

Today's Programme

Dr. Glen Bandiera

Topic

St. Michael's Hospital Honours The Rotary Club of Toronto

Location

The Fairmont Royal York, Upper Canada Room



Dr. Bandiera is Chief of Emergency Medicine at St. Michael's Hospital and Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education, at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Bandiera also has degrees in Engineering from the University of Waterloo (BASC), Medicine from McMaster University (MD) and Education from OISE/U of T (MED). He undertook an emergency medicine residency with subspecialty training in trauma resuscitation at McMaster University, followed by 10 years as a staff emergency physician and trauma team leader at St. Michael's.

His academic interests are in faculty development, curriculum planning and assessment, and he has published widely in these areas. Dr. Bandiera is currently the Chair of the Accreditation Committee of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada which is responsible for setting and monitoring the standards for residency programs in 67 specialties across Canada.

He is an associate professor at the University of Toronto and the past president of the Canadian Association for Medical Education.



Scugog Camp

Our fun weekend at Lake Scugog Camp is only a few weeks away. If you haven't already signed up, what are you waiting for! The Saturday dinner alone is worth the registration fee.

If you can't attend the whole weekend, why not drive up early Saturday morning for the day, and stay for dinner? Regrettably, you would then miss Jimmy's famous ribs & steaks served Friday night.

CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

- by Kevin Power



As you probably know, Lake Scugog Camp is quite unique as it has a "Moms & Kids" Camp session in July and August. But would you believe that some of these families arrive with very little clothing? You may have already read that some of these Moms & Kids are visiting from Shelters with only the clothes on their backs.

Pat Neuman, Jane FitzGerald and Lorraine Lloyd will be sorting clothing, shoes and accessories on Saturday, May 24. Since the Lake Scugog Camp gives Moms & Kids clothing to take home throughout the summer, these supplies deplete rapidly. Therefore, we're looking for donations of:

Anything for kids. Especially helpful are sweatshirts, sweaters, and track pants in children, youth and adult sizes. It is easier to fit larger clothes on children than tight smaller items.

Ladies' Clothing. We need it all! Donate tees, blouses, jeans or slacks, dresses, blazers, jackets, belts, tops, and shoes. Carol Rhynus says, "even bathing suits."

Good condition clothing only please! We're not looking for "throw away" clothing that can only be worn once or twice but rather decent items that children can enjoy for a whole season and maybe pass on to a brother or sister.

If you'd rather donate cash, we'll use it for **socks and underwear**. If you want a tax receipt make sure to let Belli, Lorraine or Pat know. The Camp will issue tax receipts.

Don't hesitate to drop off a bag or two of clothing at the Rotary office for us to take to Camp.

Final drop off date at Rotary Office is WED., MAY 21 by NOON.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TORONTO: URBAN ANGEL

– by Past President Robert O'Brien 1998-1999

Seventeen years ago The Rotary Club of Toronto listened to its inner angels and developed a remarkable partnership with St. Michael's Hospital as part of the Club's mission to improve the urban community and provide people with hope and dignity. The story of the Rotary Club of Toronto Transition Centre officially began in the Hospital's historic wood-panelled Board Room at an extraordinary meeting on May 22, 1997. The meeting was attended by then outgoing President Michael Morgan, incoming President Bob Rutherford, President Elect Robert O'Brien, Gerry Nudds, Lloyd Barbara and Don Hillhouse together with St. Mike's President Jeff Lozon, Urban Angel campaign chairman John Tory and VP of Development Alayne Metrick.



President of St Mike's Hospital Jeff Lozon, PP Robert O'Brien, Foundation supporter and Alayne Metrick, President of St Michael's Foundation



Past President Robert O'Brien (1998-1999), Patricia Patrycn (SMH Foundation) and Past President Michael Morgan (1996-1997). Taken October 29, 1997 on launch of project

This core group discussed how the Club could advance its work in the community following the successful launch of the Rotary Club of Toronto Health Bus at Sherbourne Health Centre, in September 1996. From those early discussions the idea of another landmark signature project was developed: The Rotary Club of Toronto Transition Centre. The Transition Centre was to be constructed next to the Hospital's emergency area. Homeless people could find refuge there for up to eighteen hours after treatment, take a shower, and consult with medical staff.

The Club donated \$500,000.00 over a three-year period to fund the construction of this special centre. In 1997 there was a void between medical care and social services and the Transition Centre was intended as a bridge between them. At the time 17% of those treated in emergency were homeless and upon discharge from emergency they had no recourse except to return to the streets.



Exterior of St. Michael's Hospital on the day of the launch October 29, 1997

On October 29, 1997, following the Board's full investigation and due diligence and approval by the Club and Foundation Boards the project was officially announced. More than 200 people, including media, gathered in the foyer of St. Michael's Hospital for the announcement. It was decorated with starlight, angel hair on every seat, as well as heavenly music and bells in the background. Robert O'Brien, representing the Club, was presented with full-size angel wings. The event was covered on the front page of the Greater Toronto section of the Toronto Star, and the Club was hailed as full of angels.

During the next two years members of our club, including Peter Love, oversaw the details of construction. The Club was visited and addressed by John Tory; Dr Philip Berger, Chief of Family and Community Medicine; Jeff Lozon; Mayor Mel Lastman; and Rob Fox, now Vice President and Chief Planning Officer at St. Michaels, who joined our Club in 1998. On Wednesday December 1, 1999, the new facility was officially opened with a ceremony attended by the Mayor punching through a large mural replica of the facility's entranceway—a symbol of breaking barriers. At the ceremony final payment was presented by Club President Gerry Nudds and Foundation President Tony Houghton.

The Transition Centre offers its users a common rest area, four beds, kitchen facilities, shower and laundry facilities, access to a telephone and private space for consultation with care providers from community agencies. After its opening fifteen years ago the Centre was recognized as unique in Canada and North America in breaking barriers for homeless.

On March 1, 2013 during our Centennial Year, Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka was given a personal tour of the Rotary Club of Toronto and met with the President of St Michael's Hospital in the same historic panelled room where it all began sixteen years earlier. President Neil Phillips, Past President Robert O'Brien, John Lloyd, Nick Larter, Rob Fox and old Hospital friends Alayne Metrick and James O'Neill were all present. President Tanaka was deeply impressed and moved by what he saw and heard. He asked who paid for the Centre and for ongoing care for the homeless. Tanaka was told that the homeless paid nothing, that the capital for the building came from Rotary and that the ongoing funding for the Centre came from the Canadian government. In response, he remarked with a sense of wonderment on how generous Canadians are. Where there is a need in the community Canadians and Rotary have a long tradition of caring and meeting those needs. Such is the essence of being urban angels in the City of Toronto.



THE NEW ROTARY TRANSITION CENTRE

– by President Richard White



St Michael's Hospital is a recognized leader in emergency care in Ontario. There are over 200,000 patients and visitors using their services and programs annually. Over 70,000 patient visits occur in a space built for 45,000 and this number is growing by 10% each year. With increased patient numbers and aging facilities, the Emergency Department needs to be revitalized.

The St. Michael's Emergency Department is the busiest of the downtown academic hospitals. It is a Core Regional Trauma Centre which treats cases arriving by ambulance and helicopter from all over the province. The Geriatric Emergency Medicine program was developed to allow seniors to receive specialized care and support from a dedicated nurse practitioner. The Emergency Department is a designated regional stroke centre and spearheads a program where patients are treated within 60 minutes with a clot-busting drug to maximize their odds for recovery. Using their heart attack protocol (Code STEMI), a team assesses and treats patients within minutes of arriving in Emergency.



RI President Tanaka, President Neil and Club member Rob Fox at St. Michael's RCT Transition Centre

Approximately 20% of emergency visits are by those with no fixed address. The existing Rotary Transition Centre is a unique facility that gives homeless patients a place to recuperate and connect with a social worker. They receive support with next steps and discharge planning. This means that they are less likely to end up back in Emergency and this ultimately reduces health care costs.

St. Michael's Hospital will be constructing a new patient care tower at the corner of Queen and Victoria Streets. As part of this project, a new Emergency Department will be built which will be double the size of the existing facility to handle the ever increasing volume of patients. The design will be changed to increase efficiency, safety, privacy and patient comfort. Technology will be upgraded to permit diagnostic imaging in real time and will include a CT scanner and an ultrasound facility. There will also be a dedicated space for those with mental health issues and families of the critically ill.

As an integral and necessary part of the new Emergency Department, a new Rotary Transition Center will be built so that St. Michael's Hospital can continue to give the best possible emergency care to the homeless and disadvantaged in our city.

The Rotary Club of Toronto and the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation have approved funding of \$550,000 from our Foundation to build the new Rotary Transition Centre. The funds will be paid in three installments over several years, during the construction of the new Emergency Department. This project will get started in 2015 and is not expected to be finished until 2020.

The Club has been very proud of the original Rotary Transition Centre. The Club and the Foundation are very pleased to support the rebirth of the Rotary Transition Centre.

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4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

May 2014

- 16 No Meeting
- 23 Camp Scugog Fellowship Lunch
- 30 Argos/Rotary Scholarship Meeting

June 2014

- 6 J. P. Gladu, CEO, Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business
- 13 John Tory, Candidate for Mayor of Toronto
- 20 Youth Day
- 27 Canada Day, no meeting

Events

- May 13 RCT Youth Expo
- May 23-25 Camp Scugog
- Jun 28-Jul 1 Rib-Fest

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

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The Rotary Club of Toronto

RCT Youth Expo 2014 – Call for Volunteers

“The Leader in You!” is our 2nd annual RCT Youth Expo taking place on Tuesday May 13, 2014. The Expo features keynotes by Canadian role models, workshops, plenary sessions and information booths that feature non-profit organizations with a mandate to engage and inspire GTA youth. Over 200 grade 7 to 10 students are expected to be in attendance.

Volunteers Needed! Contact Prince.Kumar@stranexus.com / Nikitaw0156@gmail.com
Shift 1: 9 am to 12 noon (Grade 7 & 8 students)
Shift 2: 12:15 to 3:15 pm (Grade 9 & 10 students)
 Instructions and roles will be provided the day of
Venue: OISE Building, University of Toronto (252 Bloor St. W. Toronto)

Please support us at the Youth Expo with your time and/or donate lunch tickets to sponsor a youth/guest for lunch on June 20th. Lunch ticket donations can go to Prince Kumar, Jeff Dobson, Binoy Luckoo, Don Brooks or Pat Neuman. Thank You from the Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto, Rotaract Club of Toronto and The Rotary Club of Toronto - Youth and Children Services Committee.

Welcome New Member Andrew Mercer



Andrew grew up in Waterloo prior to attending Queen’s University to study political science and then Dalhousie University to study law. After graduating, Andrew took a position at a large law firm, working on a variety of large corporate and litigation matters. He currently works at a mid-size litigation boutique, where he specializes in corporate litigation and insurance coverage disputes.

In addition to working in a law firm, Andrew has also worked in the legal departments of Ontario Power Generation and the Canadian Cancer Society. He has volunteered at the Dalhousie Legal Aid Clinic, Kingston Youth Shelter, Covenant House, Spencer House Seniors’ Centre, and the Canadian Cancer Society.

Outside of his work, Andrew enjoys golfing, tennis, cross country skiing, and travelling. He also plays the guitar and enjoys listening to music.

What you Missed on Friday May 2, 2014

– by Joe Pochodyniak



Over a delightful Pickerel lunch members and guests joined in fellowship at the Imperial Room of the Royal York Hotel to hear Retired Major General Richard Rohmer provide

his perspective on the upcoming 70th anniversary of D-Day. Joining General Rohmer at the head table were several familiar faces from our club and the General’s daughter, popular Toronto media personality Ann Rohmer. Bert Steenburg introduced the day’s four visiting Rotarians and five guests, and new member Andrew Mercer was formally welcomed into the club.

Prior to beginning his formal remarks, Robert O’Brien introduced General Rohmer to the assembly. He noted that the General has managed to accomplish in his lifetime what many others might take three lifetimes to achieve. General Rohmer began by speaking about the upcoming D-Day celebrations. On June 6, 1944 Operation Overlord, also known as

the Battle of Normandy, began. General Rohmer’s responsibility during the battle was to support the Army in his Mustang aircraft, a photo of which he displayed as part of the presentation. The General then displayed a number of strategic maps that helped him describe the progress of the battle including its conclusion on August 20, 1944. General Rohmer is credited for having spotted and arranged for an attack on Field Marshall General Erwin Rommel following the battle. General Rohmer also commented on a colourful encounter he had with US General “Blood and Guts” Patton. General Rohmer noted that the number of veterans attending D-Day Celebrations is drawing to an end, rapidly. In 2004, 360 veterans attended celebrations while it is anticipated that only 180 veterans will attend this year’s celebrations. It was obvious that overwhelming respect and admiration filled the room as General Rohmer completed his remarks.

In closing off the day, President Richard oversaw the Ace of Clubs Draw. The wine was won by Jay Littlejohn.

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