



# ROTARY WHEEL



## Rotary Club of Oshawa

PO Box 91, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 7K8  
Ron: Thanks for

### Report on the Meeting of January 16, 2017

#### Head Table

Ron Dick, President Elect  
Past President Rich Black, Introducer  
Albert Wong, Guest Speaker  
Kevin Harding, Sergeant at Arms  
Past President Geoff Lloyd/Kim Tan, Thankers

#### President's Announcements

1. Meetings of Charitable and Local Community Services to take place after this meeting
2. District Rotary Foundation Training Meeting – Ron needs 1 volunteer to join him for this
3. Welcome guests Gabriel Kakamoto, our current exchange student, Abi Romero, former exchange student from Argentina and her brother Alan, Jean Black and her friend Julie Murphy.

#### Mic Time

Michelle Poole, Ribfest Committee Meeting postponed  
Frank Murphy, hosts needed for Gabriel in February/March for short periods when Emmy is away  
Janet Chappelle reminded the club that prospective new members could attend 3 meetings for free but thereafter either their sponsor or they themselves would have to pay. For further information Janet invited members to ask any Membership Committee member.

#### Happy Bucks

Dale Duke...curling team of current and former club members to take part in tournament  
Abi Romero..happy to see us all  
Emmy Ihome...enjoyed a family skating session  
John Henry...daughter Jessica engaged and will be married 28<sup>th</sup> January  
John Hudson...Easter Bunny alive and well for his grandchildren  
Kim Tan.... YMCA sponsored walkathon, thanks to club members for support  
Michelle Poole...visit to Disneyworld with Rick and Abi  
Rick Emond...Michelle's birthday the next day  
Gordon Dowsley...thanks to Kassinger's for storing books, 6 truckloads from Enniskillen  
Janet Chappelle...Chris Hadfield's book

#### Speaker – Albert Wong

Our guest speaker was Albert Wong who was appointed Citizenship Judge for the GTA in June 2014. He has over 35 years in the Canadian Armed Forces and over his career has served in various public affairs positions with the military across Canada, with the UN in Eritrea, Ethiopia and Afghanistan. As a volunteer he has made valuable leadership contributions to a number of organisations including Chair of the Mississauga Board of Chinese professionals and Businesses. Born in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia he is

the 2012 recipient of the Chinese Legend Award. He is currently serving as the Chief Aide-de-Camp to the Lt. Governor of Ontario and was awarded the Vice-Regal commendation in 2014.

He told us he emigrated with his family from Malaysia to Canada in 1971 when he was 13 years old. They arrived in Vancouver with the family savings sewed into the lining of his jacket. They came to Ontario by train from Vancouver and Albert was impressed by the trust and generosity of Canadians on the long train journey as they paid for the family's meals. He has carried these memories through into his career and believes it is through this trust and generosity of Canadian society and institutions that has enabled an "immigrant boy" to achieve so much. In Canada, he told us, people queue at Tim Horton's and elsewhere and this means the strongest and the weakest are taken care of which is something Canada should be very proud of. He continued by saying that Canada receives approximately 240,000 new immigrant citizens every year and of these 80,000 settle in the GTA. He maintained they brought a wealth of different ideas and cultures and without them the population would decrease. They have enabled universities to open in Hamilton and New Brunswick and are a valuable source of employment both now and in the future.

**Noon Hour Draw** John Henry won the draw but not The Ace of Spades!

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### **Next Meeting**

Monday 23rd January 2017

Speaker: Donna Docherty will give her craft talk.

### **All regular meetings held at:**

12:10 at the Jubilee Pavilion Banquet & Conference Centre

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