

## Today's Program

David Miller, President and CEO, World Wildlife Fund

## Topic

We are All Wildlife

## Host

Neil Phillips, *incoming District Governor*

## Location

Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Confederation Rooms 5 and 6



David Miller is President and CEO of World Wildlife Fund-Canada, Canada's foremost conservation organization. The WWF creates solutions to the most serious conservation challenges facing our planet, helping people and nature thrive.

David Miller was Mayor of Toronto from 2003 to 2010 and Chair of the influential C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group from 2008 -2010. Under his leadership as Mayor, Toronto became widely admired internationally for its environmental leadership, economic strength and social integration. He is a leading advocate for the creation of sustainable urban economies, and a strong and forceful champion for the next generation of jobs through sustainability.

Mr. Miller has held a variety of public and private positions and university affiliations. He is currently an adjunct Professor at York University and a member of the Board of Governors for Centennial College. In his former capacity as Counsel, International Business & Sustainability at Aird & Berlis LLP, Mr. Miller advised companies and international organizations on issues surrounding the creation of sustainable urban economies.

David Miller is a Harvard trained economist and professionally a lawyer. He and his wife, lawyer Jill Arthur, are the parents of two children.

## What's Happening for Members?

Announcements reminded members of cocktails on April 12th in lieu of a meeting on April 14th, the Single Malt Challenge on April 18th being organized by Brent Thomas and the Dinner Club on April 29th for new members (see June Brown to sign up). Plus the AIDS Walk on the morning of April 29th. Susan Howson requested that members sign up for Camp Scugog, as whatever we do will allow the camp to devote more resources to their programs. Neil's rant covered a variety of important topics in the style that Neil is famous for.

## We are a busy Club!

- April 29: Rotary Poker Walk for AIDS – see Maureen Bird
- April 29: Dinner Club Event – see June Brown
- May 4: EnVille Dinner – more info next week
- May 13: District Assembly, 8AM-2PM, BMO Institute for Learning – check the [rotary7070.org](http://rotary7070.org) website
- May 26-28: Camp Scugog Sweat Equity Weekend – see below
- June 10-14: RI Convention, Atlanta – sign up at [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

## HELP NEEDED!

### Camp Condition Report from Camp Boss Susan Howson



Well, spring has sprung and the grass is risen and a group of your fellow members met for a walk around at Camp. Contrary to popular opinion there are masses of work to be done.

Benches and bikes need fixing, shutters need replacing, stoops and picnic tables need painting. And the list goes on.

The chefs met Tuesday night to plan the menu and I can only leak that it has to do with Canada's 150th.

The long range forecast is for sunny and 28 degrees.

Food, carpentry and paint supplies need to be bought. Help the chefs by registering today.

Here is the link or call the office  
<https://goo.gl/QGt00J>

Make the summer a happier brighter time for over 300 campers.





## Happy Birthday for these April Rotarians!

- April 1: Caroline Sneath
- April 2: Andrea Tirone
- April 3: Heather Hetherington
- April 4: Geoffrey Cobham
- April 6: Lloyd Barbara
- April 7: Susan Hunter
- April 10: Karl Kremer
- April 17: Al Crawford
- April 18: Pat Neuman
- April 22: Vlad Kagramanov
- April 25: Carol Hutchinson
- April 28: David Higgins



President Susan gets her Birthday Song

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### April 2017

28 Hugh Segal, Master of Massey College

### May 2017

- 5 Michele Guy, Update on RI Convention 2018
- 12 Paul Alofs, Pres/CEO, Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation
- 19 No Meeting-Queen's Birthday
- 26 No Meeting-Camp Scugog

### Events

- April 29 Rotary Walk for HIV/AIDS
- April 29 Dinner Club Event (Hosts & New Members)
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## What You Missed April 7, 2017

- by Karen Scott



As it seemed as if it was a return to winter, it was very apropos to walk into the National Club hearing “Let It Snow”. President Susan’s invocation included a very beautiful Apache Prayer. While enjoying a delicious lunch, InSC members heard from André Morriseau, who’d just returned from a film festival in New Zealand, that the Maoris are an integral part of the history and culture. We all agreed that we need to get to this place in Canada.

President Susan welcomed 8 visiting Rotarians and Rotaractors and 15 guests. Annie Chu introduced Arianne Wilson who will be going to Argentina for a year on Youth Exchange. Arianne gave a passionate speech about her upcoming adventure, undoubtedly making her Mom, Anny-Sandra Hamel, exceedingly proud. Good luck Arianne!

Peter Love introduced our honoured guest Bob Rae as a man who has been devoted to service in Toronto and around the world and a constant presence in our country’s political life. Peter related that, in 1990, Mr. Rae, as the young leader of the “Third Party” had been invited to speak at a Friday lunch. A few days before the lunch, the provincial election was held and Mr. Rae won a majority. But, he didn’t postpone or cancel; he spoke to a standing-room only crowd.

Mr. Rae’s opening remarks commended Rotary for the great work that’s being done and encouraged us to become even more active. With our First Nations history, we have a huge piece of unfinished business in terms of who and what we are as a country. We really don’t know our history. Growing up, we rarely encountered indigenous peoples and had stereotypes about them. In 1491, the Americas were heavily populated, with tens of millions of people mostly living as hunters/gatherers and the remainder an agricultural lifestyle. Two things happened when the Europeans arrived: They were focused on conquest and they brought disease. 90% of indigenous people died within the first 150 years.

Mr. Rae stressed that we cannot gloss over history and that the truth does not point to good intentions. The Indian Act and

the Residential Schools were designed to disempower, humiliate, and marginalize our indigenous peoples. They were to be assimilated or die. Mr. Rae asked us to put ourselves in the place of the parents. If our children were over the age of five, they were taken away. Our indigenous peoples did not die out. They languished and continue to languish with huge inequality, poverty and deplorable housing.

But, there are huge signs of success. We have to consider our indigenous peoples as an integral part of our country and not an afterthought. We have to challenge ourselves regarding who we are and what we can be. Problems won’t be solved in a generation. Prime Minister Harper’s apology was very eloquent, but now we have to overcome stereotypes and change hearts and minds that will then change public policies. Change has to happen individually and collectively.

HIP is a very important initiative. We don’t know one another and we have to get to know one another. Let’s continue to empower our First Nations Peoples so that they get to a better place. This is an ongoing journey; it took us a long time to get here and it’s going to take a long time to get to a better place. The 94 TRC calls to action demonstrate that we have the political will and are open to moving forward, but the hardest part will be moving beyond the symbolism that will bring about decisions to change the power relationships. We need to remember that it’s a marathon and not a sprint. There are a lot of good things happening, for example, from a business lens that point to a more positive future.

Lawrence Foerster took home the wine and the pot grows!



HIP Chair Chris Snyder, President Susan, Bob Rae and Rotary Exchange Student Arianne Wilson

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