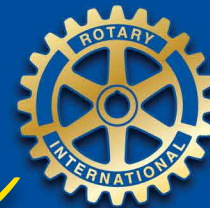


# ROTARY VOICE



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## Today's Program

Stephanie Christensen

## Topic

ShelterBox....More Than Ever

## Host

Saleem Kassum, *ShelterBox Ambassador*

## Location

Fairmont Royal York, Imperial Room



Stephanie Christensen is the Executive Director of ShelterBox Canada and a humanitarian professional. Stephanie started her career in International Development working for CIDA and local charities throughout East Africa developing curriculum for HIV/

AIDS Education in primary schools. After living in Kenya during the famine in 2011, Stephanie moved into the humanitarian disaster relief field. Stephanie has a Bachelor's degree in International Development from Queen's University, and a Master's degree in International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies from the London School of Economics. She has been with ShelterBox Canada for five years, and is working to ensure that no family is left without shelter and supplies after disasters. In addition to her work here in Canada, Stephanie has been on three deployments with ShelterBox: to Fiji after Cyclone Winston, to Ecuador after the Earthquake in 2016 and most recently to the Philippines after Tropical Storm Urduja.



## The Rotary Club of Toronto 70<sup>TH</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Richmond Hill Golf Club

**\$175 Per Player.** Enjoy a complete program of events, BBQ lunch, 18 holes of Golf, including power cart, steak dinner and a warm-up bucket of balls.



**Early Bird Draw** at the Club meeting on Friday, August 17th. Winner receives a round of golf and lunch hosted by Ross Amos at Mississauga Golf and Country Club.

**Net Proceeds** go to The Rotary Club of Toronto Phil Fund - SHERBOURNE HEALTH BUS, providing an entry point to healthcare services for those who face barriers in accessing traditional services.

Register today as singles, twosomes, threesomes, foursomes and non Golfers.

**Register Online at [www.rotarytoronto.com](http://www.rotarytoronto.com) or  
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## Rotary in China

- by Maureen Bird

Terry Chu was a member of our club for several years before moving to Shanghai. During that time he worked closely with our member Nina Cole on Gift for Life, bringing children to Toronto for heart surgery.

Terry is now an active member of the Rotary Club of Shanghai Hongqiao and continues to work with Gift of Life, which has given surgical miracles to over 1000 children. Our former member Michael Lloyd (Terry's sponsor to our Club) and I were delighted to be invited to the Rotary China Welcome Dinner on Sunday, June 24th, with over 150 persons in attendance.

When we visited China in 2009 there were only two clubs in the country. In the years since much has happened. In 2014 the RI Board allowed new clubs in China. Today there are 21 charter clubs, 7 provisional clubs, 10 Rotaract clubs and 19 Interact clubs.

Chinese citizens can be honorary members. With the help of Past RI President Gary Huang of Taiwan they are working towards full membership for all and recognition as a separate district. We are pleased to see the Chinese flag recognized in the Flag Ceremony.



Maureen Bird and Michael Lloyd enjoyed a festive evening

## August Birthdays!

- 4 Jack Robertson
- 8 Brent Thomas
- 13 Walter Davies, Steve Smith
- 21 James Statham
- 24 Harold Hetherington
- 25 Brian Porter, Peter Stephenson
- 29 Marcy Berg
- 30 Charles Dillingham, Guido Marini



## Hands-on Service Opportunity Aug 24/25 - food for the homeless

Please join the Robin Hood Army (RHA) and help feed some of our city's hungry citizens! We will be preparing, collecting and delivering food to Native Men's Residence (NaMeRes).

RHA is a global organization founded in 2014 - with a simple mission to get surplus food to the hungry citizen and eliminate food wastage.

The Toronto chapter of RHA was established earlier this year by Rotarian Prince Kumar and since February 2018 has served just under 7,500 meals in the GTA.

**Sign up now - first come first served!**

RSVP to Brent Thomas [brent.Thomas@rotarytoronto.com](mailto:brent.Thomas@rotarytoronto.com) or  
Lori Brazier [lori.brazier@rotarytoronto.com](mailto:lori.brazier@rotarytoronto.com)

### Friday, August 24th after 8 PM: 1-2 Rotarians with cars

Pick up food from partner restaurants in Ajax, Markham, North York  
Must be able to refrigerate food overnight and  
deliver to NaMeRes by 11 AM

Details and pick-up times will be communicated to drivers

### Saturday, August 25th: up to 8 Rotarians

9 AM: prepare sandwiches/other light fare at home of Bill Empey  
93 Glencairn Ave, Toronto, M4R 1M7

10:30 AM: group heads to NaMeRes for 11 AM food drop-off  
14 Vaughan Rd, Toronto M6G 2N1

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### August 2018

- 17 Sara Waxman, A reluctant Publisher
- 24 Virginia Ludy, CEO, Canadian National
- 31 NO MEETING Labour Day holiday

### September 2018

- 7 Dr. Roger Stressor
- 14 Scholarship Awards
- 21 Nick Kanji, Ismaili Community
- 28 Howard Green, Author

### October 2018

- 5 NO MEETING Thanksgiving Holiday

### Events

- August 25 Robin Hood Army - CSC
- September 20 Golf Tournament

### Editor of the week

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## What You Missed July 27, 2018 - by Lorna Johnson



If you were otherwise engaged, you missed a very special Calypso Carnival Rotary lunch on Friday, July 27th on the Rooftop of the National Club. As one member put it, "this is like a cruise without the boat!"

President Jeff called the meeting to order and we sang O Canada to the rhythm of the Youth Steel Pan Band.

We welcomed 3 international Rotarians from clubs in Germany, Slovenia, and New Zealand (likely still enjoying their Canadian tour following the Rotary International Convention) and one local Rotarian from Whitby.

President Jeff reminded everyone to register "early and often" for the Rotary Club of Toronto Annual Golf Fund Raiser to be held on Thursday September.

Host and organizer of the luncheon event, Geoffrey Johnson was not in attendance, but his presence and that of the team at en Ville Catering were certainly felt. The buffet lunch served by the National Club was a Caribbean delight of fish, beans and rice, Jamaican patties, okra and much more. Of the many desserts to choose from, the rum balls were a great hit. Steel Pan Band members, Sebastian Kukhai (14 years old) and Corina Sukhai (17 years old) regaled us with the sweet tones of their steel drums throughout the luncheon. Seasoned veterans, this was the second time they and bandmaster Joanne Rami Ramsroop have made an appearance on the rooftop.

President Jeff recounted the history of Carnival. Originating from the celebration of the beginning of Lent, carnival literally means, meat removed. Many Caribbean Islands have carnivals to celebrate the bringing in of the Sugar Crop, "Crop Over" in Barbados, or a Celebration of Colonial Traditions. St. Vincent and the Grenadines introduced carnival during the French Possession of St. Vincent.

The Toronto Carnival began 51 years ago in 1967, and Peek became the major sponsor two years ago. Over 1.2 million guests watch the Grand Parade annually and partake in the 3-week long festival and events. This brings over 338 million dollars each year into the economy, through dining, hotels, clubs, concerts and shopping. This year, there are 11 bands taking part in the Parade, all with their own theme and colorful display. The bands range from 150 people to the largest of 4000 plus. Members are called Masqueraders. Colloquially you are said to "jump" in a band or play mas, not march.

Let the dancing begin !! President Jeff introduced the dancers from the Sunlime Band, Tieesha and Fiorella, portraying Maleficent. President Jeff was a good sport and accepted the invitation to dance with Tieesha and Fiorella and it didn't take long for many of the Rotarians to join in the fun. President Jeff wished everyone the best and the meeting was adjourned.

The 50/50 draw will resume on August 10th.



*President Jeff enjoying the dancing with Tieesha and Fiorella*

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