

Today's Program

Rev. Canon Rob Fead, Padre for the Canadian Military

Topic

The Role and State of the Canadian Military Chaplaincy

Location

The National Club



Rob Fead was born and raised in Oakville. After feeling a call to the priesthood, he began his seminary training in 1986 at Resurrection College Seminary at St. Jerome's College, University of Waterloo. After graduating with a BA in Philosophy in 1989, he began his

theological training at St. Peter's Seminary at the University of Western Ontario graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 1993. Rob was ordained a deacon on April 17, 1993 and a priest on May 7, 1994 for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton. While with the Diocese of Hamilton, he served in parishes in Brantford, Guelph and Hamilton.

In February of 2002, Rob's orders were transferred to the Anglican Church of Canada and the Diocese of Niagara. From February 2002 until February 2004, Rob had the blessing of serving as the curate at St. Jude's in Oakville. In 2004, he was appointed Rector of St. George's in St. Catharines where he served for nine years. In 2006, Rob was appointed a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral by Bishop Ralph Spence. On April 8, 2013 Rob was appointed Rector of St. Jude's in Oakville.

Rob also serves as a chaplain and officer with the Canadian Forces Army Reserve where he offers spiritual care to soldiers. During the Afghan conflict, he offered support to the wounded and their families as well as to the families of the fallen. He is presently serving with the 31 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada. He has the rank of Major and serves as the Canon Reservist for the Anglican Military Ordinariate of Canada.

On November 23, 2001, Rob married his beautiful wife Veronica.

Kids Against Hunger: Sweat Equity for Rotarians, Family and Friends!

– by Dina Rashid



It was the first year I attended a district conference. Amongst the keynote speakers and booths was a room dedicated to a charity, Kids Against Hunger. There were three assembly lines that consisted each of 11 Rotarians from all over the district. Each assembly line was manually sorting, packaging, sealing, and boxing bags of food for hungry kids around the world. Kids Against Hunger's sole mission is to ship meals to starving children and their families in over 60 countries through partnership with humanitarian organizations worldwide. Being part of that assembly line was a very rewarding experience for several reasons: it created a sense of community with fellow Rotarians and instilled a sense of accomplishment and gratification. President Steve has been supporting the idea for our club to host an event for the reasons of fellowship and fundraising. Please join us on Saturday, March 7, 2015 to help package 20,000 meals for kids around the world. It will take 70 volunteers working 1.5 hour shifts. This event is open to friends and family.



Date: Saturday March 7, 2015

Time: First shift = (12:00 - 1:30) Second shift = (1:45 - 3:15)

Cost: There is no cost associated with this event, but you may donate money. It costs \$1.65 to assemble one bag that feeds 6 people.

Location: Neil has generously donated a warehouse (401 and Dixie). 1695 Meyerside Drive

Please RSVP to me, Dina, at dmrashid@gmail.com
Last day to register is February 20, 2015.

Party at Lisa Marie: The "FIDEL GASTRO Culinary Experience"

Fellow Rotarians:

Time to shuck the parka and head out for a warm winter night of food from warmer climes. Yes, it's the return of our Club's International Cuisine Restaurant Night. What better way to warm up on a dark, icy January evening than having a party?

Our next night out is Wednesday, February 4th at 6:30 p.m. We head to the vibrant Queen West strip, to Lisa Marie at 638 Queen Street West.

The Fidel Gastro food truck, better known as Priscilla and voted Canada's #1 food truck by Canadian Living magazine, is Toronto's loudest, most "extremo" retro street food kitchen on wheels. Our menu for the evening includes a Cuban, fusion assortment of three courses, with vegetarian options. (If you require a veggie meal, please advise when signing up.) The cost is \$40 pp, which includes all taxes and gratuity. Payment is direct with restaurant, or cash at the door if easier. Alcoholic drinks extra.

A reminder on the group ground rules, though:

- Guests and prospective members are welcome!
- If you sign up, confirm, and are a no-show, the Office will charge you \$50.

To sign up contact Neil at nphillips@dgn-marketing.com by Friday, January 30. (But hey, confirming early helps...)



New Member David Sharpe



David Sharpe is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Bridging Finance Inc., a private investment management firm owned by David and his wife Natasha and another Canadian family, with offices in Toronto and

Calgary. David has close to two decades of financial services industry experience, in roles such as General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Chief Risk Officer for leading financial organizations, and previously was the head of investigations for the Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada.

David is currently the Chair of the Board of Governors of the First Nations University of Canada. He is also on the Board of Directors of Native Child and Family Services of Toronto and a Board member of the economic development corporation for Eabametoong (Fort Hope) First Nation, a community located approximately 300 kilometres northeast of Thunder Bay.

David is a Mohawk and a member of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, Tyendingaga Mohawk Territory, located on the shore of the Bay of Quinte near Deseronto, Ontario. David is a lawyer and has been a member of the Law

Society of Upper Canada since 1997. He has an LLB from Queen's University, an LLM in Securities Law from Osgoode Hall Law School and a Masters of Business Administration from the Richard Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario. David has also received the Professional Director Certification from the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan/ University of Regina.

David and Natasha live in Toronto and have a son, Alexander.

What You Missed Jan 9th, 2015

– by John Suk



Deep in some large tome of Rotary legend and lore it is written that the first meeting of the New Year always sets the tone for the rest of the year.

If so, the Rotary Club of Toronto should be in for a good one! We gathered in the Upper Canada room. The first great omen was that even the spare tables not set with dishes had members and guests (including five police officers!) sitting 'round them. Attendance was great. The second thing we all noticed was that we've made a breakthrough of sorts on the age front! Young guest Tapiwa Suk, all of three-and-a-half, played with his rice and beans and wolfed down a huge dish of ice cream. For some reason, however, no one gave him a new member's packet.

A third great sign for the New Year was that the meal was excellent. Though it undoubtedly had a French or Latin name on the official menu, in plain English we had meat and potatoes. The chicken was done to perfection. The fourth good omen was the club's reception of a new member, David Sharpe, the first of many this year, we hope.

The highlight of the meeting—and the fifth great omen—was the address by Dr. Gillian Kupakuwana. She told the story of how, in spite of growing up in a Zimbabwean slum, she managed to earn a doctorate in Biochemistry at Syracuse, and go to medical school at Columbia in New York City. At the heart of this story was a one-time scholarship funded by Rotary Clubs in Harare that allowed her to go on a student exchange to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Later, after Gillian returned to Zimbabwe and during a time when the universities there were all closed, individual Rotarians and the Rotary Club of Grand Rapids brought her back to the States to begin college.

“It isn't often that someone who gets a polio shot is able to come back here and say, to you, thanks!” said Gillian. “It isn't often that some kid who goes to a school built by Rotarians, and then is able to come here and say thanks! But I'm here to tell you that without Rotary picking out and supporting an ordinary girl like me, I couldn't have succeeded in the way I have. I'm here today to say thanks to all Rotarians everywhere.” Gillian went on to encourage the club to make academic scholarships and exchanges possible not only to well-connected well-to-do youth but also to needy youth in faraway places, like she was. After her moving speech, the club arose as one to offer Gillian a standing ovation. We plan to have many more similarly inspirational speakers this year!

After that it was a race to the end of the meeting. The fifth omen was that Karl Kremer merely won a bottle of wine and so the pot grows for the rest of us. That's good. One final omen for the New Year, unfortunately, didn't really impress. It was the concluding joke Steve told. The assembled crowd, however, smiled politely through it, and even let out a polite “ha-ha,” at its conclusion. Even this was an omen, a sign that we plan to be as polite with each other as ever. All in all, a good start to what will be—under President Steve's leadership—a great year.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

January 2015

- 23 The Honourable Erin O'Toole, Minister of Veterans Affairs, Canada, Member of Parliament for Durham – Upper Canada room
- 30 Jasmine Herlt, Canada Director, Human Rights Watch – Upper Canada room

February 2015

- 06 Mark Lukowski, Christian Children's Fund of Canada
- 13 No Meeting due to the Family Day Holiday
- 20 New Member's Program – At The National Club
- 27 Dr. Danielle Martin, Women's College Hospital, State of the Canadian Health Care System

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