



Today's Program

District Governor Brian Thompson

Topic

Address to the Rotary Club of Toronto

Location

The Upper Canada Room, Fairmont Royal York

Rotary Toronto Welcomes District Governor Brian Thompson



Brian Thompson often says that, "Rotary is one of the best things that ever happened to me."

Brian was born in Toronto and grew up in Don Mills. He received his Bachelor of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Toronto and became a Professional Engineer, working in the nuclear industry for Ontario Hydro. He was also a Commercial Pilot, working part-time as a flying instructor at Toronto Airways in Buttonville, Ontario.

Most of Brian's nuclear career was in Public Relations, based at Pickering. He was seconded for two years to serve the Canadian Nuclear Association in Ottawa as Director of Communications, working in Government and Media Relations, and finished his career with Ontario Power Generation at Darlington.

For the past two decades he has also operated a video production company, primarily producing industrial and commercial movies for education, training and marketing.

During more than three decades in Rotary, Brian has served in every avenue of service at the club level. He was one of the first in his club to visit Consuelo in the Dominican Republic to investigate opportunities to do "hands on" work. At the District level, Brian has served on the Foundation and Public Relations Committees; he was District Chair of the Group Reps (now called Assistant District Governors), Chair of Youth Services (New Generations), and led a GSE Team to New Zealand. He is a member of the District Rotary at Work, Membership, and Long Range Planning Committees, and served as an Assistant District Governor for four years.

In the community, Brian has had several leadership roles at his church, and has served on committees at local Chambers of Commerce, writing two Chamber policies on nuclear energy in the process. Brian enjoys photography, cinematography, classic movies and entertaining friends.

Brian is married to Karen, who has had a varied and active nursing career. She claims she is retired from paid employment, but not retired from life --- she continues to work in the volunteer sector. Some of that work has involved collaboration with the Whitby Sunrise Rotary Club in Consuelo, in water and sanitation.

Karen and Brian enjoy traveling, tennis, and relaxing at their chalet in Hidden Valley, Huntsville. They have two grown children and five grandchildren in whom they delight.

Rotary Ribfest Volunteers Score Food and Funds!

— by Shannon Lundquist



Another Canada Day and another scorching hot Ribfest! With over 100,000 attendees to the 15th Annual Toronto Ribfest, anticipated net proceeds to Rotary charities will total over \$60,000. All told, 97 boisterous volunteer Rotarians from Toronto and Sunrise, as well as Rotaractors from UofT and Toronto, contributed more than 665 hours to greeting at the gate. Action was non-stop and there was never a dull moment.

Ribfest brings out the heat (and humidity) for both tasty treats and those in search of shelter! Our own celebrity judges: Richard (chicken), Steve (pulled pork) and Pat (ribs) can attest to the delicious quality and variety. Food Network, here they come!

Canada Day was by far the hottest, the busiest and the most political! Volunteers started before 11 and went through to 10pm, only closing up shop once the sun went down and there was no ability to count out change! The line at some points was over a block long, but teams kept entrants moving with a smile and a shout out for two dollars to Rotary. Those of us volunteering at the East Gate greeted three Toronto mayoral candidates, all of whom donated to the cause!

All in all, it was another successful and collaborative event. Not only are we able to raise funds for our worthy charities, but Ribfest serves as an excellent forum to raise awareness and interest about Rotary and the service in the community. And, its fun!



Fearless Leaders Richard White and Pat Neuman show the rest of the volunteers how it's done!



Ribfest volunteers horsing around at the East gate at the 2014 Toronto Ribfest.



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

**The Rotary Club of Toronto
66th Annual Golf Tournament**

on
Thursday, August 21, 2014

at the
Richmond Hill Golf Club

8755 Bathurst Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Register today

as singles, twosomes, threesomes,
foursomes and non-golfers.

Online at www.rotarytoronto.com or
Contact the Rotary Office at

416.363.0604



Net Proceeds go to the selected charity:

AboutFace, a Toronto based charity that supports youth with facial differences.

Our support will send ten to fifteen children
to AboutFace's Camp Trailblazers. www.aboutface.ca

**Upcoming
Speakers & Events**

July 2014

25 Shelley McIntyre, Counsel, Ministry of the Attorney
General, Office of the Children's Lawyer.
Topic: Youth: A Voice

August 2014

- 1 No Lunch Due to Holiday Weekend
- 8 To Be Determined
- 15 To Be Determined
- 29 No Lunch Due to Holiday Weekend

Events

Aug 21 - Rotary Golf Tournament

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

Program Committee

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Editor of the Week

Greg Vermeulen

Editor for July 25th, 2014

Don Bell

What You Missed Reporter for July 18

John Andras

Submit an article to the Voice Newsletter

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What You Missed July 11, 2014

- by Joseph Pochodyniak



On a beautiful Friday afternoon, Rotarians and guests kicked off a new Rotary Year at the National Club. Steve Smith gave his inaugural Throne Speech as Club President. After introducing the head table, President Steve turned the event over to Monitor Michele Guy, who introduced the visiting Rotarians and Guests while very slowly and very deliberately addressing Steve by his new title. It is unclear what Michele's confused [or coy] description of Steve's new title was related to but some say it might have been the wonderful lunch that was about to be served.

Speaking of the lunch it was completely clear why the National Club was awarded the 2014 Club of the Year award, so kudos to Bill Morari and company. Paul Westlake made a special announcement about the upcoming Rotary Golf Tournament, which takes place on August 21 at Richmond Hill Golf Club. There are still spaces available for the event so sign up quickly. The Early Bird prize winner was Karl Kremer.

President Steve then took to the podium for his first speech. He began by acknowledging past presidents and achievements, and then anchored his remarks by describing the business of Rotary. The business of Rotary is Mankind. President Steve cited the importance of new membership growth and how it was not growing fast enough to offset attrition. President Steve said that Social Media and the Club's Key Strategic drivers are important tools we must leverage in order to be successful at growing the club's membership. New membership is the future of our club and President Steve suggested that we must all do our part to drive membership higher. President Steve also discussed the importance of the Club's Foundation, which funds philanthropic activities and is itself funded by fundraising activities and growth in the investment pool and thanked the prudent stewardship of Susan Howson. The Ace of Clubs Draw was won by Pamela Libby and President Steve adjourned his first meeting.

Rotary Voice Needs You!

- by John Suk



Rotary is many things—our Friday meetings, for example. Through our foundation we also offer support to many local and international charitable causes. There are social events. And, of course, the four-way test guides what we think, say or do even when we're not with Rotary friends.

Oh, and there are Rotary Committees that get the work done. They're all interesting, but right now the Voice Committee is in need of a few new members (we'll even take older ones!) willing to help publish our beloved weekly newsletter. We meet monthly, on the first Friday of the month, after our lunch meeting. Committee members take turns—once every six to eight weeks—compiling the articles we've received, making sure everything we need is there, and then passing them off to one of our editors. If writing or editing is your thing, we could use your help too!

Contact Voice co-editor John Suk at johnduk@mac.com if you would like to explore this committee opportunity!



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