



WEEKLY UPDATE



Rotary Club of Etobicoke

District Governor: Valarie Wafer

RI President: Ron Burton

Week July 31, 2013

Board 2012 - 2013

President: Michael Bell, Secretary: Ron Miller, Treasurer: Don Edwards

Speaker: August 07, 2013 - Milo Vassalo "Guided Tour of Malta"

Today's Speaker - Classification Talk - John Campbell



President Michael Invited John Campbell to do his "Ptatf15m"

John started by saying his parents were "Omar and Olga a Russian and he was born in Mogadishu"

No John was not born in Mogadishu, his ancestors came over in the 1800's from Scotland and settled in Bayfield. John was born in Toronto, he moved south of the border with his parents to New Jersey and Massachusetts for 7 years before returning back to the big smoke in 1968 a momentous year when both Martin Luther King and Senator Bobby Kennedy were assassinated.

Went to local schools in Etobicoke and to Richview Collegiate, he was in grade 8 while Prime Minister Stephen Harper was in grade 7 and then onto Martin Grove High School where as Student leader he invited former PM Joe Clark to speak, always having that "political bias".

John went to UFT where he read for a Degree in Political Science, Economics and History, worked at Ontario Place in the summers and met his then wife and they travelled through Europe for 3 ½ months upon graduating. After his European sojourn which took him through UK, Germany, Italy, Greece and Turkey he returned to Canada. He was now in the job market and attended a career day at UFT on Advertising and Marketing and worked in this industry making his way through 8 companies including time at Mattel - "The Barbie Company".

He thought at this point with a single degree he was not getting ahead decided to do his GMAT and an MBA at York University graduating in 1999. With our very own Rotarian Donna Cansfield switching to Provincial politics, her School Trustee seat been up for election John decided to throw his hat into the School Trustee Campaign for the Toronto District School Board. In the 70's and 80's there was a John Campbell who was a well liked School Trustee. John with the same name had success and won his election quite handily.

While been a trustee at the school board, he had some interesting times, where two Directors of Education were canned or resigned, served as Chair of the TDSB for a term. Opened the Toronto first Afro-eccentric school. Served through the murder of Jordan Manners, school consolidation, swimming pool closures.

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He left school politics to try his hand at Municipal politics where he lost to Gloria Lindsay-Luby at the last Municipal election, like Justin he lost by a very narrow margin.

He is going to give Municipal politics a another try, especially with one of the two councillors running provincially in Etobicoke.

John said he enjoyed Ribfest and had a lot of fun working with Jack Fleming at the Beer tent and keeping all the patrons well served and hydrated!!



Ingrid thanked Jack for his talk today.

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR VALARIE
WAFFER'S OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21, 2013.**

New Member Introduction - Stephen Mbonye



President Michael was pleased to welcome two of our new member Stephen Mbonye into the Club. Past President Paul Roeser presented him with his New Member information package along with their membership cards and Club ID badges. Past President Hugh Williams presented him with his Rotary pins. Stephen is an Engineering Graduate from UFT and works at Blackberry, Stephen is from Uganda and where his family has strong Rotary affiliations.

Visitors & Guests



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- **Jay Douglas** – Potential New Member
- **Martina Ernst** – Potential New Member
- **Michael Lu** – Potential New Member
- **Peter Duszak** – Official Ribfest Photographer and speaker on September 11, 13.

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Secretary's Corner

By Ron Miller

The following announcements were made:

District Governors Official Club Visit - August 21, 2013.

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



50/50 Draw

Paul Roeser, this week's lucky ticket holder - **of Diamonds**

Reporting and Pictures - Ron Miller

HAPPY BUCKS



Frederik Martin – Frederik was happy to have been to the Martyr's Shrine in Midland, last Sunday for Sri Lanka Day, where the visiting celebrant was the Bishop of Kandy, his hometown in Sri Lanka. In addition as a priest Bishop Vianney Fernando had given Frederik and Neelanthi instruction before marriage 32 years ago !!!

Ingrid Bjel McGaughey – Ingrid was happy to welcome her guests Martina and Peter and Peter will be speaking to the Club on September 11.

Paul Roeser – Paul Roeser was happy that he was having a BBQ with some friends last week, when the neighbours house caught fire, this occurred due to a heat exchange system in the house, and his own place served as a spot for EMS and other emergency services.

Hugh Williams – Hugh was happy that he was downsizing and was living in a houseful of boxes moving in August and having his children takeway all the big items.

Fifty Years of Interact in Rotary

During the course of my work monitoring social media for Rotary's youth programs, I get to hear lots of great stories about Interact clubs. But nothing could have prepared me for the onslaught of Interact memories I heard while staffing the Interact 50th anniversary booth at the 2013 RI Convention. We had a simple idea for the booth: create a timeline of Interact highlights from the 50 years of the program's existence, then invite people to write down their own experiences participating in service projects or growing as leaders through their participation in an Interact club.

We provided the sticky notes, and nearly 200 people used them to record their Interact memories. Enthusiastic groups of current Interactors descended on the booth to talk about how they had donated computers to schools, organized fundraisers for [ShelterBox](#), and in one case, coordinated an Interact leadership conference for 2400 attendees.

Early days of Interact

Rotarians stopped by to share memories as well, sometimes from the early days of Interact. I got to meet a charter member of the first Interact club in India (chartered in 1962), and the president of the first Interact club in the Republic of Ireland (chartered in 1972).

Several people told stories about how they started in Interact before going on to become Rotary club presidents and district governors. One woman even met a young man in her Interact club whom she would later go on to marry.

By the end of the convention, I was amazed by the power of Interact clubs to ignite a passion for service and form lifelong ties to Rotary. I was also inspired to see how the Interactors of today are carrying on the tradition of leadership and volunteerism as they chart a course for Interact's future.

- Courtesy Rotary International -