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Today's Program

Corey Keeble, Retired Curator, ROM

Topic

The Romance of Castles

Location

The Upper Canada Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Corey was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and is a graduate of the University of Winnipeg. In 1967, he went to England to begin postgraduate studies in art history. On completion of his postgraduate studies, Corey joined The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) curatorial staff working for the European Department. Corey is a recognized authority on the history of Renaissance and Baroque bronze sculpture and European arms and armour. His interests include Medieval sculpture, Gothic and Gothic Revival architecture, Medieval and Modern stained glass, the Russian Orthodox Church, icons, Judaica, and ships (he is a well-known lecturer on the Titanic) as well as firefighting apparatuses. He is a frequent speaker at Toronto

churches and synagogues on subjects ranging from liturgical art to stained glass. Corey has written numerous catalogues and articles, and has been a regular contributor to numerous publications. He is currently working on publications about gunlocks, stained glass, Winnipeg architecture, firefighting apparatuses, and crossbows.

An avid lecturer on Toronto architectural history — notably Gothic Revival church architecture — Corey has led many walking tours of Old Toronto for such organizations as the William Morris Society and the Canadian Society for Decorative Arts. His walking tours have included surveys of historic Toronto churches and synagogues, including the historic synagogues of the Kensington Market area. His Canadian art and architecture tours have included Kingston, Ottawa, Hamilton, and other Ontario towns and cities. In recent years he has become equally well-known for his architectural walking tours of New York City and for similar tours of other American cities.

As a ROM curator, Corey has served as a resource person and guide on numerous ROM travel tours to Europe. He is also a keen photographer, recording many of his travels. Today Corey will inform and entertain us on the subject of "The Romance of Castles." This is a brief and cheerfully illustrated history of European and some other castles Medieval to Modern, with a focus on engineering and architectural development from the 11th to the 16th century. Today one's home may be his/her castle, but in the Middle Ages one's castle was one's home!

Nominations Committee Report

The Nominations Committee presents the names of four Directors and a Vice-President whose terms will commence in the 2014-15 Rotary year:

Directors:

Ross Amos
James Hunter
Dina Rashid
Peter Simmie

Vice-President 2014-15, to serve as Club President 2016-17:

Susan Hunter

Formal ratification will occur by vote during the Club's Annual General Meeting November 22.

Neil Phillips
Chair – Nominations Committee

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting for the purpose of electing a Vice President and four Directors for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2014; a Treasurer for the year 2014-2015 year; the approval of the audited Financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2013; and the election of Auditors will be held during the regular lunch meeting on Friday, November 22, 2013.

The Club's Financial Statements will be available for pick up at the attendance desk on Friday, November 22, 2013.

We Welcome Three New Members to Our Club



Luzita Kennedy

Born in South Africa to parents of Portuguese descent, Luzita reads, writes and speaks Portuguese. She has three sisters and is the chief of the tribe. Two of her sisters live in South Africa and the other in the UK.

Luzita's path through life has been an interesting one. When she finished school,

she decided to help her father in his business and before she knew it, seven years had gone by. Itching to do something different, she moved to Mozambique after its civil war, where she worked as a volunteer for two years.

Begrudgingly, she returned home to help out with family matters. She went back to school, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 2001. Seconded to Toronto about two years later (which turned into a permanent move), Luzita is now a Real Estate Partner at KPMG. She is blessed with a supportive husband, Grant (also from South Africa), and

a beautiful eight-year-old daughter, Emma, who was born in Canada.

Luzita is member of the board of YES Youth Employment Services, founded by our club in 1968. In her spare time, Luzita is a yoga instructor and volunteers in the community. She sees Rotary as a wonderful way to connect further with the community and to give back in a meaningful way.



Jennifer Whincup

Born in Toronto, Jennifer Whincup grew up in Richmond Hill, Ontario. After earning both Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees from Queen's University, she went on to gain her Master of Arts at Carleton University. She then completed her first year of law school at the University of Cincinnati, Faculty of Law, in Cincinnati, Ohio before receiving her J.D. from the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, in 2010.

An associate at Davis LLP, a national full-service law firm, Jennifer practices in the area of civil litigation, working with senior counsel representing clients in matters involving contractual disputes, cost recovery, injunctive relief, defamation, and shareholder disputes, with a particular emphasis on complex fraud investigation and resulting litigation.

Among the topics on which she has blogged or written articles are lessons that can be learned from the decision acquitting former Nortel executives of fraud, fraud and white collar crime in the Biotech and Pharmaceutical industries, what franchisers should

know about online defamation and other cyber perils, complying with the Hague Service Convention, and Pierringer Agreements, which allows one or more defendants in a multi-party proceeding to settle with the plaintiff by segregating their liability, leaving the remaining defendants to continue to defend against the remainder of the liability.

In her spare time, Jennifer enjoys good food, good wine, travel, and golf, all of which guarantee that she will fit right into the Rotary fellowship.



Sean Weaser

Sean is a wealth advisor with ScotiaMcLeod in downtown Toronto. After graduating from the University of Guelph and spending two years travelling, Sean entered the investment industry, working for several large investment firms. He joined a boutique investment firm in 2007 that was subsequently acquired by the Bank of Nova Scotia in 2010 and has remained there since. Sean

focuses primarily on providing wealth management and financial planning advice to professionals, executives and entrepreneurs as well as those currently enjoying retirement. Outside of his professional career, Sean sits on the Alumni Steering Committee for his childhood camp, YMCA camp Kitchi. After a decade of working in the industry, he believes passionately in the value of camping and looks forward to adopting Lake Scugog Camp after next year's volunteer weekend. He was introduced to the Rotary Club through his father-in-law, who is a current Rotarian in St. John's Newfoundland and was subsequently drawn to the friendly

people and fellowship he witnessed at one of last year's Rotary wine tasting events (he is adamant that the wine had little bearing on the friendly atmosphere!).

Sean grew up in Oakville and has subsequently moved back there with his wife Anna and his daughter Elise. Together they are passionate about tennis, squash, skiing and spending time with their families in the outdoors of Northern Ontario and Northern Newfoundland. Sean looks forward to contributing to Rotary's mission as a new member of the club.



Help Us Sell Charity Tickets at the Argos Game!

It's CFL playoff time! Join us at the Toronto Argonauts Eastern division playoff game on November 17. We need your help to sell 20,000 50/50 tickets at the game!

Canadian Safe School Network and Children's Peace Theatre are the designated charities. They will also be providing volunteers to sell tickets. Volunteers will need to sell about 18 tickets each.

Come and join the fun! We sell the tickets until the end of half time. After that, we cheer our team on to a berth to the Grey Cup game. Please be at the Rogers Centre Gate 9A to check in.

The game should go from about 11 am to 3 pm. Email Lorraine Lloyd at lnelson@corfinance.ca to let us know you can help. See you on November 17th at the game!!

Pat Neuman, Chair YCS.

The Fellowship and Entertainment Committee Invites You

If you love sushi as I love sushi . . . join us for the Japanese Dinner party on November 20

The word "sushi" might just be the most-traveled word in Japanese. All around the world, Japanese cuisine is appreciated, respected and most of all, enjoyed.

Japanese eating rituals and habits are also part of this unique heritage. Special tableware and utensils are extensive and the hospitality and manners of a shared meal remain special. The visual presentation of food is an art form with great attention paid to even the smallest mouth-watering details. A Japanese meal is much more than just eating; it's socializing and communicating. Join us for a wonderful dinner and socializing on Wednesday, November 20, at one of Toronto's best and well-established Japanese restaurants, Nami (meaning Waves in English).

Japanese Dinner

Wednesday, November 20, 2013,
at 6:30 p.m.

NAMI Japanese Seafood Restaurant
55 Adelaide Street East, Toronto

Rotaract Club of Toronto Growing Rapidly Thanks to Social Media – by Eric Muller



The Rotaract Club of Toronto has seen its membership grow significantly over the past several months, thanks in large part to its wide-reaching presence on a variety of online social media channels.

The Club is now over 40 members strong, and almost always has new prospective members visiting at each of its meetings!

The Rotaract Club of Toronto is actively involved in a number of social media channels, including:

Facebook:

[Rotaract Club of Toronto](#)

Twitter:

[@torotaract](#)

Instagram:

[torotaract](#)

YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/torotaract>

WordPress:

Subscribe to our blog updates at
<http://torontotoract.com/>

This wide online social presence has helped the Club expand its membership, as well as make many new connections with Rotaract Clubs around the world. The Rotaract Club of Toronto encourages Rotarians to 'like', 'follow', and 'subscribe' to our various social media channels to see the great things we are doing!

The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

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President: Richard White
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Vice President: David Hetherington
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What You Missed Reporter for November 15:

Matthew Harrison

The Four-way test of the things we think, say, or do

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

November 2013

- 22 Foundation Event
- 29 Debra Carew, Operations Director, Trauma, Emergency & Critical Care
- 30 Children's Christmas Party

December 2013

- 13 Seniors' Christmas Party
- 20 Christmas Party

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

Program Committee

peter.simmie@bristolgate.com



What You Missed, November 8, 2013

- by Joseph Pochodynaiak



Remembrance Day is observed in Commonwealth countries around the world each Novemberto honor members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the line of duty. Many countries outside of The Commonwealth also observe Remembrance Day. In Canada, Remembrance Day honors those who served in Canada's armed conflicts. This past Friday Rotarians, guests and members of the Canadian Armed Forces assembled at the Confederation Room of the Royal York Hotel to pay a special tribute to our nation's fallen. A piper from the 32 Service Battalion Pipes and Drums began the luncheon with traditional military melody. President Richard then invited Jack Robertson to do the invocation. One of Jack's most powerful messages was to ensure that we pass on the tradition of Remembrance Day to our children and grandchildren so that we may keep the legacy alive. President

Richard then requested two minutes of silence followed by Reveille. Monitor Brian Westlake introduced visiting Rotarians and guests, and past President Neil announced recent nomination results for four Directors and our Vice President.

The four nominated directors: Ross Amos, James hunter, Dina Rashid and Peter Simmie. The nominee for VP in 2014 (and President for 2016-17) is to be Susan Hunter.

President Richard then asked Gerry Nudds to introduce Brig. General Fred Lewis.

General Lewis spoke about Afghanistan. He opened up by sharing a story about a Two-Star General who suggested that Afghanistan was not in fact a "real war." If there was one thing that became abundantly clear

to Rotarians and guests from General Lewis' presentation and remarks, it was that Afghanistan was absolutely a real war. Afghanistan was a combat mission for Canadian troops; it wasn't a peacekeeping mission. General Lewis outlined the challenges, success and failures in Afghanistan. The audience came away impressed by General Lewis' experiences in Afghanistan and dedication to his missions. Afghanistan was certainly a real war.

President Richard thanked General Lewis for his excellent presentation and made a donation in General Lewis' name to a Healthy Beginnings initiative that provides books to First Nations children.

The Ace of Clubs draw was won by Vlad Kagramanov. Vlad won the bottle of wine.

Wine Tasting

- by Dina Rashid



What an evening! It began by walking into the national club on a chilly evening to be welcomed by the scent of oak that swept the halls of the National club. The scent of oak led us to the third floor where a glass of Clos Du Soleil Rose welcomed you as soon as your coat was hung. The room was full of many new and familiar faces. President Richard White also graced us with his presence.

President-Elect Steve Smith and Past-President Neil Philips welcomed everyone to the cornucopia of cabernet. They described how the evening would progress and left it in the hands of Brian the sommelier at the National Club. There

were seven tastings, all Cabernet grapes from different regions of the world. The big hit was the extremely elegant Antinori Albis Cabernet 2003 from Chile. The Boxwood Estate Cabernet had limited takers – Virginia! Cabernets are much more enjoyable with food, and the National Club put on a very elegant spread for us: Chicken, short ribs, salads, root vegetables, and a perfect selection of cheeses accompanied by desserts. As the wine subsided the room filled with vociferous conversations amongst new and old friends.

Another wonderful evening put on by Steven Smith and Neil Philips! Thank you for all your hard work and



Neil shows us how its done

dedication to making it happen. How about a winter whiskey tasting? If anyone has any suggested wine-theme nights, please share your thoughts with Neil or Steve.

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