

Topic

Our Summer Social Lunch

Special Guests

Lubna and Muneer al Zahabi

Host to Guests

Maureen Bird

Location

Roof Top Patio, National Club, 303 Bay Street

NEW DATE: Wine Tour, Sunday, October 1, 2017

Wine Tasting Tour: Twenty Valley area of Niagara. Sunday October 1 from 9 am to 6:30 pm. Pick up at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel at 9 AM and drop off at 6/6:30 PM. Tastings at 6 wineries and Cellar tour at one. Enjoy a gourmet Italian lunch at Just Cooking, Vineland. Cost is \$135 all inclusive. Only thirty spots available.

Contact Pat Neuman for any details and contact Belli at the office to register.



Our Club's Environment Committee Supports the Bees

- by Kevin Power and Lorna Johnson

The RCT Environment Committee provided funding in 2016-2017 to FoodShare, specifically focused on supporting bees to help pollination.

There is an upcoming event at Black Creek Community Farm on August 19th. FoodShare and The Toronto Beekeepers Co-operative are collaborating on this celebration of the hardworking honeybee and all our pollinator friends! Learn about the important role of pollinators in growing our food, chat with TBC's expert beekeepers, do a bee-related activity and taste some honey. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

The Bee Keepers will be having the kids make a sign to thank Rotary for our donation to include in the Bee yard.

Join us for lunch on August 11th at the Roof Top Patio of the National Club. Our special guests will be Lubna and Muneer al Zahabi. Our Syrian family arrived on May 10th and have had three very busy months with their three children, getting organized in their apartment, having doctor and dental appointments, filling out forms for government identification and organizing schools and activities for the children.

Muneer's English is excellent and he is preparing for career opportunities. He has extensive experience in graphic design and major digital print management.

Both are involved in English lessons at Woodgreen Community Centre. It has been a long journey, having fled Syria in October 2012 and spending 4 ½ years as refugees in Amman, Jordan.

Sounds like an interesting family event. Here's the link if you want to attend:
<https://goo.gl/q1ybon>

Join Us for the Charity Golf Event, or Just Dinner – Spots for Golfers Still Available

We are not having our regular lunch on August 18th due to the number of people taking part in the Golf Tournament. But, if you are not golfing, we would love to have you join us for dinner: price is "one lunch ticket plus \$20" or \$60 through Belli or the website.

Get a group together and come out for fellowship, cocktails, the silent auction, and a great steak dinner.

When: August 17, 2017. 11 AM Registration for Golf, 6 PM for Dinner
Where: Richmond Hill Golf Club, 8755 Bathurst St. Richmond Hill
How: Please contact Belli to register for dinner (or golf!)

If you have not already signed up for Golf, we need you to do it now!!

Fellowship and Entertainment Craft Beer Fest This Friday August 11th

Our Fellowship and Entertainment Committee is delighted to invite you to the Roundhouse Craft Beer Festival. Enjoy the opportunity to sample Ontario's finest craft beers on a summer evening in a park setting in downtown Toronto. A variety of food trucks will be in the park. Additional information can be found at www.craftbeerfest.ca

Last Minute signup is available as well as pay at the door.

- **When:** Friday August 11
- **Where:** Hosted by Steamwhistle at Roundhouse Park
- **Price:** \$25.00 in advance. \$30.00 at the door

Registration is online at www.myshowpass.com/craftbeerfest

If you are attending or have any questions please contact Kevin Power at kpower@cotttscrane.com

Upcoming Speakers & Events

August 2017

- 17 Golf Event / Dinner at Golf event for all members
- 18 NO MEETING, Join the golfers for dinner
- 25 Christian Jaehn-Kreibbaum, The Berlin Wall

September 2017

- 1 NO MEETING, Labour Day
- 8 RI2018 Update, Michele Guy
- 15 Will Fleissig, Waterfront Toronto
- 22 Scholarship Award

Events

- Aug. 11 Roundhouse Craft Beer Festival
- Aug. 17 Annual Golf Tournament
- Sept. 10 Foundation Walk – Whitby (www.rotary7070.org)
- Oct. 1 Winery Tour

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New Member, Neda Pajooman



Neda was born in Iran and moved to Toronto at the age of 10. She has moved countries three times, cities half a dozen times, and now proudly calls Toronto home. Her father is an engineer, her mother is a doctor and she has two older brothers.

Neda completed her undergraduate in Health Studies with honours from York University. Her education, passion, volunteering and professional life has been dedicated to addressing social determinants of health and root causes of poverty.

Neda currently works for Engineers Without Borders Canada, a non-profit which has evolved from traditional aid models to one that invests in early-stage social enterprises in sub-Saharan Africa and youth leadership development across Canada and sub-Saharan Africa.

Neda loves listening to music, baking, jogging and biking around the city. She believes in living courageously and joins Rotary excited to fulfil the club's motto of "Service Above Self."

What You Missed July 28, 2017 - by Maureen Bird



President Pat presided while esteemed Past President Sandy Boucher introduced 3 visiting Rotarians, 1 Rotaractor and 4 guests. Announcements included the Craft Beer Festival on August 11, 4-9 pm, \$30 at the door. There is no lunch on August 18th so all members are encouraged to join the golfers for dinner on the 17th. Members will be contacted about the Strategic Planning 2020 under the leadership of Kevin Power and Prince Kumar.

Past President Michele Guy introduced our speaker Past President Geoffrey Johnson. Geoffrey had placed peaches at each table setting, the first of the local season and REAL fruit. He urged us to fondle our peach as he started his talk about how the food industry has been changing our diet through genetic manipulation. Our staple Coke with 38 gm of cane sugar is better used to clean coins, dissolve nails and even clean toilets. Its original recipe with cocaine was probably better for us. Fondle your peach!

Beef was his next target with antibiotics, steroids and hormones, plus corn in feedlots and not to our benefit. We are now even getting salmonella through the water table to our vegetables. Read food labels – Twizzlers have gasoline by-products! Fondle your peach!

He informed us that 4 Americans have died already from food-related issues in this portion of his talk and noted that our children will have a shorter lifespan than us. The good news is that the ritual of family dinners is of benefit as are our Rotary meals where the format can help share intimacy. There were many other anecdotes on allergies, weddings and funerals but he wrapped it up with the story of Mrs. Johnson finding a ring in a French Vanilla sponge cake he had made. We thanked him with a bottle of wine.

The Ace of Clubs draw started with draws for two golf dinners won by Peter Stephenson and David Hetherington followed by Geoffrey drawing his own ticket. But his Queen of Hearts only gave him another bottle of wine.

The peaches were delicious!



Speaker Jeffrey Johnson receiving his second bottle of wine for Ace of Clubs from President Pat



New member, Neda Pajooman, with her Sponsor, Andrea Tirone

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