

ROTARY VOICE



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Today's Speaker
Ron DiFrancesco

Location
The Upper Canada Room,
Fairmont Royal York



Ron is a married father of four, who resides in Toronto.

Ron built his career in finance with Euro Brokers Canada Ltd./Maxcor Inc., where he held increasingly progressive

roles culminating in the role of Vice President.

In 2000, Ron was one of two Canadian employees selected to close the Canadian operations and shift the Canadian business to New York City and excelled in the larger, fast-paced trading culture consisting of 350 specialized brokers. Working in the World Trade Center and surviving the life-changing events of 9/11 in NYC, Ron was the last known man out of the South Tower of the World Trade Centre. Twice during the ordeal, Ron was just minutes away from being killed.

Accomplishing all of his goals as a highly touted investment professional, Ron decided to take his career into new territory in 2010 and began devoting more of his time and attention to philanthropic endeavors. Ron is starting to speak on the topics of Gratitude, Resilience and Adversity. His story is one of deep personal pain, as well as the struggles he endured to be here today.

Ron has started a consulting and business management practice, benefiting organizations with assistance in coaching and structuring their teams.



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Next Meeting

Friday, January 17, 2014

Speaker

Andrew Cumming, Senior Partner with Cumming & Partners

Topic

Cross Border Tax Issues



Andrew Cumming is a Senior Partner with Cumming & Partners. Mr. Cumming's practice areas span a wide variety of cross-border matters, including U.S. and Canadian immigration law, cross-border estate and tax planning and all facets of wealth management law for Canadians. Mr. Cumming is the author of the best-selling book *Florida Bound: The Essential Guide for Canadian Snowbirds*.

What You Missed December 20, 2013

– by Cliff Johnson



The Friday before Christmas was the Rotary Club of Toronto's Christmas party and what a festive event it was. Seasonal decorations and music and a wonderfully appointed hall warmly welcomed us into the embrace of friends and friendship. The party was our time to celebrate the relationships that we have made, built and developed over the year and it was our time to look forward to the year ahead without planning for it, just accepting and knowing that it will be as grand as this, our hundredth year, has been.

A 15-meter buffet table displayed an eye-catching overabundance of sumptuous food choices to tempt, tease, titillate and tantalize every palate and the pickiest of eaters...and if this wasn't enough, there was yet another table, this one groaning

under the weight of desserts upon desserts. As usual the Royal York kitchen did a fantastic job.

Whilst our President Richard White gave a short speech and some past presidents and other notables either entertained us with seasonal songs or made the occasional speech, for the most part the Christmas Party was dedicated to conviviality.

In a departure from the Ace of Spades draw, there was a raffle of twenty delightful prizes that had been donated by members. Tickets were drawn throughout the festivities.

Whatever happens in this new year of ours, make sure to put the 2014 Rotary Club of Toronto's Christmas Party on your calendar. See you there!



Fabio Ventolini presides over the silent auction of a child's toy horse



Cliff Johnson samples the silent auction wares at the annual Christmas Party

Upcoming Speakers & Events

January 2014

- 17 Andrew Cumming, Senior Partner at Cumming & Partners
- 24 Scott Gilmore, founder Peace Dividend Trust
- 31 Douglas Gibson, publisher

February 2014

- 7 Susan Eng, Vice-President, CARP
- 14 New Members Valentine's Day lunch program
- 21 Greg Reed CEO, eHealth Ontario
- 28 Colleen Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, TD Bank

Propose a Speaker
Peter Simmie, Chair

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Editor of the Week
Greg Vermeulen

Editor January 17, 2014
Don Bell

What You Missed Reporter for January 10
Maureen Bird

Save the date: Friday, February 7th

The Toronto Rotaract Club will be holding a fun, and good value, fundraiser at the Intercontinental Toronto Yorkville on Friday, February 7th. Hold the date!
Details to follow soon!

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