



## Today's Program

Dr. Carolyn Harris

## Topic

800th Anniversary, Magna Carta

## Host

Robert O'Brien

*Our historian and esteemed past president, 1998-99*

## Location

Fairmont Royal York, Upper Canada Room

## District Conference, October 23-25

Let's Go! Be The Change! Join us at the Weston Harbour Castle for a wonderful weekend of knowledge-based sessions, informative speakers and great fellowship. There are special rates at the hotel and use public transit from home. Register at [www.rotary7070.org](http://www.rotary7070.org) for a wonderful Rotary event.



## Meet Our New Member Brent Thomas



Brent is a software start-up entrepreneur who believes in giving back to his community at home and abroad. He is currently the CEO and Co-Founder of Educredu Corp., a company focused on simplifying the lives of the millions of professionals globally who must attend and track educational activities to maintain professional credentials, stay current -

and grow in their careers. As someone who personally experiences those challenges, he is committed to building a lasting solution that will help people in their professional educational journeys. Prior to Educredu, Brent spent the past decade as an information security professional working for global companies such as MDS, IBM, Scotiabank, and TELUS. He both managed teams and contributed as a subject matter expert on numerous major projects. Brent's work took him across the Americas and Europe - which was a pretty good deal for someone who loves to travel. He continues to consult and advise on information technology and security-related matters.

Brent is a strong supporter and promoter of lifelong learning - and has the credentials and experience to prove it. He maintains seven designations in information security and risk management disciplines, and holds certificates in Risk Management and Enterprise Risk Management from the University of Toronto. He has a diploma in Telecommunications Technology from Sheridan College, where he serves as an advisor to two degree programs. He is also active in helping professional organizations develop certifications and testing materials.

Brent was born in London, Ontario and raised in Southwestern Ontario where he has deep family roots. He lives with his wife Alice and two cats in the Yonge and Eglinton area, where he hopes to one day attract a start-up incubator/accelerator for the next generation of technology entrepreneurs.

## Rotary Club of Toronto / Argonauts 2015 Scholarship recipient

Come and celebrate The Rotary Club of Toronto / Argonauts 2015 Scholarship recipient, Poorva Patel and see President David Hetherington take his best shot at the kickoff for the final season game at Rogers Stadium on Friday November 6! Kickoff at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$25. Contact: [DBruni@argonauts.ca](mailto:DBruni@argonauts.ca) or 416-341-2750



The Year 2015 marks the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta, the Great Charter imposed on King John by his barons in the 13th century. Magna Carta has been one of history's most significant documents upholding human rights including the

American Declaration of Independence, the French Declaration of the Rights of Man, the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights. For Canadians it has influenced key documents from the Royal Proclamation of 1763 that shaped the then British colonies and their relations with First Nations to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. From October 4 to November 7, 2015 the original Magna Carta will be on display with a special exhibit at Fort York as part of a special 800th anniversary and once in a lifetime Canadian tour taking Magna Carta to Ottawa, Winnipeg and Edmonton. Our speaker today is the author of *Magna Carta and Its Gifts to Canada*. Carolyn Harris teaches history at the University of Toronto School Of Continuing Studies. She received her Ph.D. in European history from Queen's University in 2012. Her writing has appeared in numerous publications including the Globe and Mail, Ottawa Citizen, Smithsonian and the BBC News Magazine, and she is a frequent guest on television and radio. She lives in Toronto and we are pleased to welcome her to speak to us today.



## F&E Photo Session – A Great Success

– by Lorna Johnson



On Wednesday, September 23rd 24 Rotarians and guests arrived at the front entry of the soon-to-be opened Café de Melbourne, on Church Street.

Already waiting for them was professional photographer Donna Santos and her team of stylists and assistants. One by one each subject had their make-up touched up before a series of headshots were taken. Only one session had to be re-done!

Then the party began – croissants, cheese, cookies, tarts, wine and coffee – all the major food groups. They helped to make this a truly memorable fellowship event, coupled with a lot of candid shots. Watch for the refreshed photos on Club Runner and you will be able to pick out the attendees.



Security detail Rohit Tamhane and Jayson Phelps protecting President David

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### October 2015

- 3 Toronto Walking Tour
- 7 RCT Cocktail – National Club
- 9 No Meeting Due to Thanksgiving Holiday
- 16 Prof. Nelson Wiseman
- 23 Andrea Cohen-Barrick, Trillium Foundation

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## What You Missed September 25, 2015

– by Susan Hunter



We were in the Imperial Room on the first Friday of the autumn season. A beautiful sunny day and a wonderful lunch packed with announcements of all kinds of activities happenings around the Club. President David Hetherington spoke about the Fellowship & Entertainment (F&E) event held just two days earlier at the Cafe de Melbourne, a new cafe owned and managed by our very own Cliff Johnson. President David told us that he thoroughly enjoyed the event and then went to the watch the Blue Jays in full makeup! Judging from the great feedback from members, we may end up organizing a second photo session. I hear that people are just itching to get their photos updated.

Karl Kremer was our Chair for this year's Rotary Golf tournament and came to the podium to make the official cheque presentation of \$12,500 to Unity Charity. The golf tournament was very successful with 92 golfers playing in the rain. Michael Prosserman, the Director of United Charity expressed his sincere gratitude for our Club's support. After his brief speech, President David let us know that Michael would be travelling to Singapore for a break dancing competition. Wow!

Dauna Jones-Simmonds then introduced our guest speaker Shannon Meadows who is an Epidemiology consultant at Novometrix Research Incorporated. Shannon completed her PhD at the University of Guelph, and her thesis project consisted of determining the prevalence of Coxiella burnetii (Q Fever) exposure in sheep flocks, goat herds and their farm workers and veterinarians in Ontario. The presentation began with an explanation of terminology and definitions. A short quiz followed thereafter to test our knowledge of “zoonotic” and “non-zoonotic” conditions or diseases. She explained that a zoonotic disease is a disease that can be passed between animals and humans, and can be caused by viruses, bacteria, parasites, and fungi. Shannon spared us the joy of looking at her statistical analyses but we were already convinced by her sound research. She explained the practical application of her research has resulted in a vaccine that is now readily accessible for farmers and others who come into contact with animals. There was time for questions and surprisingly plenty came from the audience — ranging from unpasteurized milk to H1N1 and so on.

President David thanked Shannon for her fascinating talk. Evelisa Genova, a guest of Chris Snyder who is working on an art project with the Six Nations children near Brantford, won the bottle of wine after choosing the Ace of Spades. The 50/50 pot is still alive!

The lunch was capped off with President Dave regaling us with the witticisms of the baseball great Yogi Berri. The beloved New York Yankees catcher was a three-time American League MVP and Hall of Famer who played on 10 World Series teams and passed away on September 22, 2015. He was renowned for his impromptu pithy comments known as “Yogi-isms”. One of his most famous was the phrase “It ain't over till it's over.” The comment was made in July 1973 when Berra's Mets trailed the Chicago Cubs by 9½ games in the National League East. The Mets rallied to clinch the division title in their second-to-last game of the regular season. He will be missed.



Michael Prosserman, Executive Director Unity Charity – Accepting Donation from Proceeds of Rotary Gold Tournament

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