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Rotary Club of Etobicoke

District Governor: **Neil Phillips**

RI President: Ian Riseley

Week – July 10, 2017

Board 2017-2018

President: Donna Cansfield, Past President: Greg Dobson, President Elect: Gerald Lue, Secretary: Ron Miller, Treasurer: Don Edwards

Directors: Gord Duncan, Barry Friesen, Mary Grogan, Diane Irvine, Michael Lu, Liz Read

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 – SPEAKER: To Be Announced - Old Mill – 12:15 PM

Reporting: Ron Miller

THE PRESIDENTIAL CORONATION

In the absence of our now “Immediate” Past President, Past President Jack Fleming assumed the chair of tonight’s “Presidential Coronation” meeting at the Etobicoke Yacht Club.

Jack noted that “it was a pleasure to fill in for Greg, who has escaped with his family to the UK and Europe”. Jack wanted to give his “perspective on Greg’s year”:

- Greg worked hard for the Club
- He attended many community related events and functions on behalf of the Club
- He brought a “relaxed” style to the meetings, and made them fun

Jack asked Greg before he left about “his key reflections on the year:

- He wanted to thank the Board for their support throughout the year
- He was “most proud and excited” about the “Hands On” activities and the way people got involved
- He feels it is one of the key differentiators of our Club.

Jack added that he knows that Greg is disappointed not to have the opportunity to officially welcome Donna into her new role as this year’s Club President.

With that, Jack introduced “our new leader:

- Donna Cansfield joined our Club on April 4th, 2006

Donna has been “In Service” all of her life:

- She was a Trustee of the Board of Education in 1988
- She became Chair of TDSB in 2002
- She turned to Provincial Politics in 2003 and retired as MPP in May 2014
- During her time in the Legislature, she held Ministerial positions I; Natural Resources; Transportation; and Energy
- She has served on numerous Boards of Community-related activities and has chaired many
- In 2012, our Club recognized Donna’s dedicated service to the community with the Honorary Paul Harris Award

Jack presented Donna with her President’s lapel pin and officially welcomed her as President.

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Donna thanked Jack for his warm welcome and noted she accepted the nomination for the Presidency because of the “extraordinary people to work with, and she knows “who to call on for any assistance or advice”. Our Club is like “family”. The Rotary motto is “Service Above Self” and our members embody it and “know how to walk the walk”. Our members are “very much her kind of people”.

He also wanted to thank her husband Bill, who for 49 years has been her “stalwart”. She also has her “dear friend” Jack to “lean on”.

Donna is looking doing “some interesting and different” things at our meetings this year. One thing is, she is planning to hold an International Women’s Day event this year.

Donna wanted to thank the membership for “the confidence they have placed in her to take on the role of President”. She also is looking to get the help of “each and every” member of the Club through the year.



Donna also wanted to recognize one of our members that we are “losing as a member of the Board of Directors this year”, Kester Trim. Donna said that when she joined the Board, she was “extraordinarily impressed with Kester” and that he was an “extraordinary Chair of the Community Service Committee. His dedication and eye for organization is “filtering through to the other committees” which is making things much organized. Donna said that Kester “spoke from the heart” and “made a difference”. He will be “missed dearly” by the Board.

Jack Fleming - Remarks as the Chair of Toronto Ribfest 2017

Jack wanted to give some quick “wrap-up remarks” about the 2017 Toronto Ribfest.

The 2017 event was interesting:

- Canada 150 celebrations impacted in many ways, some positive and some not
- We faced lots of competition
- But, we had new opportunities to contribute our own efforts to celebrate Canada

Tonight, Jack had two broad “Thank You (s)”:

- First, to the members of the:
 - Executive Committee
 - Operating Committee
 - Sponsor Team
 - Program Team
- He wants to express his “appreciation for your cooperation, your dedication, and your overall efforts to ensure a successful event”
- Second, he wanted to speak to all of Club Members
 - Very deliberately, he will not be naming individuals.
 - “When you try to do that, you inevitably leave someone out
 - But, there were many members who came to the event every day: they put in their shifts
 - And in many cases, they brought family members along with them”

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- Jack wanted these members (you know who you are) to realize:
 - "You are part of the 'Leadership' that is so important to the event
 - You serve as an example to other Club Members
 - Hopefully, your actions will serve to inspire other members to step up in a greater way going forward
 - Thank You!!"

And now Jack wanted to introduce Michael Lu, Chair of Ribfest 2018:

- But first: Jack present Michael with the official Chair Shirt!! / The Master Key for Sea Can / and Extra Keys for the Golf Carts



Michael noted that he joined Rotary "4 to 5 years ago". Andre Dugas "recruited" him at a Ribfest. He also talked with Michael Bell, and the rest is history.

He added that Justin DiCiano "lied to him" when he told Michael "how easy it was to run stores Ribfest". However, he is happy to see the way that stores has evolved and grown under his oversight. He also has also see his son Min, who has worked stores every year since Michael took over, grow, and not just in height.

Michael says it is an "honour to take over the Chair of Toronto Ribfest", and that it is "something he really wants to do". He is looking for ways to "further engage the whole Club with Ribfest and get the help of all Rotarians" to "support our event". He

also wants to get more involvement from the whole Etobicoke Community. Michael noted that we have done Ribfest for 17 years, which is practically a "whole generation". We are looking to begin to attract a "new generation". He hopes to make the event "a lot of fun" and to make it "an even bigger event".



A possible new Rotarian??



***Our "Amazing" Photographer
Peter Dusek***



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A Few of Peter Dusek's Pictures from Ribfest 2017



NOTE: Peter has all 4 days of his great pictures from Toronto Ribfest 2017 on his website at;

<http://peterdusek.com/toronto-ribfest-2017/>

Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers – Gerald Lue

The Rotary Club of Etobicoke's President Elect (2018-2019) and Toronto Ribfest stalwart Gerald "Gerry" Lue, was the proud recipient of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. It was presented to him by Mayor John Tory on behalf of Governor General David Johnston, at our Canada 150 edition of Toronto Ribfest. Approved by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the medal recognizes volunteers who have made a significant, sustained, unpaid contribution to their community, in Canada or abroad. Congratulations Gerry and this well-deserved recognition.

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Announcements

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 9th – SPEAKER:
To Be Announced – 12:15 PM – Old Mill**

**Monday, September 11th – Board of Directors
Meeting – 6:30 Meeting Start – Rotary Clubhouse**

**Upcoming Birthdays
(May 24th to June 13th)**



**Justin DiCiano – July 1st
John Campbell – July 8th
Gillian Dugas – July 19th
Ron Miller – July 27th**

Visitors & Guests



Visitors & Guests:

✦ **Bill Cansfield**
✦ **Jo-Ann Bell**
✦ **Kathryn RaRa Asaro Myers**
✦ **David Myers**
✦ **Dede Alexakis**
✦ **Cara Leblanc**
✦ **Barb Kozakewich**
✦ **Marjorie Friesen**
✦ **Kathryn DeSanto**
✦ **Anne Wood**
✦ **Charlotte Rouse**
✦ **Toni Lisi**
✦ **Velma Jones**
✦ **Alicja Podgorski**

Attendance:

Members - 34

Visitors & Guests – 14

Total – 48

