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Rotary Club of Etobicoke

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Board 2013-2014

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

June 04, 2014 – Speaker: David Lockett - PACT

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Today's Speaker – Rotarian Lyn Manwar – Classification Talk



RIBFEST Update

By: Liz Read

Ribfest Opens in 1 Month!

Our Motto: 100 + 1

Our volunteer search is going well but we need Rotarians to handle cash and to help in the Beer tents. We need as much time as you can give, especially the afternoon and evening shifts.

The Rotaractors [Rotarians of the future] have challenged their membership to sign up for a minimum of 4 shifts each. We are their mentors. Can we match, or even better, exceed them?

Join the party now! Register at <http://torontoribfest.com/volunteer.asp>

**Set Up June 25/26 ** Toronto Ribfest
Friday June 27 through Tuesday July 1
** Tear Down July 2****

More details next week.



President Michael introduced Lynn by saying that “one of the best things we do in this Club” is to have our members give their “classification talks”. “What a great way to get to know our members better”.

Lynn graduated from York University in Environmental Studies, but she has had a multitude of careers. She has been a recruiter, a volunteer coordinator, a job developer, a program coordinator, and is currently a program manager with PTP (Pathway to Possibilities). She has also been a teacher and a writer among other things. Her life is about people and making a difference in their lives. Her passions include film, art, architecture, international cuisine, and spirituality. She has travelled extensively and visited Australia, Egypt, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Japan, Malaysia,

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Palestine, South Korea, Thailand, and Trinidad and Tobago.

PTP has been delivering literacy and basics skills programs to adults for over 20 years. Started in 1992 to help unemployed workers to learn to read, write and manage basic math skills. Student needs were monitored and employment trends, leading to the employment programs that are now available at PTP. PTP have 2 office; PTP West on Dundas near Kipling area and PTP East on the Danforth. Lynn started with PTP in 2007 as a Job Developer with Job Solutions at the Danforth location and helped clients find jobs. In Fall 2008 she moved to the Academic Upgrading (ACE) as Program Coordinator and worked in that role from 2008 to January 2012 then returned to the position in January 2013 until September 2013. She was promoted to Program Manager during this time. Lynn is currently on medical leave from this role.

Clients and students who access their program face multiple barriers (such as housing issues, mental health, or are new immigrants settling in Canada with limited basic literacy skills) and have often not completed Grade 12 and do not have a high school education. A good portion of their clients are on Ontario Works assistance, on Disability, or are collecting Unemployment Insurance.

In the Academic Upgrading Program, that Lynn manages, they have a partnership with Seneca College and deliver the ACE curriculum. They offer pre-college credits for English and Math that assists students without a high school diploma to access college entrance. They offer upgrading 3 nights a week. They also deliver upgrading classes in partnership with Woodgreen for their "Homeward Bound Program" (a 4 year college program for single mothers) and "Boundless Possibilities for

Women" (a 16 week training program for women who want to enter college). Homeward Bound uses a unique, innovative model to provide wraparound services to help inadequately-housed or homeless "mother-led families earn college diplomas, start careers, and achieve economic self-sufficiency". Through the 4-year program they provide furnished apartments, goal oriented case management, on-site child care, after school programs for children and youth, credit and debt counseling, parenting support, and psychotherapy and trauma counselling. Homeward Bound also pays all costs for their women to complete a college diploma. Lynn added that their relationship with Woodgreen "is a very successful partnership is a very successful partnership with positive outcomes for women going to and completing college".

One of Lynn's favorite success stories was about a student who entered their evening upgrading classes and on her 3rd attempt finished her classes, got credits and applied to college and got in. What Lynn says "was neat" about this student is that "she was only home schooled in hiding in Afghanistan and never operated in a structured school system before." Lynn says it was "extremely satisfying" to see her move on to college.

Lynn was asked where their funding comes from. She answered that it comes from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU).

Lynda Ryder was asked to thank Lynn, but first she wanted everyone to know that "Lynn had not told everything about herself". Lynda says she has known Lynn for some time as her father was a member of the Toronto Rotary Club. She says Lynn was a Rotaractor; and is a motivational speaker, and that she has done many other things. She has been featured on

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TV and has been featured in articles in many local print media as Metro. She has also been a contributing author to "Making it in High Heels 2: For Leaders and Role Models". Lynda added that "Lynn is an exciting person with a lot to give". Lynda wanted her to "tell everyone a little bit more about herself".

Lynn said that she became interested in Rotary through her father (a well known architect in Toronto who Lynn says designed many of the buildings in downtown Toronto) and she joined the Toronto Rotaract Club. She also attended RYLA. She went to live in Japan for awhile and visited Rotaract Clubs there where she made many friends. She attended a Rotaract Conference in Hong Kong where she made more friends, some of which she met again when she visited Malaysia. She was diagnosed with thyroid cancer when she was 26. Coincidentally she attended Camp Enterprise and said that she became so engrossed there that "she forgot about the cancer". She has been interviewed on TV about being a cancer survivor. She was a "makeover" candidate on "Style by Jury" on W Network and last fall she had a "home makeover" as a cancer survivor. Her passion to help others hasn't wavered and that she "likes making a difference".

Secretary's Announcements



"A Night at the Races" – Wednesday, June 11, 2014:

All members are invited to attend a "Night at the Races" social and fellowship event at Woodbine Racetrack on Wednesday, June 11th. There will be a buffet dinner at 6 PM and the races begin at 7 PM. The cost will be \$45/member or guest which includes dinner and a \$10 casino coupon (we require at least 20 members/guests present to receive this price). Please let Michael or Ron know if you are planning to attend.

Toronto EarlsCourt Rotary Club's "Angel's Ball – Anna Panno:

The Toronto EarlsCourt Rotary Club will be holding its 11th Annual "Angel's Ball on Saturday, September 27th at the Montecassio Woodbridge in support of "Free the Children". Tickets are \$125/person. More information to come.

Birthdays This Week



*John Valvano – May 22
Mario Girado – May 25
Doug Jarrett – May 26
Carlos Petosa – June 01*

Happy Birthday to on your happy day...



50/50 Draw

Don Edwards had the winning ticket. However, the deck of cards was nowhere to be found.

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Ron estimated that there was approximately ½ the deck left, so President Michael decided to do something different. He secretly wrote down a number between 1 & 25 (the approximate number of cards left) and ask Don to pick a number. If he had the same number he would win. Don didn't pick the correct number. We will start a new deck of cards next week, so the pot continues to grow.

group at Father Redmond High make a charity presentation to the students. Her group won and they received \$5,000 that will go to their selected charity, Women's Habitat.

Bob Maxwell – Bob was happy to say that a couple weeks ago he went to the Korean Consulate here in Toronto for a ceremony marking 60 years since the peace treaty ending the Korean War. He was presented with a medal, certificate, and lapel pin.. Picture below.



Visitors & Guests

Visiting Rotarians

- **Anna Panno** - Toronto Earls court Rotary Club

Visitors and Guests:

- **Marica Marie** – Guest of Anna

Attendance:

Members 14
Visitors & Guests - 02
Total - 16



Lynda Ryder – Lynda was happy to say that she found a dime on the floor (that Ron had dropped) and wondered “how many words she can say for 10 cents”. That was it.

Hugh Williams (via Michael Bell) - Hugh was unable to attend today's luncheon but asked Michael to convey his Happy Buck. Hugh was happy to announce that the Stonegate Community Health Centre has been looking for a new Board member for the past little while and that he has been selected to become a member of their Board. Hugh feels that his involvement with such "a great team as you has a lot to do with the selection I'm sure - so thanks". Hugh added that "It's a great honour of course, and I hope to be able to leverage my upcoming experiences with the CHC into a stronger Rotary club". Michael thinks they have made a "great choice" having Hugh on their Board.



HAPPY BUCKS

Ron Miller – Ron was happy to say that when his daughter Kathleen attended our recent Club Enterprise they formed teams that had to do a fundraising presentation for a charity they selected. Kathleen's group finished a close second by 2 votes. Kathleen used what she learned at Camp Enterprise to help her Grade 10 Youth Philanthropy Initiative

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President Elect Mark Winson – In New Zealand
enroute to the 2014 RI International Convention

Pictures from BIF – May 21, 2014



Kirstyn DeVries



Paul Karla and Ellen Martin

Paul Karla, Ellen Martin, Kirstyn DeVries, Michael Bell

