



### Today's Program

Alison Wallace - CEO, ShelterBox International

### Topic

Going Forward with Rotary

### Location

The Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Tudor 7 and 8



Alison Wallace joined ShelterBox as CEO in April 2013 with over 15 years of experience across a wide range of UK and international organisations. Alison has a significant record of success in fundraising, organisational development and strategic implementation. Born in New Zealand, Alison has both a Bachelor of Law and a Bachelor of Commerce degree and has since completed an MSc in Global Politics. Alison's career in the not-for-profit sector began when she joined Greenpeace in 1995 working on direct marketing. She then became Donor Development Director at Orbis International UK, a blindness treatment and prevention organisation working in India, Bangladesh and Ethiopia. In 1999, Alison joined the British Refugee Council as Head of Fundraising. As Director of Fundraising and Communications for Friends of the Earth, Alison was responsible for a complex fundraising strategy, which resulted in 20-percent income growth. Alison's most recent role prior to being appointed CEO of ShelterBox was Director of International Fundraising at Amnesty International.

### District 7070 Foundation Walk A Success

Rotarians gathered bright and early on Sunday, September 21, for a walk through historic Toronto. Despite torrential rains that moved our displays inside the new George Brown campus from the new park Sherbourne Common, we had a great day. As predicted, at exactly 10:10 a.m. the skies brightened and several hundred Rotarians toured the old city core from Sherbourne over to Yonge/King. Displays at the college included PolioPlus, Rotarians for Peace, and Femme International, promoting education and sanitary supplies for girls overseas. The Toronto-Eglinton club highlighted their plans for upgrading equipment at Deer Park. Our club featured WASH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene - with the display including a functioning bio-sand filter and SODIS (solar disinfecting). We challenged Rotarians to carry a 20 litre can of water on their heads – not so easy, though 10-year old girls do it every day in Africa. There was also a “poop here” latrine stance that kept the kids amused. Thank you to all Rotarians who contributed.



Maureen Bird with Pamela and David Libby

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### GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

On Tuesday September 30 at the Third Annual Lake Scugog Camp Gala “It Only Takes a Spark” our fellow Rotarian Past President Susan Howson will be the recipient of the Camp Scugog Award. We celebrate the ongoing contribution that Susan Howson makes to Lake Scugog Camp through her diligent time, talents and treasures.

Contact [www.lakescugogcamp.org](http://www.lakescugogcamp.org) if you would like to join in honoring Susan by attending!



## What You Missed, Sept 19, 2014

– by Jeff Dobson



We don't often have Royalty at our Friday lunches, but that's what you missed last Friday if you were one of the few that couldn't make it to the meeting. Carol "Hutch" Hutchinson collected replies for more than a week before this event that saw nearly four hundred people in attendance in the Concert Hall at the Fairmont Royal York. Many of those in attendance were part of a trade delegation from Denmark visiting both Ottawa and Toronto over the past several days. Their Royal Highnesses the Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary joined the delegation in support. We were honoured and delighted that they chose to attend our lunch to support another of their countrymen, Thorkil Sonne, who was our guest speaker.

As is often the case, Royal visits come with protocols that don't always jibe with regular routine. The many guests arrived early as requested and were ready to receive the Royal guests. After a brief delay, which provided a little extra time to chat, The Crown Prince and Princess arrived. Rotary Vice-President Susan Hunter was the master of ceremonies for this altered agenda and did a fine job keeping us informed and behaving appropriately. The staff at the Royal York served a lovely fish main course and tasty pecan tart for dessert.

Our guest speaker was on a most welcome return engagement at The Rotary Club of Toronto. Thorkil Sonne changed his life and ultimately founded Specialisterne after his two-year-old son Lars was diagnosed with infantile autism. It was the suggestion that Lars would not likely have a normal working life that spurred Thorkil to action. Thorkil knew that Lars had special skills and that other people with autism have special skills too. What was needed was

the recognition of this fact by companies and a willingness to evolve from traditional hiring practices to bridge the gap between the people with these skills and the organizations that need them.

To help open our eyes to his cause, Mr. Sonne presented the allegory of the dandelion. Viewed by many as a weed, the dandelion is often ignored or unwanted because it doesn't fit within the garden we think we want. However, for those that see the dandelion as the herb that it is, they see the beauty and its many uses; they see the value. The Dandelion Model is now part of the ethos of Specialisterne. The organization operates in 14 countries and has made its goal "to provide meaningful and productive jobs for one million people with autism and other invisible disorders" around the world. It's an ambitious but worthy goal. After hearing his presentation, many of us will look at dandelions a different way, but more importantly, we will look at people with autism differently; we will see their value.

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### October 2014

- 3 Dr. Jacqueline Fabian, "Rheumatology and Internal Medicine"
- 10 No Friday Lunch due to Thanksgiving holiday weekend
- 17 Ravi Ravindran – Rotary International President-Elect Welcomes Zone Institute Delegates and other District Guests – Concert Hall
- 24 Christopher Ruddy, Health Heritage Research. The Middle Class Plague: Ontario and the Polio Years
- 31 Jasmine Herit, Human Rights Watch

### November 2014

- 7 Remembrance Day Lunch, National Club
- 14 Ray Argyll, The Paris Game - 70th Anniversary Liberation of Paris

### Events

- October 2 – Pizza Party, Defina Pizzeria, [nphillips@dgmarketing.com](mailto:nphillips@dgmarketing.com)
- October 24 – World Polio Day
- October 24 – 26 - District 7070 Conference, Toronto

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HRH the Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark and HRH the Crown Princess Mary Enter the Concert Hall



HRH the Crown Prince Frederik and Past President, Michelle Guy



Knud Westergaard, the Host for luncheon greets HRH the Crown Princess Mary



Guest Speaker, Thorkil Sonne, Founder, Specialisterne

Please share the good news on social media! Next week's speaker is Dr. Jacqueline Fabian, an expert on Rheumatology and Internal Medicine.

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