

Today's Program

Terry Fallis, Novelist

Topic

On Being a Twenty First Century Canadian Humourist

Location

Imperial Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Two years ago Terry Fallis, an outstanding humourist, entertained the club with a presentation on the struggles a self-publishing author must accept before his 'trials by fire' lead to a publisher's acceptance. Since Terry's 2002 visit he has had several

further outstanding achievements. These include, a television series by the CBC based on his book, *The Best Laid Plans*, publication of two more books, *Up and Down* and *No Relation*, delivery of numerous speaking engagements that have kept him busy almost every day and acceptance of five further awards from distinguished associations. His most recent novel, *No Relation*, has occupied the bestsellers list. Born and raised in Toronto, Terry worked as an assistant to Cabinet Ministers at Queen's Park and in Ottawa. He now is president of Thornley Fallis Communications, a public relations company. Terry is the father of two teenagers, and he and his wife live in Toronto. Terry will no doubt go down in Canadian history as Canada's twenty-first century Stephen Leacock. We are truly honoured to have him join us once again.

September 5 is the first meeting of the fall season. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to invite a guest and introduce that person to Rotary for a most entertaining and delightful luncheon. Why not get pleasure from the good humour of one of Canada's creative authors and lecturer?

Rotary Aids the Good Neighbors Club of Toronto

– by Noelle Boughton

The \$100,000 grant provided to The Good Neighbours' Club of Toronto has allowed it to provide a higher level of medical and counselling care for the homeless seniors it serves. "We appreciate the fact that those who have done well have not forgotten those who are having a hard time," says Dr. Bruno Scorson, the Club's Executive Director. The Good Neighbours' Club, which began as a soup kitchen in 1933, is a downtown Toronto drop-in centre that serves homeless and marginally housed men aged 50 and over. The National Coalition for the Homeless says even 50-year-olds are considered "older" homeless because their health, due to poor nutrition and severe living conditions, resembles that of 70-year-olds. The Club, open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 365 days a year, provides those who live on the street, in night-only shelters, and in marginal rooming houses with three meals a day, laundry and shower facilities, and a safe, supportive community. The Club has recently expanded its services for Toronto's growing number of homeless seniors so it now also provides basic medical, outreach, and counselling services, and housing support. The Rotary grant allowed the Club to renovate the second floor of its 145-year-old building at 170 Jarvis Street. The Honourable David C. Onley opened the space now called The Rotary Health & Wellness Centre (RHWC) – in 2012

to commemorate The Rotary Club of Toronto's Centennial Celebration. Staff, agency partners, and the seniors all applaud the development. "I used to work out of the third floor office, staffed with sometimes up to four other people," says Kristina Jaber, the Club's Counsellor of Geriatric Services. "Often meeting with clients would have to take place in stairwells or hidden corners of the Club to try to get some privacy and quiet." David Bruce, the Club's Director of Community and Social Services, sums up the benefits: "The provision of clean, private, well-equipped space has attracted more patients, more clients, and more community professionals to our busy hub for homeless seniors, multiplying our impact and creating further opportunities for new services and inter-agency partnerships."



Good Neighbors Club Staff works on a patient.

[Noelle Boughton is The Good Neighbours' Club's Manager of Communications and Development].

New Member Robert Douglas Bathgate



Robert (Bob) Bathgate was born in Orillia, Ontario and is the only child in his family. Bob received his post-secondary education at the University of South Florida and the University

of Detroit in Business with a focus on Economic Development and Tourism. While at university, Bob participated on the debate team and, along with his peers, placed first in a Southeastern Debate Tournament in Atlanta, Georgia. He was also President of the student body Canadian Club. Bob is currently in his 17th year as the Canadian Director for the State of Tennessee. Bob has extensive experience in the field of economic development, trade and tourism in the private and public sectors. Bob has held senior management positions with the Birchmere Resort, the Province of Ontario and the States of New York and Tennessee. Bob also served as Chief of Staff for the Honourable Dr. P.B. Rynard, MP at the House of Commons in Ottawa, Ontario. Throughout his professional career Bob has served on numerous Boards of volunteer and professional associations including Founding Chair of the Council American States in Canada, Honorary Chair of the Canadian International Trade Association, President of AmCham Canada (U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Canada) and President of the Kiwanis Club of Toronto. Bob is a member of a number of organizations such as; The Rotary Club of Peterborough (Paul Harris Fellow), the Naval Association of Peterborough, Automotive Parts Manufacturers Association (APMA) and the Vancouver and Toronto Boards of Trade. Recently Bob was recognized by the Toronto Board of Trade for his 40 years of membership and support of its business related activities. Bob and his wife Lynn have three children Aaron, Benjamin and Rebecca. They also have 3 grandchildren that they love to visit in Toronto and the Golden Horseshoe area. Robert and Lynn love to spend time with their friends and family and enjoy travelling with their most recent holidays being spent in Scotland and Ireland, Peru as well as Trinidad and Tobago. Family vacations to the Gulf Coast of Florida have been part of the Bathgate's annual tradition for the past 30 years.

New Member Luba Rascheff



Luba's mother, Helen Rascheff, née Costomeni, of Greek heritage, is a descendant of Panayis Vagliano, the benefactor who financed the construction of the National Library in Athens. Luba's father, Julius Rascheff, of Bulgarian

descent, is a retired Professor of Cinematography, who discovered the well-known, Canadian actor Gordon Pinsent. Luba's parents immigrated to Canada from Paris, France. Luba was born in Toronto, Ontario. At the age of six, Luba and her parents moved to the United States. Luba earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois in 1986, and a Master's from Harvard University in 1993. Luba discovered her true passion of writing in 2001. She cultivated this passion in Europe producing 17 books over the course of a decade under a pen name. On December 18, 2013, Luba returned to her native Canada. Luba is fluent in English, French, Bulgarian and Greek. Luba's favorite activities, other than writing, editing and marketing her books, are walking and swimming. She is an award-winning photographer and nature enthusiast.

Discs Fly at Ward's Island

— by Andrea Tirrone

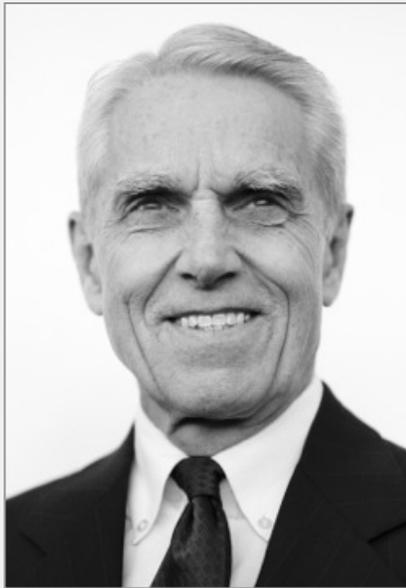
On Saturday, August 23, Rotaractors and Rotarians got together in the early morning for a round of disc golf. A team of 8 played 10 holes on the 18-hole course located on Ward's Island. This weekly tradition for Rotarians Lorna and Cliff Johnson is one that should be enjoyed by all, if for no other reason than to learn how to throw a Frisbee and hear the clatter of the basket chains as you score your point on the serene Toronto Islands.



Disc Golfers.



In Memoriam



Keith G. Howard
1934 – 2014

The Rotary Club of Toronto lost one of its distinguished members last week when Keith Howard passed away on August 22nd. Keith spent his early years in Regina and Victoria. He graduated from Queens University with a B.Comm., and joined Sun Life Insurance. Keith was a member of the Sun Life Hall of Fame, a Life Member of the Million Dollar Round Table and founded Howard Financial Group. Keith joined our Club in 1989 with the classification "Life Insurance Agency." Keith's Rotary service involved active participation on several Club Committees such as Fellowship & Entertainment (Golf Committee & Subscription Dinner) and Honours & Awards. Keith served as a Director on the Club's Board beginning in 1997 becoming President of the Rotary Club of Toronto in 2002 – 2003. Keith was recognized with the Club Builder Award in 1995, Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellow Award and the William Peace Award in 2003. Keith was an avid golfer; in fact he delayed taking his position as Club President by 2 weeks to meet his Rotary International Golf Fraternity commitments. He was a member of the Lambton Golf and Country Club, a Director of the RI Golfing Fraternity and active with Rotary's Scottish Golf Group. He was active in and a Trustee of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church. Keith is survived by his loving wife Mary, their four children, Rob, Susan, Leslie and James and two grandsons, Jack and Sam. A memorial service was held at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church on September 4th at 3:00 pm.



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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

September 2014

- 12 David Soknacki, City of Toronto Mayoral Candidate City of Toronto Finances, Tudor 7 & 8
- 19 Thorkil Sonne, Founder and Chairman Specialisterne "The Power of Thinking Differently"
- 21 Foundation Walk
- 26 Shelter Box International CEO, Tudor 7 & 8

October 2014

- 24 World Polio Day

Propose a Speaker

Alex Brown, Chair

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What You Missed August 22, 2014

— by Maureen Bird



The day after the annual golf tournament the room was alive with a great vibe. President Steve congratulated Karl Kremer on winning the tournament even if he brought in his two sons who want to play professionally – and can. Monitor Peter Love introduced out of town Rotarians from Jordan, Nigeria, Mexico and Alberta, as well as, several from within Toronto. We also had 15 guests, including several from Dignitas. On a sad note, Steve announced the passing of Past President Keith Howard that morning. An In Memoriam will be read at the meeting of September 5th. Steve then had the pleasure of introducing two new members: Luba Rascheff and Bob Bathgate whose biographies are detailed in this week's edition of Voice. A highlight of the day was the presentation from the Rotary Club of Etobicoke for our work at the Toronto Ribfest on Canada Day weekend, organized by Pat Neuman. For our club's contribution of hours Etobicoke president Mark Winson and members Hugh Williams and Jack Fleming presented our club with a cheque for \$70,000. We will be sharing this with our Rotaract clubs and Toronto Sunrise who contributed almost 1/3 of the hours. Lloyd Barbara introduced our guest Marilyn McHarg, CEO of Dignitas International. Dignitas and Rotary have had a long association since its founding in 2004 with initial grants of \$40,000 from RC Uxbridge and then \$50,000 from RC Toronto. Marilyn announced that The Rotary Foundation has



Marilyn McHarg, President of Dignitas with Rotarians Jackie Davies, Maureen Bird, and Lloyd Barbara.

just approved another large global grant for Dignitas, of which we are part. The work that Dignitas has done in Malawi over the last decade has been phenomenal. From only 3,000 people receiving treatment for HIV/AIDS in 2004, there are now over 200,000. Over 1,000,000 people have been tested for HIV. Infections are down from 16.9% to 10.3% with deaths and new infection down by half. This has all been achieved by doing it differently with strong evidence-based research protocols. The work is being done by 500 health care workers and numerous volunteers in the “Expert Patient Program”; people who are living positively with AIDS and work in the rural areas to monitor those in treatment. They are taught to see good in others, good in themselves and to honour dignity in all. See me if you like to visit Malawi and see these good works in April 2015. Dignitas's next challenge is to introduce these protocols in northern Canada among our aboriginal people who have many similar issues in access to health care. Our Chris Snyder who has led many sweat equity trips to Malawi would have loved to have been with us today but he is in Sioux Lookout on his way to the KI reserve. Neil “Andras” Phillips provided the sound effects and wine for the Ace of Clubs draw– winning back his own wine!



Receiving our share of the proceeds from Ribfest.



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