

## Today's Program

Michele Fisher

## Topic

Life After the Armed Forces

## Host

Lori Brazier, *Club Builder*,  
member since 2006

## Location

King Edward Hotel, Sovereign  
Ballroom, 37 King St. E.



Michele Fisher started her career with the Canadian Air Force, specializing as a photographer, and completed 12 years of active service. After making the decision to return to civilian life she earned degrees in psychology and social work, and served as a Correctional Officer in a maximum security prison for men, and then as a Probation and Parole Officer.

More recently, Michele has spent the last 14 years as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counsellor to soldiers released from active duty because of medical issues and, more important, to soldiers returning from war. Her role was not only to assist these individuals through their struggles with injury, physical rehab, disability and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), but also to help with their transition into civilian life. She has recently taken a sabbatical to further upgrade her education and write a book.

Leaving the structure of military life is not without its challenges. Michele will share some insights from her many years working with military personnel who have valiantly served our country.

## Planting Trees for Heroes

Some 150 Rotarians and friends gathered at Sunnybrook Hospital on Earth Day, April 22, to plant 270 trees in honour of Canadian soldiers who have served since 1812. This is a partnership with Highway of Heroes. The goal is to plant 1.8 million trees. We do not forget. The weather obliged and it was a fun time – but many more trees to go!



Environmental Chair Lorna Johnson  
with her "shoveller" Glenn Davis

## Youth Day, May 4, National Club – Early Start 12:00 pm

The Rotary Club of Toronto, in partnership with the Rotaract Club of Toronto, the Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto, and the Rotaract Club of Ryerson University, is proud to present the **2018 Youth Civic Leadership Awards** - a longstanding annual event celebrating youth civic leadership – during the Rotary Lunch on **May 4, 2018**. The Director of Education of Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and the Associate Director of Academic Affairs of Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will be there to help present the awards.

These awards are given to high school students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills through compassion, creativity and tenacity within their community, and who have set an example for their peers. The awards celebrate these young people, acknowledging their many accomplishments and further motivating them to keep guiding and inspiring their communities.

## What's Happening!!!

**Saturday, April 28, Rotary Walk for AIDS**

[www.toronto.rotaryaidswalk.ca](http://www.toronto.rotaryaidswalk.ca)

**Contribute through Neil Phillips or Maureen Bird here:**

<https://goo.gl/bdglZu>

**Friday, May 4, Youth Day**

Early start 12:00 pm, National Club

**Saturday, May 5, Historic Toronto Walk**

Contact June Brown

**Tuesday, May 15 President's Cocktails**

5:30 pm - National Club – RSVP to Carol

**May 25-27 – Camp Scugog**

Register Now! <https://goo.gl/5RJ3i4>

**May 30, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes**

An event of the Women's Initiatives Committee  
contact June Brown

**June 23 -27 RI Convention**

Register here: [www.rotary2018.org](http://www.rotary2018.org)

**Volunteer here:**

<https://app.vroomhq.com/s/rotary-2018>

**Have fun evenings here:**

<https://goo.gl/4VsSHT>

**Host Hospitality**

contact Don Bell or Jackie Davies  
if you can host or help in homes

## May Birthdays!

- 2 Tony Houghton
- 3 Ken Andras
- 12 John Whincup
- 15 John Andras
- 17 Marg Stanowski
- 19 Bob Cartlidge
- 22 Brigitte Bogar
- 23 John Carr
- 24 David Hetherington,  
Mike Leon
- 25 Saleem Kassum
- 26 Krytyna Benyak
- 27 Susan Howson
- 29 Gloria Lee
- 30 Lorr Lloyd
- 31 Mathew Harrison

## Rotary Walk for AIDS 2018

[www.toronto.rotaryaidswalk.ca](http://www.toronto.rotaryaidswalk.ca)

On Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Rotary Walk for AIDS.

HIV/AIDS is a virus that for more than 30 years has affected millions of people worldwide, and there is still no cure. In Canada last year, 109 people died of AIDS-related illnesses; the Indigenous community has been particularly hard hit by AIDS.

But read some good news here about Malawi and its successes with HIV/AIDS. <https://goo.gl/rZXsHD>

You can help by supporting our Toronto team, led by Maureen Bird. The walkers are raising funds for OAHAS, Ontario Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy, a registered charity [www.oahas.org](http://www.oahas.org).

Our DG Neil Phillips is walking with The Rotaract Club of Toronto, which is raising funds for other very worthy AIDS charities.

You can make your donations through [toronto.rotaryaidswalk.ca](http://toronto.rotaryaidswalk.ca)



Maureen and Neil at  
2017 Walk

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### May 2018

- 4 Youth Day Awards
- 11 Elyse Allen CEO General Electric
- 18 NO MEETING Victoria Day
- 25 NO MEETING Camp Scugog

### June 2018

- 1 Andris Pone, President, Coin Branding
- 15 Takato Ito, Consul General, Japan
- 22 NO MEETING, RI 2018, Toronto
- 29 NO MEETING, Happy Canada Day

### Events

- April 28 Rotary Walk for AIDS
- May 5 Historic Walking Tour – June Brown
- May 15 President's Cocktails, National Club
- May 25-27 Camp Scugog
- May 30 Walk a Mile in Her Shoes - June Brown
- June 2 Laptop Donation Workshop, Indigenous Service Committee
- June 23-27 RI International Convention

**Editor of the week** Carolyn Purden  
**Editor for May 4<sup>th</sup>** Maureen Bird

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**Editor-in-chief:** Maureen Bird

## What You Missed May 20<sup>th</sup>

- by Maureen Bird



It was a busy meeting with President-elect Jeff Dobson in the chair. Past President Michael Morgan introduced Visiting Rotarians from several clubs including a large group from Barrie. There were many guests but Jeff gave a special welcome to Grace Acan, an Eboke woman here from Uganda.

Lorna Johnson, chair of Environmental Service Committee, spoke about their focus on Great Lakes waters, urban green cover and biodiversity. The club has been instrumental in greening the city, planting over 30,000 trees in the past. She presented a cheque for \$5,000 to Mike Hurley of the Highway of Heroes project, which is covering the cost of the trees on Sunday, Earth Day. These trees will represent those who have served. The District hopes to plant one for each attendee of RI 2018, Toronto.



President-elect Jeff Dobson, Mike Hurley of Highway of Heroes, and Lorna Johnson, chair of Environmental Service Committee, with our club's \$5,000 donation to the tree-planting project.

Kevin Power, our District "tree person" reminded us to sign up, then introduced our speaker Mark Cullen, best known as Canada's "garden person". Mark reminded us of the first time he spoke to us, invited by Alex Tilley in September 2001, just after 9/11. At that time he spoke about giving, something Canadians do well.

Today he talked about gardening, and yes, it is time to start this year. He spoke about the difference in gardening from the Boomers to the Millennials. He believes that there is a renaissance in gardening and no one does it better than Britain. They've had centuries to figure it out and are helping Mason bees rather than honeybees.

Lawns are good, providing sufficient oxygen for four people. All a garden takes is native species and water. The rest will come. But food is important too and he used the Ben Nobleman garden as an example of a community working together to grow the food, culminating in a potluck dinner for all to share. He brought gift books available as a donation to Highway of Heroes and gifts of lawn seed and the new friendly WeedOut – made from broad beans?

Eckhart Mehler drew the Ace of Hearts so the pot grows – next week at the King Edward Hotel!

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