Holiday

Propose a Speaker – Contact
Alex Brown, Chair

Program Committee
alexbrown@integratedappliances.ca



Membership Committee is Recruiting!

– by Lori Brazier



Membership is the life blood of our club. This committee's focus is twofold: (1) attracting individuals from all walks of life who want to both serve the community, and enjoy the fellowship of like-minded people; and (2) ensuring that membership is of value to everyone who joins.

Our membership strategy must be built on principles that are of interest to and will resonate with prospective members. Our world has evolved. We need fresh ideas and energy. Conference calling will be made available at every meeting, and there will be options of how and how much to get involved.

If you are looking for something new to do in Rotary, contact Lori Brazier via Clubrunner to arrange a chat.



What You Missed July 24, 2015

– by Jennifer Whincup



A happy crowd gathered at the Imperial Room at the Royal York on a beautiful summer day to hear the inspiring words of District Governor Michael Bell on “Looking at our Clubs Through Fresh Eyes.”

Before the District Governor took to the podium, we celebrated the recent nuptials of Jeff Dobson on July 7th in New York City's Central Park. We were reminded of the upcoming Rotary Golf Tournament on August 20, 2015 at the Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club, and David Hetherington enlightened us with his discovery of the Wartime Rules of the similarly-named Richmond Golf Club in Surrey, UK. (www.therichmondgolfclub.com/history/wartime_rules/)

The main event was District Governor Michael Bell's call to be prepared to tell the story of Rotary. We shared in Rotary International President (2015-2016) K. R. (Ravi) Ravindran's address at the San Diego conference in January about the focus on re-branding Rotary to attract new members, retain old members, and engage members to “Be a Gift to the World.”

In this theme, each District is tasked with three goals: (1) to add 100 new members; (2) to add \$700,000 to the Rotary Foundation; and (3) to add one new fellowship event per club. District Governor Bell outlined the focus and strategic planning tools that will allow it, with the assistance of each club in the District, to achieve these goals. More information can be found on the District website: <http://www.rotary7070.org/>.

Also, there are a number of upcoming District events:

- Million Dollar Dinner on September 15, 2015 at the David Duncan House
- Rotary Foundation Walk on September 20, 2015 at the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre
- District Conference on October 23-25 at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel
- District Assembly on May 14, 2016 at the BMO Centre for Learning
- Rotary International Convention on May 28-June 1, 2016 in Seoul, South Korea

District Governor Bell was then thanked for his engaging talk and presented with a donation made in his honour to 416 Community Support for Women, a daytime drop-in program for women looking to gain or give support while coping with isolation, addiction and/

or mental health issues and other difficulties.

Last, and certainly not least, District Governor-Elect Jim Louttit bestowed Neil Phillips with the District Governor Nominee pin, which Jim had worn since July of 2014 while he held that same position. Congratulations Neil!

Blair Spinney took home the wine; the 50/50 pot continues to grow.



Jeff Dobson and Casey Hadaway celebrate their marriage in New York City



President David Hetherington with DG Michael Bell and Assistant DG Mary Lou Harrison



Past President Neil Phillips receiving his pin from Jim Louttit

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