

## Today's Speaker

Brian F. Kelcey

## Topic

The State of the City

## Location

The Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Tudor 7 and 8



Brian Kelcey was – until recently – David Socknacki's mayoralty campaign manager. He is a policy consultant, writer and speaker based in Toronto, Ontario.

After working on environmental and land-use issues in British Columbia, and as a property tax reform advocate in Manitoba and Ontario, Kelcey served as a senior political advisor in the Ontario government from 1999-2003 in the Office of the Government House Leader, in Intergovernmental Affairs and in Ontario's Consumer and Business Services Ministry. Kelcey also served as Ontario's first-ever political advisor for transit policy in 2003 as the Ministry of Transportation took early steps to create a regional transit authority for Toronto (now Metrolinx).

In 2004, Kelcey returned to Manitoba as manager of the Mayor's Red Tape Commission in Winnipeg. He wrote the Commission's final report, which was praised by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business as a national model for municipal regulatory reform. Kelcey then served as budget advisor in the Mayor's office from 2005 to 2008, helping to deliver three consecutive property tax freezes and a series of capital budget reforms.

Kelcey has a passion for film, loves gritty 20th Century noir fiction, and is a voracious reader of history. After a life spent packing boxes, he has three "hometowns" - Victoria, Toronto, and Winnipeg.

He regularly writes op-eds on urban and economic issues, with publication credits in the *Toronto Star*, the *Globe and Mail*, the *National Post*, the *Winnipeg Free Press* and newspapers across Canada's *Sun/QMI* chain. He occasionally writes from a conservative urbanist perspective for *Spacing Magazine's* online politics blog.

## Aboriginal Service Committee Brightens the First Day of School at First Nations School

Imagine being a Junior School student excited to start your school year but having no backpack or school supplies! In order to prevent this happening to children at the Toronto First Nations School as the 2014 school year began, Rotary's Aboriginal Service Committee arranged for the Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre to generously donate 35 backpacks and school supplies sourced from the Staples/Katy Perry's "Make Roar Happen" Campaign.



Kerry Bowser and Laurette Jack-Ogbonna with some of the donated backpacks and school supplies for First Nations School.

Eastview's Executive Director and Rotary club member, Mr. Kerry Bowser, and Eastview Boys & Girls Club Coordinator, Ms. Laurette Jack-Ogbonna were delighted to be able to assist the First Nations School. "Being able to assist the First Nations School students was very gratifying. We constantly seek new ways to reach out and support the greater Riverdale (Toronto) community, and this partnership was beneficial to everyone involved. We are thankful to Rotary's Aboriginal Service Committee for inviting our Community Centre to contribute to such an important cause," said Mr. Bowser.

Committee member Emre Yurga delivered the supplies to First Nations School. He reports that although these backpacks and supplies are very welcome, up to 65 additional backpacks may be required. Anyone able to assist please contact Carolyn Purden [cpurden@sympatico.ca](mailto:cpurden@sympatico.ca)

For more information on the Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre and their excellent community programming including their Boys & Girls Club locations, daily drop-in centre for young children and their caregiver, twice-weekly food bank and more, visit <http://eastviewcentre.com/about-us/> Find out more about the Rotary Aboriginal Service Committee at: <http://tinyurl.com/l82r6hp>

## Pizza Party

Autumn is here, which means falling leaves and the return of our Club's International Cuisine Restaurant Night. What better way to warm you up on a potentially chilly October evening than having a pizza party? Cost: \$45pp, which includes all taxes and gratuity. Payment is cash at the door. Alcoholic drinks extra.

Our next night out is Thursday, October 2nd at 6:30pm. We head to the west end, near other popular picks of the past, to Defina Pizzeria at 321 Roncesvalles Avenue. To sign up for this exciting culinary excursion, contact [nphillips@dgn-marketing.com](mailto:nphillips@dgn-marketing.com) by Friday, September 26. (But hey, confirming early helps...)

## Remembering Keith Howard

Keith Howard was President of our club in 2002-2003 the year before I took the gavel. Keith was my mentor. He gave me the following advice on how to be a leader. "When something goes right, give credit to everyone and take no credit for yourself. When things go wrong, wear it."

Keith lived his life in this way. He was a great President, great leader, great friend and great man. He will be sorely missed.

## What You Missed, September 5, 2014

— by Joseph Pochodyniak



On a hot and humid September afternoon Rotarians and guests gathered at the Imperial Room of the Royal York Hotel to enjoy food, fellowship and a witty and amusing talk from noted author Terry Fallis. President Steve called the luncheon to order and after the invocation gave a great tribute to a great Rotarian Past Club President Keith Howard who passed away in August. Keith was a well respected Rotarian who was loved by many and indeed many in attendance at the lunch were at his memorial service earlier in the week.

Following the introduction of the head table, President Steve invited Jack Robertson to introduce two visiting Rotarians and eight guests. Cliff Johnson then took the stage to update the club on the Fellowship and Entertainment Committee and Maureen Bird provided an update about the upcoming Foundation Walk, which is to be held on Sunday September 21.

Harold Hetherington formally introduced award winning Novelist Terry Fallis who talked

about his novels, his political work and many of the interesting people he has come across during his career, including Brian Mulroney no not that Brian Mulroney. Terry's discussion was certainly one of the more entertaining ones we have had the pleasure of having at the Club's Friday lunch and belied his undergraduate training in Engineering. It is clear that Rotarians and guests will likely rush out to purchase copies of Terry's books ... in Ernest. President Steve closed the lunch with the Ace of Clubs draw, which was won by John Fortney, and a final word on our late Past President Keith Howard. President Steve mentioned that while many have grieved

over the passing of Keith Howard, our club's own Bill Morari will be especially saddened. For the next time Bill nearly kills someone on the golf course he will do so without Keith's meticulous understanding of the rules of the game.

Editor's Note: We raised \$1700.00 toward the Foundation Walk at this meeting. The walk will begin at the new George Brown College Waterfront Campus with food provided by the culinary school. For information on participation/donations, please contact Maureen Bird Maureen.bird@sympatico.ca or go to <http://tinyurl.com/olbqy7g>

## A Meeting Not to Be Missed

On September 19, 2014, The Rotary Club of Toronto will have the pleasure of hosting the Crown Prince Frederick and Princess Mary of Denmark. A previous issue of the *Voice* included the Biography of Crown Prince Frederick. In this issue, we present Crown Princess Mary.

Born in Hobart, Australia, Mary met Crown Prince Frederik in Sydney, Australia during the 2000 Summer Olympics. The couple is very popular in Denmark, and Mary has gained the admiration and respect of the citizens of her adoptive home, mastering Danish and playing an active role in many areas of social and economic importance.

Mary's patronages range across the areas of culture, the fashion industry, humanitarian aid, support for research and science, social and health matters and sport (golf and swimming). She is a member of the International Committee of Women Leaders for Mental Health and of various sporting clubs (riding, golf and yachting). Mary's support and promotion of Denmark's Save the Children anti-bullying program is based on an Australian model. The Crown Princess is also involved in a new campaign to raise awareness and safe practices among Danes about skin cancer through The Danish Cancer Society. In June 2010, Crown Princess Mary became the Patron of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, "to



Crown Princess Mary and Crown Prince Frederick of Denmark

support the agency's work to promote maternal health and safer motherhood in more than 150 developing nations."

Crown Princess Mary established the Mary Foundation on September 11, 2004 at the inaugural meeting at Amalienborg Palace with the aim to improve lives compromised by environment, heredity, illness or other circumstances which can isolate and exclude people socially. The Mary Foundation, with capital from public and private donations, aims to advance cultural diversity and encourage a sense of the right to belong and contribute to society for those who are socially isolated and excluded. The subject of enabling jobs for people with autism and similar challenges is thus close to her heart, and the Royal Couple readily accepted the invitation to participate in The Rotary Club of Toronto's luncheon meeting on Friday, September 19, with this subject in focus.

*Be sure to put a note about next week's meeting in your Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn Feeds. Something like, "Join the Toronto Rotary Club on Friday, September 16 to dine with Crown Prince Frederick and Princess Mary of Denmark. Dane Thorkil Sonne will speak on "The Power of Thinking Differently. We start at noon, lunch is 38 dollars!" Hashtags #Denmark and #Rotary*

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### September 2014

- 19 Thorkil Sonne, Founder and Chairman  
Specialsteme "The Power of Thinking Differently"
- 21 Foundation Walk
- 26 Shelter Box international CEO, Tudor 7 & 8

### October 2014

- 3 TBA
- 10 Thanksgiving-No Meeting
- 17 Ravi Ravindram, RI President
- 24 World Polio Day

### Events

- September 21 - Foundation Walk
- October 24 - World Polio Day

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