



Today's Speaker

John Tory, Candidate for Mayor of Toronto

Location

Upper Canada Room,
Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Many know John most recently as the radio host of "Live Drive with John Tory," but his first experience with City Hall dates back to the early 1970s when he was a member of the City Hall

Press Gallery as a reporter, interviewer and newscaster for two local radio stations. He has also served in public office as a member of Provincial Parliament, Leader of the Ontario PC party, and Leader of the Official Opposition at Queen's Park.

In 2012, John was appointed by the Ontario Liberal government to chair a special panel that outlined recommendations for revitalizing Ontario Place on Toronto's waterfront. John is also a founding member of and former chair of the Greater Toronto CivicAction Alliance. Through CivicAction, John has brought together people from all corners of Toronto to champion solutions to the city's most challenging issues. John was recently awarded the Order of Ontario for being a "consummate champion of the Greater Toronto Region."

John's community involvement includes his volunteer work with Canadian Paraplegic Association, Crimestoppers, St. Michaels Hospital, Toronto Association for Community Living, the United Way and the Woman's Legal Education & Action Fund.

He and his wife Barb have been married since 1978, have raised four children and are proud grandparents.

Annual Youth Day Civic Leadership Award Friday, June 20, 2014 at the National Club

Mark your calendars now as this is an event not to be missed. It reminds us how much future we have with so many fantastic youth in our community.



2013 Youth Day Committee with past and present members

Rotaractors Play an Integral Role in the Youth Civic Leadership Awards

Members of the Rotaract Club of Toronto continue to play an integral role in implementing and reviewing the Youth Civic Leadership Awards. This year was no different, as a large contingent of Rotaractors descended upon the Strathbridge boardroom to sift through over 100 applications! We are always amazed and impressed with the quality of the applications that come in. We also thoroughly enjoy working with Rotarians to review the applications and choose the winners. This partnership between our two clubs is one that Rotaractors value greatly, and look forward to continuing over the years to come.

Richard's Roast

Our Rotary year is fast coming to a close and that means President Richard will be stepping down very soon.

Join your fellow members in a fun-filled casual gathering where we can celebrate Richard's year. As many of you know, this is a time-honoured tradition in our Club and we welcome our fellow Rotarians and guests to attend.

Come and enjoy the tasty appetizers and the great atmosphere as we relive the highlights of Richard's year. A cash bar with wine, a full bar and a variety of local brews will be featured.

Register with the Rotary Office at 416-363-0604 or at office@rotarytoronto.on.ca by Friday, June 13th so we can make sure there is enough food for everyone.

DATE: Wednesday, June 18, 2014
VENUE: Jack Astor's Bar & Grill,
123 Front Street West at University Avenue
TIME: 5:00 pm to...whenever
ATTIRE: Your choice
COST: \$30.00 per person

See you all there!



Centennial Project Report on Emily's House

– by Jennifer Kroezen, Director of Development



Emily's House opened its doors in July 2013, as Toronto's first children's hospice and the sixth in Canada, with thanks to The Rotary Club of Toronto. The \$100,000 Centennial Grant was designated to the Perinatal Program, including two neonatal portable warming beds, monitors, and a legacy cart.

The neonatal equipment supports newborns, or babies in their first year of life, who may require end-of-life or respite care. Because the units are portable, any of the ten rooms in Emily's House's home-like environment can be converted to accommodate the urgent care needs of a neonatal admission. Thanks to The Rotary Club of Toronto, Emily's House was equipped to receive their first newborn admission when he was seven days old.

One of the youngest admissions to date, Baby Stephanie, arrived at two months of age. When she was released from hospital, she was not ready to go home. Her inoperable heart condition meant complex medical care needs, and demands her first-time parents were not prepared for. Her dad works two jobs and long hours. Without Emily's House, her mom would be home alone and struggling. As it is, Stephanie celebrated her eight-month birthday at Emily's House – cared for by her mom, and a medical / palliative care support team. "We celebrate her birthday every month, because, for us, it's a miracle that she's still alive," said her mother. "It's a great experience that we are here. It's amazing."



Similarly, Emily's House nurses are recognizing that legacy work is a cornerstone of pediatric palliative care. One wrote: "I had the opportunity of working with the legacy cart and bringing a lasting memory for a family whose child was in her last days of life. The family had heard about making hand and feet molds and wanted to do impressions of their child so that they could have the mold of her hands and feet forever. The legacy cart plays a huge role in making these moments and keepsakes for families who are going through a death of a child. It is a piece of their child that they can keep, and they are so grateful that we are able to offer this experience and keepsake for them."

Rauni Salminen, Executive Director, Emily's House, a project of the Philip Aziz Centre for hospice care, reports: "We have made amazing strides toward achieving our goal to make Toronto's first pediatric hospice, a center of excellence where patients and families receive the best care and support possible. To date, we have welcomed over 120 admissions through the doors of Emily's House, and expect to serve over 400 families in our first year."

With thanks to The Rotary Club of Toronto, Emily's House aims to meet increased need for neonatal care in the months ahead as the referral network grows, and more stories of support, compassion and care are shared. The Rotary Club of Toronto Perinatal Program is making an ongoing impact that supports children, families, nurses, and caregivers in such a meaningful way.



"I met baby Stephanie, as a volunteer helping out a few hours a week. Each week I look forward to cuddling with her, reading to her, soothing her while she cries. I came into the situation knowing that Stephanie would likely have a short life, and make an effort to be present with her in the moment."

Emily's House opened its doors in July 2013, as Toronto's first children's hospice, complete with neonatal birthing warmers and monitors to support two newborns, or babies in their first year of life, who may require end-of-life or respite care, with thanks to The Rotary Club of Toronto.

RIBFEST Volunteers Needed

This year's Ribfest is still looking for volunteers: June 28th to July 1st.

For EVERY HOUR someone volunteers to work the entrance program, you generate more than \$200 net funds to local charities supported by Rotary. Last year, our efforts brought in \$130,000 !!!!

Contact Shannon Lundquist ASAP at shannon.lundquist@accenture.com to participate in this major Rotary event.

Inaugural Bike Rally Challenge Saturday, June 14th, 2014 In Support Of Lake Scugog

Rotary Club of Toronto, Friends and Family,

Co-chairs, Geoffrey Johnson and Bill Morari invite you to join them in a BIKE RALLY on Saturday, June 14th. Participants will be riding from Rouge River to Lake Scugog Camp. Riders will depart at 8:00 am from the Rouge Hill Go Station (north parking lot), and need from 3 to 5 hours to complete the distance. Funds raised will go to improve the facilities and more importantly help send underprivileged children, youth and mothers affected by poverty to camp. There are forms to sponsor on the tables or contact Bill Morari (morari@thenationalclub.com). To sponsor a team or individual, please click link: **Lake Scugog Camp Bike Rally.**

<https://sna.etapestry.com/fundraiser/LakeScugogCamp/bikerally/>





OUR ROTARACT CLUBS AT WORK!

—by Agustin Dominguez



Club update: Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto

This year the U of T Rotaract club has expanded its professional development efforts considerably. From members of multinationals like Procter & Gamble and IBM to networking experts and conference planners, there was no shortage of terrific and insightful guest speakers at club meetings. In February the club hosted a career panel with members of Toronto Skyline Rotary and Toronto Rotaract. Students were able to learn about different career paths and receive practical advice on the job application process.

On the international service side, the U of T Rotaract Club has continued to support microfinance this year. “A Night for FINCA” was a club night fundraiser held in March for the microfinance charity FINCA Canada. With a night of socializing and dancing at the Brunswick House, the club raised \$600 in ticket sales and donations towards village banking initiatives around the world.

U of T Rotaract’s community service theme this year was food security. Guest speakers from food security charities such as Meal Exchange visited the club to raise awareness about current issues in Toronto. After learning about these issues, the club volunteered alongside Toronto Rotaract at Trick or Eat, collecting donations of canned goods while dressed in Halloween costumes.

In continued support of food security, U of T Rotaract hosted “February Rendezvous,” the club’s first ever speed-dating fundraiser. A total of \$100 was raised towards Blessings in a Backpack, enough to support one schoolchild for a year with food to take home on weekends.

Club members also volunteered at annual events such as Rotary Toronto’s Children’s Christmas Party, Rotary Toronto West’s Youth Impact Awards Gala, and more.



“A night for FINCA” fundraiser in March at The Brunswick House

The Environmental Sub-Committee of the Rotary Club of Toronto Is Proud to Be Organizing a “Recycle Your Electronics” Event

WHEN: Saturday June 21st, 8am until 3pm.

WHERE: Metropolitan United Church Parking Lot – 56 Queen St. E. (The parking lot on the west side of the church is entered from Bond Street.)

WHAT: Bring your old electronics (eg. TV’s, stereos, computers, cell phones, printers etc.) for recycling. For a full list of what is accepted, please visit www.recycleyourelectronics.ca

WHO: Anybody and everybody. Tell your friends, neighbours, enemies, co-workers and family.

WHY: Not only will you be ensuring that these old items are being recycled properly instead of ending up in landfills, you’ll also be helping The Rotary Club of Toronto. For every ton of used electronics, we receive \$185 to help fund our environmental initiatives.

Take a look in the darkest recesses of your basement and closets for those Commodore 64’s, iPhone 4’s and other electronic relics of a bygone era and drop them off on June 21st.

We’re also looking for volunteers to help out at the event. If you’re able to lend a hand or if you know of any high school students in need of volunteer hours, contact John Farrell at john.farrell@scotiamcleod.com.

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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?

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

June 2014

- 20 Youth Day – Youth Civic Leadership Awards
- 27 No Lunch – Canada Day Long Weekend

July 2014

- 4 Changeover Meeting, National Club
- 11 Steve Smith - Throne Speech
- 18 Brian Thompson – Rotary 7070 District Governor

Events

- June 18 – Seniors Picnic 11:30 am
 – Richard’s Roast 5:00 pm
- June 27-July 1 – Toronto Ribfest
- August 12 – Argos Scholarship game
- August 21 – 66th Golf Tournament

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

Program Committee

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What You Missed, June 6th 2014

– by John Farrell



It was a beautiful day for Rotary and a busy one with a number of visiting Rotarians and Guests creating a great atmosphere in the Upper Canada Room of the Royal York. Interspersed within the room were a number of Rotaractors who were there to pick the brains of our members with respect to their chosen professions. Hopefully they left with more than a few pearls of wisdom. President Richard had the pleasure of introducing two new members, Andrea Vabalis and Rachel Burnbury.

Rewarding. Inspiring. Service. Fellowship. Unforgettable. Karl Kremer gave a great recount of his experience at Camp Scugog as a new member. As expected there was a lot of work done, a lot of good food and perhaps a little bit of fun. He made a special note of all those who helped organize the weekend, especially Susan Howson and Bill Morari. Karl also told everyone to book May 22-24, 2015 in their calendars for what will be another exciting Camp weekend.

Mathew Harrison had everyone looking in their calendars again for August 21st, the Club's 66th Annual Golf Tournament at the Richmond Hill Golf Course. There's a full slate of activities, with some golf wedged in as well. Even non-golfers are welcome and are ensured a great day out.

Next weekend on June 14th, a number of brave souls will be setting out from the Rouge Hill Go Station to cycle 60 kms to Camp Scugog. Funds raised will go to improve the facilities and more importantly to help send underprivileged children and their mothers to camp. Geoffrey Johnson has also graciously offered to "Butt'r your Butt" prior to leaving Rouge Hill Go Station. Whatever that means.

Canada Day weekend will also be a busy weekend for our club as Ribfest is once again upon us. Shannon Lundquist took to the podium to look for volunteers for the weekend



Geoffrey Johnson's "Butt'r your Butt" ointment.

festivities. She's looking for Rotarians, family, friends and anyone who can say "Rotary" to come out and help volunteer at this great fundraising event. Expect a phone call from her or for her to show up on your doorstep with sign-up sheets.

Chris Snyder introduced our guest speaker, J.P. Gladu, who is the CEO of Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business. The passion he has for his community and his culture was on full display. He made a point to highlight the fact that within the First Nation community there are a huge number of businesses and professionals that are as competitive and competent as those found anywhere else in Canada. Even with these major successes, there are any number of challenges facing First Nations. Whether it's being caught in the middle of a game of ping pong between the Federal and Provincial Governments, or the lack of resources and necessities needed to improve their station in life, what J.P. is certain of, is that even in the face of these challenges, the First Nations are making great strides in partnering and forging long-lasting relationships with Corporate Canada.

There were two Ace of Clubs draws today, with Susan Howson winning Blue Jays tickets, and Saleem Kassum taking home the wine.

Congratulations to Club Member Hans Schafer who celebrates his 99th birthday on June 18!



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