



# The Bulletin

## Rotary Club of Etobicoke

District Governor: **Neil Phillips**

RI President: Ian Riseley

**Week – August 9, 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**

**CLUB SOCIAL: Wednesday, August 17, 2017 – The Bier Markt – 199 North Queen Street (The Queensway & North Queen across from Sherway Gardens – 6:00 to 8:30 PM**

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 24, 2017 – Speaker: TBA – Old Mill – 12:30 PM**

President Donna welcomed everyone to the first luncheon meeting of the new Rotary year. She was pleased to see such a good turnout of members and guests today. Since we had no scheduled speaker today, Donna wanted this to be a “lunch and chat with your neighbour at your table” session. She did however, have a couple “housekeeping” items to be taken care of.

She wanted to remind everyone about the ‘Club Social’ to be held next Wednesday (August 16<sup>th</sup>) at the Bier Markt. This will be an opportunity for “fellowship” and for doing some “brainstorming” with Michael Lu about Ribfest 2018. The Club will also be honouring some of our volunteers from Ribfest that evening.

She announced that our speaker for our September 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting will be Elaine Charal, from K&M Productions, who is a Certified Graphologist, Entertainer and Speaker. As well, District Governor Neil Phillips will make his “official visit” to our Club on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The venue will be at our Rotary Clubhouse (7:00 PM).

She also announced that the Old Mill has announced that beginning in September, they will be increasing our luncheon cost. This will be the first increase in almost 14 years. It will bring the cost of the meals, including HST and gratuity to \$19.95. This may

require that we increase our cost to members from \$20. To \$25. However, this will first be taken to our Board of Directors for discussion, then will be brought to the membership before any decision is made.

Donna now wanted to recognize Past President Greg Dobson, who was in Europe the day the ‘Presidential Coronation’ at the Etobicoke Yacht Club back on July 10<sup>th</sup>. She wanted to thank Greg for the “great job” he did during his Presidency last year. His “casual style and easy going manner” brought some fun to our meetings. Donna also wanted to thank him for his work as Treasurer for the Ribfest. She has given Greg a little longer to get the final proceeds finalized which will likely now be by the end of September. In a token of the Club’s appreciation of his year as President, Donna presented Greg with a set of Rotary cufflinks.



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## Rotary Banner Exchange – Sonia Velasco

Visiting Rotarian Sonia Velasco from the Rotary Club of Jundiai, Brazil (D4590) and President Donna exchanged Club banners. Sonia was also happy to see Anthony Kasenda here today as she knew him from when he was their District Governor in Brazil.



As well, Ron Miller noted that in July, he was contacted by a young fellow, Žan Strnad, from Slovenia that was in Toronto taking a business course. Žan is from Sezana, is Southwestern Slovenia (near the border with Italy) and is a member of the Rotaract Club of Ajdovscina. He has also just become the newest member of the Rotary Club of Nova Gorica (D1912). Since we didn't have any meetings scheduled before he was to return home, Ron met with him for lunch, and they exchanged Club banners.



*Happy Bucks*



Jack Fleming – Jack was happy to say that Barry Friesen and he had a meeting this morning with Keith Hoare (culinary teacher at Thistletown Collegiate) and his wife Jo Anne. They ran the Garbage Team for Sunday & Monday at Ribfest. He and Barry are also meeting with Steve Pincock (Executive Director of Best Buddies) who did 2 days of 'Garbage' in 2016. Technically, they did not participate as a group in 2017, but Steve stepped up and provided leadership for the Friday & Saturday efforts and rallied a team of friends, etc. to staff the effort. The end result of the meetings is that both the TCI team and Steve's team will be back to coordinate our 'Garbage Efforts' in 2018. Jack was also happy to say that at 7:15 this morning he was "playing with his grandson" at his daughter's, and at 10:15 this morning he was "playing with his 2 granddaughters" as Jack's son and his family are visiting from Poland. Jack has rented a cottage up north and on Saturday the "whole family" will go up for the week, then the "European Crew" will stay there for another week before heading home.

Michael Lu – Michael was happy to say that he has had his 1<sup>st</sup> Ribfest meeting for this year. He added that Jack Fleming and he recently had a meeting with the City and the Police. They think we did "very well this year", but there are "still a few issues". Michael wanted to thank Jack for the "work he has done on the Police side", and thinks because of it, "We have a strong relationship". He also wanted to thank Iosif Ciosa for his help. Michael noted that "Ribfest 2018 has begun". He says that the Club's "social event" next Wednesday (August 16<sup>th</sup>) will be an opportunity for him to share his plans for Ribfest, and for members to ask any questions they may have.

Gill Dugas – Gill was happy that her Hands On committee was able, for the 4<sup>th</sup> straight year, to purchase and pack items for student backpacks to be distributed to women's shelters, youth shelters, community centres, Salvation Army, refugee/newcomer families, health centres, police backpack fundraisers, and community partner outreach programs. Gill added this was all accomplished using funds from "last year's budget". Gill, Andre, Samantha, Lincoln and Louise have already started delivering over 320 filled bags across

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Etobicoke. Each bag is colour coded according to grade and has a label "Proudly Provided by Rotary Etobicoke".



**NOTE:** On August 11<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Rotary Etobicoke Hand-On backpack project, visited Women's Habitat of Etobicoke to deliver bags in time for their welcome party and backpack distribution. Also arrangements were made for a delivery of new and gently used donated girls' clothing/items to be delivered for the same event. During the visit, Lina Almanzan, Resource Manager, took Gillian and Samantha on a tour of the newly renovated playroom, lounge, interview/counselling rooms and drop in kitchen. In March 2016, Rotary Etobicoke's Community Services Committee provided a grant of \$8,500 in support of this new kitchen. The kitchen/dining area provides daily drop in programs for youth, mothers and children, families and singles with a total of over 9,200 meals served each year.



Greg Dobson – Greg was happy that since he was away on vacation in Europe for several weeks, Donna has given him "an extra few weeks" to get the Ribfest proceeds finalized. He hasn't received all of the bills or cheques yet. He added that if anyone has outstanding expenses from Ribfest to submit them to him by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Theresa Sherwood – Theresa was happy to have her guest Steve Doherty here today, but was "sorry she was late getting here to greet him". She was also happy to see Carolyn Tersigni and Dede Alexakis here today. Carolyn has been helping her with her move to her house in King City, and Dede helped out at the VIP Tent at Ribfest. Theresa added that she was happy to see so many "smiling faces" here today.

## Announcements



**Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> - Club Social – The Bier Markt, 199 North Queen St. (The Queensway & North Queen across from Sherway Gardens) – 6:00 to 8:30 PM – Come and enjoy a "fellowship evening with other members" and have the opportunity to "chat" with Michael Lu about Ribfest 2018. Guests Welcome. Cash Bar.**

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**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Board of Directors meeting – Rot 1100 (no food), 6:30 PM (meeting start) – Rotary Members - 8**

**Visitors & Guests – 5**

**Total – 13**

**Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Luncheon Meeting – Speaker: Elaine Charal, K&M Productions, a certified Graphologist, Entertainer and Speaker.**

**Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – District Governor Neil Phillips' "Official Visit" – Rotary Clubhouse – 7:00 PM**



**Gary Halford – August 6<sup>th</sup>  
Donna Cansfield – August 9<sup>th</sup>  
Harry Waterman – August 17<sup>th</sup>  
Gord Duncan – August 20<sup>th</sup>**



## Visiting Rotarians:

-  **Rose Dlamini – Greenwich, England (D2100)**
-  **Sonia Velasco – Jundiai, Brazil (D4590)**

## Visitors & Guests:

-  **Kathryn RaRa Asaro Myers**
-  **Carolyn Tersigni – Potential New Member**
-  **Rod Pulce – Potential New Member**
-  **Steve Doherty – Potential New Member**
-  **Dede Alexakis – Guest of Helen Harakas**

## Hands-On Etobicoke Supports LAMP CHC Canada Day BBQ

On Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> Hands-On Etobicoke provided frozen hamburgers and hotdogs to support LAMP CHC Drop-In Centre's celebration for Canada Day and end of year BBQ. The Drop-In Centre provides services for 40 to 120 people every day. Many of the families are living with financial and housing challenges, health concerns and homelessness. The very popular BBQ is also open to the local Lakeshore community and a large number of guests were expected to enjoy this special event including seniors, young families, RAYA, SEYA and Street Level Youth Groups.



## Rotary Etobicoke Members Celebrate "First Nations Day"

Rotarians Gillian and Andre Dugas, with Blanche Meawassige, Executive Director of Anduhyaun, attended a gathering to celebrate First Nations Day on June 21<sup>st</sup> with friends and family of Anduhyaun First Nations Women's Shelters. An incredibly moving and inspiring keynote talk by Phyllis McKenna, a former resident of Anduhyaun Emergency Shelter and Nekenan Second Stage Housing, gave a first-hand account of the refuge,



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encouragement, compassion, safety and life changing support she received from Anduhyaun during her 3 year stay. Phyllis is now studying at Ryerson and serving on the executive of several committees to further Indigenous issues. Rotary Etobicoke and Hands-on Etobicoke were thanked during the event for our 6 year commitment to Anduhyaun and Nekenaa. An evening full of laughter, friendship and sharing of strength, support and hope for the future.

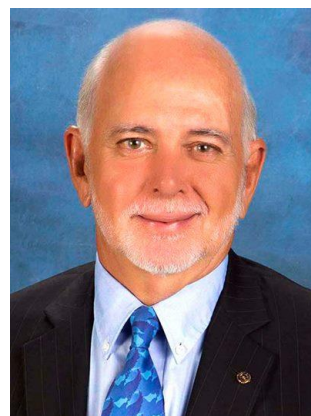


## ***Cheque Presentation – Humber College Guatemalan Project***

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Laura Latham representing Rotary Etobicoke's Aboriginal & International Service Committee present a cheque for \$5,000 to Alister Mathieson, Vice President Advancement and External Affairs, and Diane Simpson, Senior International Consultant at Humber College in support of Humber Colleges/IDI Guatemalan Project in Vuelta Grande, Guatemala.



## ***Barry Rassin Selected to be 2018-19 Rotary International President***



**Barry Rassin**, of the **Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas**, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for **President of Rotary International for 2018-19**. He will be declared the president-elect on September 1st if no challenging candidates have been suggested. Rassin's nomination follows **Sam F. Owori's death** in July, just two weeks into his term as Rotary International president-elect.

As president, Rassin aims to strengthen our public image and our use of digital tools to maximize Rotary's reach.

"Those who know what good Rotary clubs do will want to be a part of it, and we must find new models for membership that allow all interested in our mission to participate," he says. "With Rotary more in the public eye, we will attract more individuals who want to be part of and support a membership organization that accomplishes so much good around the world."

Rassin earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he continues to serve as an adviser. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education Council, and Employer's Confederation.

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A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran.

Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

***Mark Maloney Selected to be  
President of Rotary International in  
2019-2020***



The Rotary International Nominating Committee has announced that **Mark Daniel Maloney, of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA**, has been selected by the Committee to be **President of Rotary International in 2019-20**. He will be declared the president-nominee on October 1st if there are no challenging candidates.

Mark is a principal in the law firm of Blackburn, Maloney, and Schuppert LLC, with a focus on taxation, estate planning, and agricultural law. He represents large farming operations in the southeastern and midwestern U.S., and he has chaired the American Bar Association's Committee on Agriculture in the section of taxation.

Mark has chaired his church's finance council and

local Catholic school board. He has served as president of the Community Foundation of Greater Decatur, chair of Morgan County Meals on Wheels, and director of the United Way of Morgan County and the Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce.

Mark Maloney joined Rotary in 1980. He has served as an RI director; trustee and vice chair of The Rotary Foundation; president's aide; zone coordinator; and a leader on the Future Vision and 2014 Sydney Convention Committees. He serves on the Operations Review Committee and has served on the Rotary Peace Centers Committee. He has received the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. Mark and his wife, Gay, are Major Donors and Bequest Society members.



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