

## Today's Programme

Prof. Nelson Wiseman

### Topic

Canada's Election: Where We've Been and Where We're Going

### Host

Robert O'Brien,  
*Esteemed past president, 1998-99*

### Location

Fairmont Royal York, Upper Canada Room



Three days before election day on October 19, 2015, after one of the longest campaigns in Canadian history, we are pleased to welcome to Rotary Professor Nelson Wiseman to make sense of it all. Nelson Wiseman

is a Professor in the Department of Political Science and Director of the Canadian Studies Program at the University of Toronto. His most recent book is 'The Public Intellectual in Canada'. He has appeared as an invited witness at the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, the Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario and the House of Commons Procedure and House Affairs Committee. He authored an invited brief on Canada's fixed election date laws for the United Kingdom's House of Lords. He fields inquiries from various local, national and international media on Canadian politics and is a columnist for the Hill Times, Canada's politics and government news weekly. He is one of Canada's foremost experts in Canadian government, political parties and leaders and provincial politics as well as frequently providing commentary for several media outlets.

## World Polio Day Flag Raising

District 7070 is holding our End Polio Now flag raising as a sail raising (45' End Polio Now Sail) at the District Conference on Saturday, October 24th at 4:00pm outside the hotel after the pm breakout sessions.



*Korean Rotarian Seung Jin Kim and his sailboat Arapani*

**WE ARE THIS CLOSE!** India has been declared polio-free after three years with no new cases. Nigeria has had no new cases for one year and we hold our breath that this will continue. But the wild virus can live without a host for up to five years so inoculations continue. That leaves only Pakistan and Afghanistan with active cases. Rotary started the polio eradication push in 1986 and we will be there until the end.

## District 7070 Conference Let's Go! - Be the Change October 23-25, 2015 Westin Harbour Castle

Registration is still open for this annual event and it is a fabulous time to see how our club is part of a much larger Rotary family. Register on line at [www.rotary7070.org](http://www.rotary7070.org). Some people have said that they don't want to register for the full three days. There are other options. Start the registration process and you will be able to choose to attend Saturday or Sunday only with lunch for \$75 a day.



*Flag Raising 2012*

## Club Assembly - Wednesday, November 4, 2015 National Club, 5:30 pm

This is your event and an opportunity to be involved in creating the future direction of our club. Come, participate and learn. All for the price of one lunch ticket. See you there!

## A Walk into Toronto's Colonial Past

— by Bob Cartlidge



On Saturday, October 3 our walking tour led by historian Bruce Bell and capably organized by June Brown of our Fellowship and Entertainment Committee began at the St. Lawrence Market. We were enticed by the colour and bustling activity under the soaring steel and glass roof which resembled an old railroad station. Updated several times since its 1803 opening, in 2012 the St. Lawrence Market was named number one in the world by *National Geographic Magazine*, chiefly due to the depth and range of its offerings.

After meeting in nearby St. Lawrence Hall since 1834, the city founders moved into Toronto's first city hall (1845 to 1899) upstairs on this site whose council chamber was located in the present Market Gallery. We later visited the damp, cramped basement prisons, separate for men and women.

Across Front St. in Market Square is the site of the city's first well (when most people drank beer) and the public stockade where criminals were pelted with garbage on market days. Then on to a more elegant building, the 1850 St. Lawrence Hall, designed by William Thomas and restored as the city's 1967 centennial project by architect Eric Arthur. The hall became a key meeting place for the Abolitionist movement in 1851. Photographs and drawings of those who appeared over the years include Canada's first Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald, politician and *Toronto Globe* founder and editor George Brown and impresario P. T. Barnum who introduced opera star Jenny Lind.

In a small plaza off King St. East we encountered the statue of James Beaty (1798-1892) twice elected to Canada's first parliament. A reformer, hailed as a "friend of the working class", he was also the city's first independent theatre critic for his newspaper the *Toronto Leader* (1852). Previously, theatre owners expected favourable reviews in exchange for the ads they placed in the newspapers.

Our next site was Toronto's First Post Office (1833) at 260 Adelaide St. East, still a full-service agent of Canada Post operated by The Town of York Historical Society. We had the opportunity to write with a quill pen and blot our work with sand. For a fee, a page of cotton-rag paper and a seal and wax were also available. It was interesting to learn that in pioneer days writers wrote in two directions on each page to reduce weight and the expensive postage which the receiver of the letter paid. Local newspapers provided a list of mail to be collected each month after the stagecoach delivery.

On a topographic scale model of Toronto in 1837, at the back of the Post Office, one can identify landmarks such as the St. Lawrence Market, St. James Cathedral, wharfs from Front St. extending into the lake and the original location of Campbell House at the top of Frederick St, since relocated to University and Queen Streets.

Walking across St. James Park, we came across the statue of Robert Gourlay (1778-1863) whose writings triggered the Rebellion of 1837 against the controlling Family Compact. His eyes are riveted towards the remains of Bishop John Strachan, buried in the crypt of the nearby St. James Cathedral, the city's oldest Anglican church established in 1797.



Tour guide Bruce explains the fine points to the assembled walkers.

The Cathedral organist provided background music as we toured the newly restored St. George's Chapel and saw the spiral staircase used by hand bell ringers of the St. James Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers. In 1997 the set of twelve change ringing bells was recycled from England and are the only set in Canada. Filtered light shone through memorial stained glass windows given by some of Toronto's oldest families. Biblical themes dominated, but one window showed King John signing the Magna Carta and others featured symbols of British royalty and the breadth of the former Empire.

We said adieu to our well-informed guide and headed back to the St. Lawrence Market's outdoor patio to taste their famous and delicious peameal bacon sandwich. A suitable end to a memorable tour.

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## Senior Citizens Committee at Work

On October 8th 20 Rotarians working with the Second Mile Club delivered Thanksgiving meals to 150 inner city seniors, many of whom rarely leave their apartments. It is a very special opportunity we have to create this special moment for them. They will repeat this event on the Wednesday before Easter.



Jack Robertson, driver recruiter with Mary Lach, chair

## President's Cocktail Party

On October 7th many of us met with President David for an informal gathering at the National Club. This tradition was started last year by President Steve. It will continue on weeks where we are not having a Friday lunch. We got to enjoy Bill's delectables and mingle with good friends in a casual atmosphere. Thank you David.



Tony Potestio, Jayson Phelps and Andrea Tirone

## Rotary Recent Rarities

On September 19, 2015, Lot 410 of an auction of philatelic rarities sold at The Brampton Golf Club for \$345, not a bad price for a modern cover. It's a 1988 cover from Senior Active Member Roger Hatch to Rotary Club of Toronto. The reason it is rare is that a pair of imperforate



36-cent coil stamps, total of 72 cents postage was used to pay the required 37 cents postage. The stamps were supposed to have perforations at top and bottom but an error occurred and they were sold to the public as imperforates. Usually when this error occurs, 13 of the stamps in a roll of 100 might be imperforate. Today a strip of 13 mint imperforate 36 cent coils would catalogue about \$2,250.00. In 1988 our Executive Secretary was Alan McKanna, a renowned stamp collector who is rumoured to have made another great find when he worked elsewhere. I presume he noticed the rare cover and just tucked it in his collection, perhaps to be sold by his estate.

New York shoe designer and businessman Stuart Weitzman has recently been revealed as the owner of the world's most valuable stamp, the British Guiana 1-cent magenta previously owned by a deceased Dupont heir. It has just come out that he paid almost US\$9.5 million for this stamp. He also paid more than US\$4.8 million for the unique plate block of the inverted Jenny US airmail stamp.

RI President  
Ravi Ravindran

## The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

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### 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?

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### October

- 23 Andrea Cohen-Barrick, Trillium Foundation
- 30 Bruce Bell, Toronto Historical Sites

### November

- 6 John Plumpton, Remembering the Great War
- 13 Antoni Cimolina, Artistic Director, Stratford Festival
- 20 Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lt.-Gov. of Ontario
- 27 First Nations Grand Chief Bellegarde

### Events

#### October

- 23-25 District Conference, including Polio flag raising.

#### November

- 4 Club Assembly

### Propose a Speaker – Contact

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First Nations National Chief  
Perry Bellegarde

## The Rotary Club of Toronto

is honoured to host Assembly of  
**First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde**

**November 27, 2015 @ 12:00-1:30 p.m.**  
Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Ballroom, 100 Front Street West

*The relationship between First Nations and the Governments of Canada is evolving. Our future as a country requires that we address the history of a fractured relationship and the Treaty obligations that impact all development in traditional territories.*

*A member of Little Black Bear First Nation in Saskatchewan, National Chief Bellegarde is a strong advocate for self-determination and the implementation of inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.*



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Cost \$50.00

The Rotary Club of Toronto is honoured to have National Chief Perry Bellegarde as our presenter on Friday November 27. This will be a large and important meeting and we urge all members to reach out to business associates and potential new members to attend. Please make sure you contact the Rotary Office with numbers of guests you will be bringing.

John Andras  
Chair, The Rotary Club of Toronto Aboriginal Service Committee

### What You Missed October 2, 2015 – by Jeff Dobson



Lots of Rotarians came to hear about the Magna Carta including one from Bangladesh and one from Atlanta, Georgia. We also had a virtual member from Rotary e Club Canada, in the flesh. Eight other guests attended as well to give the Upper Canada room a cozy feel. We even had a special guest at the head table, Kevin McGurgan, British Consul General in Toronto. President-Elect Susan Hunter stood in for President David at this meeting and did a fine job!

Anna Lomakin and Hasan Alattar from the Yorkdale Adult Learning Centre will be helping Belli and Carol in the Rotary office for the next several months. Please stop by to say hello and make them feel welcome.

Unfortunately, the Sound of Music excursion had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

We were reminded to mark our calendars for Wednesday November 4 for the annual Club Assembly taking place at the National Club that evening; an important event for all members to attend.

Carol Hutchinson is looking for more members to participate as Sergeant-at-Arms and Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms at the weekly meetings. The need is urgent and the role is very important but easy to do. She would also really appreciate having someone volunteer to coordinate this member initiative.

Shelley McIntyre announced that our Club is participating in a Remembrance walk on November 28 starting at Queen's Park. It is a fellowship event where all participants will receive a medal on which to write the name of someone for whom they are walking in remembrance.

Dr. Caroline Harris displayed an astounding knowledge of the Magna Carta in particular and royal history in general in a very engaging 30-minute

### FnE Committee Pre-Lunch Singalongs Back in Full Swing

– by Lorna Johnson



Brigitte and Glenn have been lonely over the summer months as it appears that people who don't own cottages are more shy than those who do own cottages!! So with the fall weather upon us, the Fellowship and Entertainment Singalong Sessions held prior to the Friday luncheons are back in full swing. Don't be shy and don't be intimidated by Brigitte's beautiful operatic voice. Song sheets are provided and everyone is welcome. Sing early and sing often.



Michael Morgan, Brigitte Bogar, Ken Andras, Terry Wray, June Brown, with Glenn Davis at the keyboard.

talk. She has written a book called 'Magna Carta and its Gifts to Canada' which explains in more detail about the centuries old linkage between Canada today and the rights and freedoms created with the Magna Carta. In fact, several clauses in our Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms are remarkably similar to clauses from the great Charter of 800 years ago.

The Ace of Clubs ticket was held by John Andras (finally) who happened to be seated at the head table to fulfill his Monitor duties. Fortunately for the rest of us, he left the money in the pot and took some wine home to enjoy with his better half.

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