

# ROTARY ETOBICOKE BASICS

*Information about your Club*



Welcome to the Rotary Club of Etobicoke. This document has the main information you should know about our club. Don't be shy to ask and get involved! Rotary International has a page dedicated to New Members as well. Please take your time to see it: <https://my.rotary.org/en/knowledge-and-resources/resources-and-reference/benefits-of-membership>

## How do I start?

There are many ways to make the most out of your Rotary experience. Get started today:

- Sign up for a My Rotary account to access the [benefits of Rotary](#).
- Learn about Rotary and The Rotary Foundation in Rotary Basics
- Take a course in the Learning Center.
- Serve on a club committee where you can use your skills.
- Identify a need in your community and suggest a hands-on project to address it.
- Work with a youth service program sponsored by your club, such as [Interact or Rotary Youth Leadership Symposium \(RYLS\)](#).
- Recommend a colleague or friend for membership to our Club.

**Now we explain more about how Rotary and Rotary Club of Etobicoke Club works:**

## Rotary Wheel

The Emblem of Rotary is a wheel with a hub, six spokes and twenty-four cogs, with the:

- Hub representing the club.
- Spokes represent the influence that radiates from the club.
- Cogs representing the individual members.
- Keyway indicates that it is a worker and not an idler.

## Objects

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as the basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster as of today:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his or her personal, business and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

## Four Way Test

*(Ask Yourself)*

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it Build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## Rotary Causes - 7 Areas of Focus

- Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation

- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development
- Protecting the environment

## Community Service

Rotary is far more than getting together once a month for a meal and a program. Rotary operates on the principle that he/she who serves must act – not only once a week, but day-by-day and hour-by-hour as opportunities may arise to serve the community.

## Rotary Foundation

The [Rotary Foundation](#) supports many major Rotary projects at various levels, including on an international scale. The Foundation is managed at the Rotary International level by a Board of Trustees, with financial contributions from every club. Its objective is to promote understanding and friendly relations among people of different nations by fostering effective, tangible projects of a philanthropic, charitable, educational, or other benevolent nature. It's important to note that 50% of the donated funds are returned to our club after three years as District Designated Funds. For more information, check out the [Rotary Foundation Canada](#).

## Paul Harris Fellows and Awards

The Rotary Foundation is funded by gifts. Upon the death of Rotary founder, Paul Harris in 1947, Rotarians contributed to the Rotary Foundation in honour of the founder of Rotary. Today, those who continue this tradition by contributing \$1,000 or for whom this donation was made in their honour or memory are designated "Paul Harris Fellows".

The Paul Harris Fellow awards are given to persons who have done outstanding service to Rotary and their community. The Rotary Club of Etobicoke is contributing to the Rotary Foundation \$1,000 for each award presented to a recipient. These funds are used for worldwide humanitarian programs. You can see the [Paul Harris Recipients on the Rotary website](#).

## Expectations about being a Rotarian

Just as every Rotarian expects to learn something from Rotary in Service, fellowship, acquaintanceship and how to promote community welfare, so does Rotary expect certain things from their Rotarians.

The member will:

- Strive to learn about Rotary - for knowledge is essential to growth in any organization.
- Do what he/she is called on to do for his/her club.
- Do his/her part in helping to carry out his/her club's financial program.
- Keep his/her private business and social conduct above reproach.
- Dignify his/her trade or profession - for every classification recognized by Rotary is a worthy classification.
- Take Rotary ideas to his/her trade or profession.
- Place Service above self and freely join with other members in the effort to make a worthwhile contribution, in terms of service to the community, country and the world.
- Understand that any attempt to commercialize Rotary will be looked upon with disfavour.

# Rotary Club of Etobicoke Basics

## Meetings

- Recognizing that members are busy, Rotary International has recently given clubs the flexibility to meet less often than the originally mandated four times a month.
- The Etobicoke Club holds meetings twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. These are typically luncheon meetings held at either the Club Office, the Old Mill Toronto Restaurant, or another pre-arranged location. Members are notified of the location and time in advance by email. These meetings focus on social and educational activities and are occasionally hosted in various community venues.

- The Etobicoke Club holds additional socials throughout the year (about once a quarter). Locations and days vary.
- Always check our [online Calendar to see what is going on](#).

## Attendance

- Historically, attendance has been mandatory and clubs kept attendance. Several years ago, a member could be asked to leave the club if they missed more than 3 meetings. Recognizing people's time demands, Rotary International has relaxed these expectations. Our club does not keep attendance records.
- Participation in committee work is considered attendance. The Rotary Club of Etobicoke places great importance on members taking an active part in the work of its Committees.
- Members are expected to take an active part in supporting Toronto Ribfest and Delta Bingo St. Clair by volunteering their time.

## Club Office

- Club House: 4195 Dundas St. W, Suite G10. Etobicoke, ON, M8X 1Y4.
- We are fortunate to have a Club Office, made available to us through the generosity of a local developer and good friend of the club. Unfortunately, the Club has only a short-term lease on this space.

## Website

- The link for the club website is [www.rotaryetobicoke.org](http://www.rotaryetobicoke.org). This website is hosted on a platform common to all Rotary Clubs, called ClubRunner. You have received your ClubRunner access from our Secretary. In the ClubRunner you can find the member's contact information.
- There is a direct link to our District website (District 7070) and the Rotary International website from our home page footer.
- The website is undergoing constant improvement. Our goal is to have it provide members with a one-stop website for anything they want to know relating to Rotary and our club. Check it often!
- Important to note that there is a Member Area (top right-hand corner) accessible only to members. Your password was provided with your membership notice. If you need help retrieving it, contact our Club Secretary.



Once you are in, you have several options. Start filling up your profile. You can see the contact of the club members as well, which is a great opportunity to connect with them.

## Email

- The Club's main email is [contact@rotaryetobicoke.org](mailto:contact@rotaryetobicoke.org), and you can also have your own Rotarian email ([yourname@rotaryetobicoke.org](mailto:yourname@rotaryetobicoke.org)). If you join a committee, it is ideal to use your Rotarian email instead of your personal one. You access your Rotary email using Gmail, as Rotary Etobicoke has a Google for Non-Profits plan. Connect with the Marketing and Communications Chair to create your rotary email, if you want to have one. Important: the email will be name and/or last name. Names different from this standard will not be accepted.

## Mentorship

- Our goal is to ensure that every new member feels comfortable and engaged in our club.
- In addition to promoting a welcoming environment at our regular club meetings, we strive to ensure that every new member becomes actively involved in at least one Committee. This is the best way to meet people and learn what Rotary is all about.
- The Membership Committee strives to implement a formal mentorship program for new members.
- Should you feel, that you would like more personal education and guidance as a new member, please speak with the Membership Chair.

## Club Oversight

- The governing body of this club is the Board of Directors. The Club's By-laws provide information about the Board of Directors, how they are elected, their

duties and responsibilities, and the duration of their time in office. The By-law is under review by the Board of Directors and will be posted online when ready.

- Every member should consider serving on the Board of Directors to experience the challenge and responsibilities and enjoy the satisfaction of participating in the operation of the club.
- Our By-laws permit a maximum of 12 Directors. Five are designated officers of the club:
  - President
  - President-elect
  - Vice-President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Past-President
  - Senior Director
- Three additional Directors for Services:
  - Community Service
  - New Generations Service
  - International and Indigenous Service
- Two additional Directors for Administration:
  - Membership
  - Marketing and Communications
- Please refer to the Rotary Club of Etobicoke By-laws 2024 for detailed information and nomination procedures.
- The Board meets every month to discuss projects and approve new members' applications. Every Board meeting has a Minute as a result. You can check the [Minutes on this link](#), after logging in at your ClubRunner page.
- Each year, the Club holds its Annual General Meeting (AGM), where all members are required to participate. During this meeting, members vote to provide direction on the Club's future actions, review and approve minutes from the previous year, and confirm past actions and projects. The new President, Secretary, and Treasurer are also voted on at the AGM, where members can make additional nominations from the floor - and a vote will happen.
- The Rotary Etobicoke year is from July 1st to June 30th, while the Rotary International year is from January 1st to December 31st.



## Rotaract

- Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18 and older to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. Rotaract members are considered Rotarians. The Rotary Club of Etobicoke supports the [Rotaract Club of York University](#), making events and projects together. Rotaract Clubs can partner with other Rotary clubs.

## Interact

- Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. The Rotary Club of Etobicoke supports two high school Interact Clubs: [Etobicoke Collegiate Institute Interact Club](#) and Richview Collegiate Institute Interact Club, with several projects together. Interact Clubs can partner with other Rotary clubs.

# Board of Directors and Officers 2024-2025

## Executive

Lynda Ryder - President  
Lynda Ryder - Past President  
Gill Dugas - President-Elect  
Ron Miller - Secretary  
Gregg Dobson - Treasurer  
Gerry Lue (Senior Director)

## Community Service

Gord Duncan (New Generations - Youth and Vocational Service)  
Gill Dugas/Alex Woda (Community Service)  
Tom Sanderson (International and Indigenous Service)

## Club Affairs

Andy Chiodo (Membership)

Romulo Orlandini (Marketing & Communication)

## Toronto Ribfest

Gerry Lue (Ribfest)

# Club Committees, Core Projects and Activities

## Committees

The work of the Club is done through its various Committees, which report directly to the Board.

- One of the responsibilities of the Committee is to make decisions about how the monies raised by the club are allocated.
- Currently, a big part of the club's funds are raised through our Toronto Ribfest and 100% of the proceeds are returned to the community. We also receive donations from friends of Rotary (members or not) and companies.
- By agreement, 60% are dispersed to the Community Service Committee, 20% to the International and Indigenous Service Committee and 20% to the New Generations Service Committee. The Hands-On Committee receives its budget through the Community Services Committee.
  - o Service Committee can receive donations from individuals and companies, and allocate the donation to specific projects.
  - o In March 2024, an additional club fundraiser began in partnership with [Delta Bingo & Gaming St. Clair](#). Funds raised through our volunteer efforts are paid to the club and distributed to Etobicoke charities by our Community Service Committee. All members are encouraged to complete the online training program and volunteer for two-hour shifts.

## Community Services Committee

### Committee Mandate:

To provide resources and support to community agencies that support low-income or marginalized clients (including shelters and community centers) and agencies that support the developmentally challenged.

The Committee also monitors Hands-on projects initiated by Committee members and ensures that information about upcoming projects is published to the Membership.

### Committee Activities:

- Receive and review funding requests submitted by community agencies (using the online application form on the website).
- When needed, Committee member(s) visit an organization to gather more information as part of the Due Diligence process.
- As needed, visit organizations as a follow-up to giving grants to ensure compliance with the terms of the grant.
- Provide direct hands-on support to various community groups; some projects are responses to a request from a community agency. Other projects are initiatives of the club membership.
- The chair works with other Committee Chairs to review and assign any requests that may overlap across Committees.

**Institutions that Hands-On has helped:** After Breast Cancer, Anduhyaun Women's Shelter, Arts Etobicoke, Dorothy Ley Hospice, Elisa House, Ernestine's Women's Shelter, Etobicoke General Hospital, Franklin Horner, Haven on Queensway, Kids Against Hunger, Rexdale Community Centre, Salvation Army, St. Joseph's Health Centre, Trillium Health Partners, Women's Habitat, and Youth Without Shelter.

## New Generations Service Committee

### Committee Mandate:

To provide resources and support for Mentorships, Scholarships, Educational and Leadership initiatives, including resources and support for Interact and Rotaract initiatives.

### Committee Activities:

- Receive and review funding requests submitted by community groups (using an online application form).
- When needed, Committee member(s) communicate with or visit an organization to gather more information as part of the Due Diligence process.
- As needed, Committee members visit organizations as a follow-up to giving grants to learn more about outcomes as well as to ensure compliance with the terms of the grant.
- Provide direct mentoring support to :
  - 2 High School Interact groups
  - 1 University Rotaractor group
  - high school students interested in developing career skills
- Meet with appropriate staff to explore the development of a high school-age Community Interact group in Rexdale.
- Explore restructuring of the Camp Enterprise program, an overnight activity focused on helping high school students develop business and career skills.

In the past few years, Rotary has partnered with [Merit Awards](#) to provide scholarships to students. The members commit time to analyze scholarship applications and the club donates to the institution.

## International and Indigenous Service Committee

### Committee Mandate:

To provide resources and support to International agencies and to select Indigenous Communities.

### Committee Activities:

- Receive and review funding requests submitted by community groups using an online application form.
- When needed, Committee member(s) contact or visit an organization to gather more information as part of the Due Diligence process.
- As needed, Committee members visit organizations as a follow-up to giving grants to ensure compliance with the terms of the grant.
- Analyse Rotary Club Grant requests to decide how 7070 District Designated Funds (DDF) can be accessed.
- Provide direct support to the initiative to collect, sort, package and deliver used hockey equipment to select Indigenous Communities in Northern Ontario.

### **Past Grants Awarded by the International and Indigenous Services Committee:**

Participation with grants to water projects in Uganda (Africa) and Laos (Asia); Global Grant Vision Project in Nepal; the committee has supported HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) with Misko-Aki Confluence of Cultures exhibition in Gravenhurst (Ontario). Part grants were conceived in Australia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Cameroon, Rwanda and Serbia.

## Administration Club Service - Membership Committee

### Committee Mandate:

To develop plans for the recruitment, induction, engagement and retention of members.

### Committee Activities:

- Respond to inquiries about membership and develop a plan for welcoming prospective members.

- Plans for formal Induction of new members.
- Develops and implements an effective plan for mentorship of new members.
- Proposes to the President, Committees, and Board ideas for ensuring that members are actively engaged in the club.

## Administration Club Service- Marketing and Communication Committee

### Committee Mandate:

To develop and execute plans for the club's image and communications with stakeholders.

### Committee Activities:

- Responsible for the club's social media.
- Communicate and reply to media requests.
- Proposes to the President, Committees, and Board ideas for proper communication between them and members.

The Marketing and Communications Committee does not use money from the donations but from the member's fee.

### Follow the club's social media!

Instagram: [@rcetobicoke](#)

Facebook: [RCEtobicoke](#)

LinkedIn: [Rotaryetobicoke](#)

X: [RCEtobicoke](#)

## Toronto Ribfest Project

The Toronto Ribfest is a quasi-independent Executive Committee, responsible directly to the Board of Directors. Financial Budgets are managed by the Club Treasurer, who is a member of the Ribfest Executive and Operation Committee. Consider joining and volunteering at Toronto Ribfest, as it is the Club's biggest project and major fundraising.

## Joining a Committee

All members are encouraged to join at least one of the above committees. The decision is up to the individual, and you are welcome to attend any and all Committee meetings as part of learning where you best fit. All members are also welcome to attend any meeting of the Board of Directors.

## Core Projects

### Toronto Ribfest

Toronto Ribfest has been our Club's major fundraiser for almost 30 years. It has been extremely successful and has involved many people in our Club. We are proud to have built it into one of the most successful Rotary fundraisers in the GTA.

- Toronto Ribfest is a 4 to 5-day event that takes place on the Canada Day Weekend at Centennial Park. It is a major music and food festival that has been recognized by Festival & Events Ontario (FEO) as one of the top 100 Festivals in Ontario for 5 years in a row. Each year Ribfest hosts an official Citizenship Ceremony on Canada Day in which 40 to 50 people become new Canadians.
- Toronto Ribfest is a major event and it demands a major commitment on the part of a core team of 15 to 20 members taking Lead across key areas. Active involvement of all members is critical to its success and sustainability. This is why participation in this event is an expectation of membership in the club. This event is run almost entirely by volunteers and the involvement of not only members but also our community partners is important to its success.
- Toronto Ribfest has made a major commitment to waste management and over the last few years, our waste management and recycling has seen 84% of the waste in the park recycled, composted, etc., which was a major accomplishment.
- The [Website](#) and Social Media for the event are also created and maintained by Rotary Etobicoke: [@ribfestto](#) and [RibfesTO](#).



## Smart Serve Training

During Toronto Ribfest, our Club operates Beer Tents, which generate an important part of our income. We are required by both Provincial laws and City By-laws to ensure that everyone who steps inside a Beer Tent - to sell, serve, or handle alcohol - carries a valid Smart Serve Certificate. The City By-law requires that volunteers also be 19 years of age. For this reason, we encourage all members to obtain their Smart Serve Certification, the cost of which will be covered by the club. We will also pay for family members who commit to volunteer at Ribfest.

## Certification

Members may take the training in one of two ways:

- Attend a video workshop facilitated by a Club member
  - this is a 3 to 4-hour session, usually held on a Saturday morning at the Clubhouse.
  - the course includes about 1 hour and 20 minutes of content, broken by periods of work in an accompanying workbook.
  - this is followed by the certification test, which is about 1 hour; the test must be taken at this session.
- Take the course online:
  - the club will buy bulk tokens (basically a password) for distribution to those interested in taking the course online.
  - this can be done in your own time within 30 days of receiving the token



- the full course, including the test, takes about 4 hours but does not have to be completed at one time; it consists of videos, text, quizzes and the online certification test.
- you will need a computer with a stable internet connection, speakers, and ideally a working webcam for the test (which must be proctored)
- you also need Google Chrome, Adobe Flash Player and Adobe Reader 9 or higher (available by download)
- if you do not have a webcam, alternative arrangements are available.

**Recertification** - Those who have Smart Serve training but wish to update their knowledge can take recertification training online.

**Lost Cards** - There is a process to replace lost or damaged cards for those who have been previously certified. Provincial records go back to 1995.

## Leadership, Growth and Fellowship Opportunities

### Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a series of leadership courses offered in three full-day parts (Parts I, II, and III).

- Participants must complete each part before proceeding to the next part.
- The courses are designed to provide Rotary knowledge and to develop leadership skills.
- The overriding goal of this program for club Rotarians is to create enthusiasm for Rotary by opening up to them the world of Rotary outside of their own clubs and also showing them the great potential of Rotary service for the benefit of the world that can be furthered with excellent leadership in our clubs.

The Rotary Leadership Institute is fun, interactive and participatory, using skilled faculty and facilitation techniques to make the experience valuable and enjoyable. Topics covered include:

- Leadership characteristics/skills/strategies
- Rotary organization beyond the club level
- Membership recruitment/retention
- Our Rotary Foundation

- How to organize a service project
- Team building/effective committees
- Ethics/vocational service
- Strategic Planning and Analysis of Your Own Club
- Public Image and Public Relations

Participants are guaranteed to bring back to their club new ideas and approaches that will make your club stronger. *Interaction with other Rotarians from other clubs is invaluable as well.*

For more information, or to register, visit the [District 7070 website](#) to check more.

## Benefits of Rotary Membership

In addition to the sense of accomplishment that comes from taking part in club efforts and the friendships that membership brings, you can benefit from the following:

- **"The Rotarian"**: As a member, you will automatically receive the official Rotary magazine which provides information about activities beyond the club and a sense of the true meaning of being a Rotarian.
- **Rotary Friendship Exchange**: As a member, you are eligible for this program in which members trade places with another Rotarian from another country for a visit. This program is also open to groups from a club.
- **Sweat Equity**: Members can travel to another country to work with other Rotarians on a project like building a school, a water/sanitation project, etc.
- **Grants and Scholarships**: Member's children could be eligible for District Grant scholarships, Peace scholarships, and leadership courses.

Information on all these programs is available through your [My Rotary](#) account on the RI website.

## Etobicoke Club History

**1930:** The District Governor, together with the Rotary Club of Toronto appoints Bill Purtle to help charter a new Rotary Club. Together with 20 other industrial leaders in the Lakeshore area, Bill helped charter the Rotary Club of Mimico, New Toronto. Charter night was held on March 27, 1930, in the auditorium of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company on Lakeshore Avenue, just East of Brown's Line. This was the third Rotary Club in the Toronto area.

**Early 1930s (the Depression):** The Club raised funds for community service through annual Theatre Nights and Draws. The Club focused efforts on helping families of the unemployed, providing more than 2000 parcels of food and milk. They also provided a local park (at the foot of 11th Street) with playground equipment, and as an expression of appreciation, the property was named Rotary Park. The Club hosted picnics for underprivileged children in this park. They also purchased boots, braces, wheelchairs and other equipment for disabled children.

**1934:** After meeting for several years in local businesses, the Club moved its regular meetings to the Old Mill Restaurant.

**The 1940s (the war years):** Club members increase to 35. Community services included supporting Boy Scouts through Scout Patrol competition trophies, and donations toward the 'National Milk for Britain' fund. The Club also established scholarships for students at Mimico High School, and later New Toronto Secondary, Etobicoke Collegiate, Royal York Collegiate and Alderwood Collegiate.

**1945:** The idea of creating a Rotary Youth Centre was conceived. Initially, a surplus army hut was erected in Mimico Coronation Park (Royal York and Judson) and converted into an indoor recreation facility. This was seen to be just a beginning and major fundraising efforts were undertaken, including Bingo at Maple Leaf Gardens. Money was also raised by borrowing capital from members at an interest rate of 3%.

**1948:** The Rotary Youth Centre was opened. Responsibility for the Center was shared, under defined conditions, by the Club and the Town of Mimico. A condition was that use of the Centre be allocated to the Club one night a week. The Youth Centre became the home of Boy Scouts and Rovers in the area.

**1953:** After several successful fundraising events, all Club members who advance capital to this project were repaid. In all the Club contributed approximately \$50, to the Centre and remained for many years continued sponsor of the Lakeshore Scout movement.

**1954:** Ownership of the Youth Centre was transferred to the Town of Mimico.

**1955:** Rotary Club of Mimico New Toronto celebrated its 25th anniversary and Rotary International celebrated its 50th. The occasion was marked by our club's sponsorship of

the Islington Club. The Club also sponsored Boys from England, Scotland and Ireland to take part in the World Jamboree of Scouts held in Niagara Falls.

**1956:** The Queensway Hospital building fund set an objective to raise \$2,000,000 and our Club pledged \$8,000 toward the building and equipment. This marked the year of the first Golf Day at the Lake View Golf Club, followed by an evening of fellowship. This became an annual event.

**1957-58:** Ivan Percy Brettell serves as District Governor, the first of several District Governors coming from this club. He hosted the District Conference at the King Edward Hotel, which was attended by 1,120 Rotarians.

**1959:** The Club adopted another major project to develop a camp for the Girl Guide Movement in South West Toronto. The Club purchased a 100-acre farm in the Alliston area for \$10,000 and with support from the Girl Guide Association and our Club this was transformed into Piper Hill Camp. Three Club members became trustees to hold title to the property for the next 5 years. In 1960 major improvements were made to Piper Hill Camp with \$15,000 in funds raised by the Girl Guide Association.

**1964:** The title to the land was transferred to the Girl Guide Movement.

**1967:** On July 1st the Club name was changed to the Rotary Club of Etobicoke.

**1974:** Special emphasis was placed by the club on raising funds for the Rotary Foundation and contributions were increased by 1200%. This allowed our club to select our first Honorary Paul Harris Fellow, an award given "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations between peoples of the world. Past President Ron Funnell was the first to receive this recognition from our club.

**1977:** The first Etobicoke Camp Enterprise was established.

**1979:** The Club held its first TV auction, which yielded \$16,000 in its first year. This was multiplied many times in subsequent years and the funds supported many different projects. The Club participated, along with other Rotary Clubs, until the late 1990s. The Club's last participation in a TV auction was in 2011.

**1988:** The Club admitted its first female member. A number of Rotary Clubs were responding to the call to admit women, but Rotary International's Council on Legislation (COL) had not officially sanctioned it at that time and, Club President Don Edwards nearly lost our Club charter by supporting this direction.

**1995:** Rotary Etobicoke was instrumental in chartering a new club, The Etobicoke Sunrise Club, a breakfast club.

**2000:** Toronto Ribfest became our primary fundraiser. As of 2016, this event has generated more than \$3 million which has gone back into the community.

**2007-08:** Wilf Wilkinson from District 7070 served as RI President and our own Lynda Ryder served as our club's second District Governor. Dr. Bob Scott from District 7070 serves as chair of the Rotary Foundation.

**2015-16:** Michael Bell serves as our club's third District Governor.

**2022-23:** Iosif Ciosa serves as our club's fourth District Governor.

**2024:** Restart of Toronto Ribfest, after the COVID years.

**2024:** Rotary Etobicoke embarks on a new fundraiser with Delta Bingo & Gaming at St. Clair, an agreement with the Ontario Charitable Gaming Association (OCGA)