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Speaker
Dr. Jerry Cuttler, Cuttler & Associates

Topic
“Radiation health effects --- is the fear based on politicized science or biological facts?”

Host
Shelley McIntyre – Shelley joined our club in 2014 and is a Children’s Advocacy Lawyer

Location
The Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Upper Canada Room (18th Floor)

Dr. Cuttler graduated from the University of Toronto (Engineering Physics, Nuclear) in 1964. He received his M.Sc. and D.Sc. degrees from the Israel Institute of Technology in 1967 and 1971 while employed by IAEC as a research engineer and by the IIT as a laboratory manager. He was the Technical Manager of Seforad Applied Radiation from 1971 to ‘74, and then began a 26-year career at Atomic Energy of Canada Limited.

He led the team that designed and procured the nuclear instrumentation for three CANDU 6 reactors and for Pickering B and Bruce B stations. Jerry was later AECL’s engineering manager for Bruce B, resident engineering manager in Romania, engineering manager of the SLOWPOKE district heating reactor, manager of AECL services at Pickering, CANDU 9 engineering integration manager, and a technical services manager.

After retiring from AECL in 2000, Cuttler & Associates has been very busy serving Ontario Power Generation, AECL and Bruce Power for Pickering-4 return to service, the MAPLE medical isotope reactors, and the Bruce 1&2 Restart. He continues to provide services to Bruce Power and to OPG for nuclear plant life extension.

Dr. Cuttler served on the council of the Canadian Nuclear Society for about 15 years and was president in 1995-96. He was appointed Fellow of the CNS in June 2000.

Our Syrian Refugee Sponsorship
– by Maureen Bird

On Friday, December 18th we were able to deliver cheques totaling over $40,000 to Rosedale United Church so that our group could register with the government. Many thanks to all. As The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation’s Charity of Choice for our Christmas Lunch, we were the recipient of their cheque for $5,000. In addition we were able to present the church with $5,000 from the Tippet Foundation, $5,000 from Brian Porter’s Living Assistance Services, $4,000 from the Rotary Club of Scarborough, $3,000 from the Ken, John and Will Andras Family Foundation, $3,000 from the International Service Committee and numerous other cheques from other Rotarians and Friends. We are delighted. Last week we received another cheque for $5,000 from an outside foundation.

The government has over 9,500 refugees already in Canada. They experienced difficulty in arranging transportation during the holidays but we expect this to speed up soon. There are over 4,400 approved and waiting for transport. There are another 10,000 being assessed right now in Jordan and Lebanon. As the family cases are received from Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada they are being snapped up quickly. We are hoping to get our family soon and have them here by the end of January.

We have a great team assembled to work with our family for their first year in Canada. Working with me from our club are Lorna Pitcher, Heather Findlay, John Farrell, Brian Porter, Jack Hakimian, John Andras, Karen Scott, Mohit Pramanik and Alanna Scott. In addition two members from Scarborough Rotary have joined us – Jackie Davies and Navine Yassa.

As we embark on this adventure we promise to keep you updated as frequently as possible. We will still accept volunteers and donations. More information will come shortly about furniture and clothing needs. We are proud to be Canadians!

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Andrée Cazabon to be honoured at Inaugural Peace and Dialogue Awards

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 6:30pm - 9:30pm
The Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Imperial Room
100 Front Street West, Toronto, M6B 3R1
Tickets at www.PeaceAwards.ca, $125
What You Missed January 8, 2016
– by Shelley McIntyre

A wonderful start to the New Year was had at the Rotary Lunch, held in the Imperial Room at the Fairmont Royal York. President Elect Susan Hunter greeted us in the absence of President Hetherington who was enjoying his vacation. District 7080 Governor Will Pugh joined us with four other visiting Rotarians, five guests and our Co-op student.

The sad news of the passing of fellow Rotarian Dr. Nina Cole on December 29, 2015 from cancer was relayed by Susan Hunter, who told us that Nina was her sponsor to the Club. Nina was a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto from 2001 to 2008 and later became President of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Club from 2014 to 2015. A Celebration of her Life is being organized with details to follow.

Our member, Rohit Tamhane, announced the return of the R2R to be held Thursday at the National Club at 6:00 p.m. with a cost of $10.00 for Rotarians and $5 for Rotaractors. This is a great opportunity to network amongst our membership and enjoy some great appetizers. In the words of Past President (2012-2013) Neil Philips: “This truly is not your father’s Rotary – it’s evolved, and grown.” Please join us to be part of this exciting evolution.

Steven Wilkinson announced that on February 5th, 2016, guest Rotarians from around the world will be here, including Rotary International President Nominee for 2017-2018, Ian Riseley, from Australia.

Winz Casagrande gave a lovely introduction to our Guest Speaker, Canon Alan Budson, a priest of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto; known to her as “Father A.” Winz describes the Canon as an academic, with many life experiences, who has a keen understanding of human sensitivity, and is able to attract great musicians to the parish.

Canon Budson recalls speaking to the Rotary Club of East Boston some thirty-five years ago when he was newly ordained and was happy to speak to Rotary again; although as a musician, he felt he should have brought his saxophone to the grand Imperial Ballroom at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. The Canon’s wife, Julie, assisted in research, finding an article published in the Toronto Star by Carol Gore in 2012 which spoke of all of the innovative activities of the vibrant Rotary Club, speaking of the Club as an advocate for justice and compassion in society. The article spoke of our Club’s 100th Year Anniversary donations and how the Club stretched the boundaries of philanthropy, striving to break the cycle of ill health.

The Canon unveiled his New Year’s theme: that Rotary is in the business of goodness and he applauds our generosity to the local community and groups. In complementing our Club’s maturity into a true Service Club, the Canon quotes from Teresa of Ávila, “When one reaches the highest degree of human maturity, one has only one question left: How can I be helpful?” He refers to the Rotary motto “Service Above Self”, as an example of helpfulness, not solitary. He also quotes Albert Schweitzer: “I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.” He thanked our Club for conducting “business of goodness” and being “compassionate catalysts.”

Canon Alan Budson completed his comments with some words on forgiveness stating that the foundation of forgiveness is humanity; and that a deep part of human character is composed of goodness and generosity. He said we can learn from women and men who are role models of resilience; those who have been hurt yet move forward and strive to learn from their experiences, rediscovering their own resilience. In the words of the Dalai Lama, “The happy practice compassion; if you want to be happy, practice compassion.”

The Ace of Clubs Draw was won by Steven Wilkinson who drew the Ace of Clubs! The pot was at $4,938.00. Congratulations.