



# WEEKLY UPDATE



## Rotary Club of Etobicoke

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Week November 07, 2012

Board 2011 - 2012

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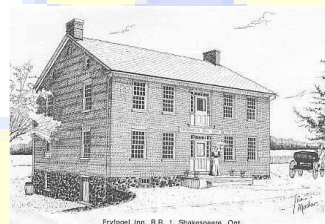
**November 14, 2012: Speaker - TBA**

### Today's Speakers - Lutzen Riedstra & Reg White Fryfogel & Canada Company



Nigel Brown introduced Lutzen Riedstra and Reg White. Lutzen retired after 28 years as the archivists for the Stratford-Perth Archives (the archives for City of Stratford and Perth County). He is historian and has written two histories and numerous articles. Since retiring he has been teaching part-time at the Master of Library and Information Studies at University of Western Ontario. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Stratford since 1991. He is an active member of the Perth County Historical Foundation. Lutzen was born in the Netherlands, and raised in Germany as well as Canada. He speaks 5 languages and reads 15. Reg worked for the Royal Bank of Canada as an accountant, then after moving back to Stratford worked in sales for Master Feeds. He

has been active in Community activities; Chair of Stratford Board of Park Management, President of the Stratford Horticultural Society; Chaired the "Save City Hall" movement that saved their historic City Hall; was and has rejoined the Perth County Historical Foundation who are the owners of the Fryfogel Tavern; and is the current Chair of the newly formed committee called the Friends of the Fryfogel Arboretum. He is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Stratford.



Lutzen began by giving some background on the Fryfogel Tavern.

Located at the edge of Highway 7/8, which constitutes the former Huron Road, Fryfogel's Tavern recalls the early settlement pattern of the Perth County. It was along this road that settlement in the area first began to spread out, therefore placing it amidst one of the municipality's most historic areas. Bordering a brook, which was undoubtedly a factor in the tavern's placement, the site also features a wooded perimeter and grassed yard reflecting the site's historic appearance. Fryfogel's Tavern is associated with the earliest European settlement of what was known as the Canada Company's 'Huron Tract'. This was an immense tract of land that included Perth County and all of the property between Guelph and Goderich. Constructed by the county's first settler, Sebastian Fryfogel, this building is situated on the Huron Road, a colonization road which

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bisected the tract, and marks the site of an earlier 1828 log tavern. Established by the Canada Company, a number of these wooden taverns were constructed along the road to provide a place of rest and entertainment and were instrumental in facilitating area settlement. The original tavern operated by Fryfogel became an especially popular stopping place and allowed him to construct the subsequent comfortable structure around 1844-45. Prominent and highly respected in the community, the Swiss-born Fryfogel held a variety of municipal offices including district councillor, reeve, county warden, militia captain and magistrate. Fryfogel's Tavern survives as the only structure of its kind within the former Huron Tract.

Recent work at Fryfogel Tavern has turned up evidence of a beautifully decorated building, which must have appeared a marvel to local native Canadians and the last post of civilized elegance for settlers heading into the bush. Picture this building surrounded by forest, with a corduroy roadbed twelve feet lower than the present highway. It flourished as a tavern until about 1856, when the railway was built a short distance behind it, causing business to dwindle. The building has enjoyed many lives including housing the first meetings of Perth County, as well as a restaurant in the 1930's and 40's. Particularly interesting is the fact that the building remained property of the Fryfogel family into the 1960's.

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Lutzen asked Reg to talk about the Arboretum project at Fryfogel Tavern. In 2010 the Board

of the Perth County Historical Foundation, sighting the importance of our natural environment, passed a motion to create an Arboretum on the 5 acres surrounding the tavern. It is an ongoing project to plant trees and shrubs indigenous to Ontario and to Canada. This project is of great importance due to the ongoing loss of original forest cover in the Perth County area. Many species are rare or are disappearing entirely. The Friends of the Arboretum will continue to reintroduce these species of trees, shrubs and plants which are an important part of our natural heritage in this area of Ontario. They have had help from a Landscape Architect from the University of Guelph who helped come up with a master plan. They had a "busload" of landscape students from U of G come up to help. They have also had assistance from the Ministry of Environment and the CEO of the Grand River Conservation Authority. They are also getting help from the Niagara Horticultural School. They even had 3 members of the Fryfogel family who helped plant trees. They have applied for grants from the Evergreen Fund and from the Toronto Dominion Bank. They have also applied for a \$25,000 grant from Farm Grant Canada to purchase the 5 additional adjacent acres. They also received a \$12,000 Trillium Grant which they used to dig a well on the site.

Reg also noted that at one of their "celebrity planting days", their celebrity was none other than Bernadette Hunkeler Brown (Nigel was there too).

Reg says that he thinks this is probably the "most important thing he has ever done. It is a legacy project that he is proud to be associated with. He says if "we don't preserve our natural landscape we will be in trouble".

Andre Dugas thanked Lutzen and Reg for their "stimulating" presentation. He said he was so "stimulated" that he may go out "and plant a tree". Andre added that he was happy that the Stratford Rotary Club was involved in a "legacy project" that they could be proud of.

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## Jottings from the Board November 05m 2012

By Bob Maxwell - Sr. Director

1. Cheques approved for payment 1542 to 1556 (Luncheon shortfalls, President's pin for PP Ron Miller, fees for 2 Rotaractors to attend Conference, Martin's Flowers, previously approved donations)
2. President Hugh's report on discussions with the Rotary Club of Toronto-West on a legacy project.
3. President Hugh's report on the progress to date relating to the benefit concert for Child Hunger to be held on Thursday,
4. June 27, 2012 at Centennial Park, prior to the commencement of Ribfest on June 28, 2012.
5. The Board approved the application of Michael Bell for the position District Governor. The vote will be held at District at a future date.
6. Donatlions approved
  - Etobicoke Services for Seniors (van) - \$21,000.00
  - F.E.A.T. (Franklin Horner Comm. Centre) - \$2,500.00
  - Student Nutrition programs - \$29,000.00
  - Salvation Army (Christmas food program) - \$300.00
  - Toronto Rehab (towards dialysis machine) - \$10,000.00
  - Children of Hope, Uganda - \$2,000.00
  - Amarok Society Printing math books (Bangladesh) - \$1,000.00 &

\$500.00 Towards education 5 kids in Bangladesh.

The Board approved the following for membership in the Rotary Club of Etobicoke

- John Campbell
- Kevin Crigger
- Maati Lahroussi
- Cecelia Luu
- Jennifer Maron
- Andrew Claxton

The Secretary will be sending out notices to all members

The next Board meeting will be on December 3rd, 2012. A notice will be posted in the weekly bulletin.

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## Remembrance Day



Prior to the start of today's luncheon, Ron Miller held a brief Remembrance Day" ceremony including a "moment of silence" and the reading of "In Flanders Fields" by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrea. Ron also gave some personal insights in to what Remembrance Day means to him.

"In Flanders Fields" By: Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

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Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch, be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

## Memorial Service for Betty Coates

A memorial service will be held for Betty Coates, wife of long time member Ken Coates, on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Village of Humber Heights (2245 Lawrence Avenue West, Etobicoke) at 2 PM.

## Proposed 2013-2014 Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee (President Hugh Williams, Past President Diane Irvine, Past President Russ Morreale, Nigel Brown and Alex Woda) met recently and are presenting the proposed slate of 2013-2014 Board of Directors as follows;

- President: Michael Bell
- Vice President: Mark Winson
- Secretary: Ron Miller
- Treasurer: Don Edwards
- President-Elect: Vacant
- Senior Director: Paul Roeser
- Immediate Past President: Hugh Williams
- Directors: Opal Rowe, Lynda Ryder, Maureen Borghoff, Alex Woda, Carol Weber

The slate of Directors for 2013-2014 will be presented at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and voted on by the membership.

*Reporting & Pictures Courtesy: Ron Miller*

## Rotary Foundation Month

Michael Bell wanted to remind everyone that November is Rotary Foundation Month. Michael gave a quick overview of Foundation.

By [donating to the Foundation](#), you support Rotary's six [areas of focus](#), which help advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Contributions to the Every Rotarian Ever Year (EREY) initiative, is the primary source of funding for Foundation programs. RI encourages every member worldwide to contribute to this fund.

Here are a few ways your contributions are changing lives around the world.

- Fighting hunger
- Reducing child mortality
- Promoting peace and conflict resolution
- Basic education and literacy
- Eradicating polio

When members contribute to Foundation they earn appreciation points (1 point per US\$1) and earn the following recognitions;

- Sustaining member - personally contributes \$100 or more each year
- Paul Harris Fellow - contributes \$1000 or more to Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, and PolioPlus Partners.
- Multiple Paul Harris - subsequent \$1000 donations
- Paul Harris Society - \$1000 or more each year
- Major Donor - personal giving has reached \$10,000
- Arch Klumph Society - \$250,000 or more
- Benefactor - provision made in estate of \$1000 or more to Permanent Fund
- Bequest Society - estate plans of \$10,000 or more.

With Rotary Foundation Month in mind, Michael announced that the Club is making a "special offer" to our members. If a member makes a



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donation to Foundation this month, the Club will match the recognition points or in essence the Club will double the points earned. For example, if a member donates \$100 (which would normally earn 100 points) it would be doubled by the Club to 200 points. This offer is valid on any amount donated. If any member is interested in taking advantage of this offer, please give your cheque to Ron Miller before the end of the month.



## Visiting Rotarians

- ➔ **Lutzen Riedstra** – Stratford RC – speaker – Fryfogel & Canada Company
- ➔ **Reg White** – Stratford RC – speaker – Fryfogel & Canada Company

## Guests

- ➔ **Erlene Brown** – Potential New Member
- ➔ **Dr. Gina Valle** – Guest of Maureen Borghoff

Club members – we were 13 today  
Total attendees – 17

## Secretary's Corner

*By Ron Miller*

Following announcements were made

- **November 20, 2012 7.00 PM** – International Services Committee Meeting. Venue: Bernadette & Nigel's Residence.
- **November 26, 2012 6.00 PM** – Ribfest Committee Meeting. Venue Illumineer, 486 Evans Ave. Unit 8.

- **November 28, 2012 7.00 PM** – Membership Committee Meeting. Venue Michael Bell's Residence.
- **December 01, 2012** – Bag Packing at No Frills Rathburn & Renfrew 2.00 – 5.00 PM.
- **December 05, 2012 12.15 PM** – Club AGM Old Mill Inn & Spa.
- **December 12, 2012 6.00 PM** – Annual Christmas Dinner Lambton Golf Club.

*Please put all these dates in your diaries and let Ron know any make-ups/meetings you have attended - THANK YOU!*



**Nigel Brown** – Nigel was happy to remind everyone about the upcoming "bag packing" event on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> (2-5 PM) at the No Frills (Rathburn & Renfrew). He also was happy to issue an invitation to Bernadette and his annual "Pre-Christmas Drinks" get-together at their home on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> (3-6 PM). Everyone is welcome.

**Major Kester Trim** – Major Kester was happy to say that he is feeling "more settled" in his new assignment since he arrived here in July. The walls of their new building are "going up". He said he was worried that the winds from the remnants of the "hurricane" might knock the walls down but everything came through OK. He said he is also getting more connected with the "fine folks at Rotary". He was also happy to say that he understood that last December our Club helped out with their "Christmas Kettle" campaign and that he would be looking for "any and all of our members" to help out again this year as "Christmas Bell-ringers". If you can help, let him know. He is also happy to say that this year they have a "Christmas Coordinator" to help arrange things.

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**Theresa Sherwood** – Theresa was happy to say she now has “an empty car” after it had been filled with boxes of supplies she had collected to help out Gillian with her baskets for Basketeers. She said that Gillian is doing a great job of mentoring her as a new member in the Club and is showing her the ways she can contribute. She is looking forward to other projects to contribute to.



## 50/50 Draw

Today's 50:50 Draw **Michael Bell** ticket was drawn out of the bag and he pulled the *Ace of Spades*.

## Annual Christmas Party



The Annual Club Christmas Party will be held on **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at the **Lambton Golf and Country Club (6 PM for Cocktails - 7 PM for Dinner)**. The regular scheduled luncheon meeting that day will be cancelled. **Tickets are \$60/person**. As a special treat this year we will also be holding our “Secret Santa” event that evening. **Everyone is requested to bring a wrapped gift of \$10 or less**. This has always proved to be a lot of fun for everyone. We need to know the number of members and guests, who will be attending, so if you are planning to be there, please let Ron Miller Tel: (416) 763-0319 email: [rjm-woxof@sympatico.ca](mailto:rjm-woxof@sympatico.ca). Know as soon as possible.

## Excerpt from an Article in the Bollettino Rotary Club Modena

In another demonstration of the power and beauty of Rotary as a Group of Toronto area cyclist decides to join the race of cyclists that takes place in Modena. A dear friend originally from our country, Ralph Chiodo, will not take place in the race but will be in charge of organizing everything. Knowing the power of Rotary and knowing our Italian language because of his Calabrian origins. On learning about the earthquake that hit our area, Ralph was able to organize such a fundraiser to help his friends in Modena. A generous check of \$10,000.00 was presented as in front of various members of our Rotary and was placed into the account of which all contributions for our project have been developed.

Ralph is an Italian-American who emigrated from Calabria and studied mechanics for 14 years opening his first garage in Canada. He now owns more than 70 throughout Canada. A beautiful story about how two Rotary Clubs involving a personal friend. Who knows maybe one day we may become Twin Clubs. - *My Thanks to Melissa Pirillo for Help with the Translation.*

*Please join us for  
Pre-Christmas Drinks and Cookies  
at our Residence:  
Bernadette Hunkeler Brown and Nigel  
Brown  
Sunday, December 9, 2012  
3.00 - 6.00pm at  
437 The Kingsway, Etobicoke  
(Corner The Kingsway and Islington)  
Casual attire  
RSVP by Friday, December 7, 2012  
[Bernadette.HunkelerBrown@eda.admin.ch](mailto:Bernadette.HunkelerBrown@eda.admin.ch)  
[bhunkelerbrown@gmail.com](mailto:bhunkelerbrown@gmail.com)  
Tel. Nigel 647 328 3300*

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*No gifts, flowers or wine are necessary. If you would like to, you could consider making a small donation to [IMAGINE](#), a Maputo-based NGO that is close to our hearts, at the drinks. Thank you!*