



## Today's Program

Stephanie Christensen, ShelterBox

## Host

Saleem Kassum

## Location

The Fairmont Royal York, Upper Canada Room, 18th Floor



Stephanie Christensen is the Executive Director at ShelterBox Canada. She has been with the organization for nearly three years, and has a background in the humanitarian sector. She has previously worked with a number of organizations throughout East Africa. After working in Kenya during the 2011 East African famine, Stephanie moved to London to complete a Master's degree in International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies. She now is based in Toronto, and is working to further the ShelterBox mission here in Canada.

ShelterBox has provided emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies for families affected by more than 270 disasters in more than 95 countries, and has already helped over 1 million beneficiaries. Based in Cornwall, United Kingdom, with 18 international affiliates, ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth, and dignity to people made homeless by

disasters worldwide. The agreement with Rotary reaffirms the charity's volunteer base, enhancing its capacity to respond rapidly to disasters while keeping costs low. ShelterBox teams and their distribution partners are currently operating in Ecuador, Paraguay, Sri Lanka, Niger, Cameroon, Syria and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

ShelterBox Canada is a registered charity that is part of the global ShelterBox network. They have been responding to disasters around the world since 2000. Ten Canadian ShelterBox Response Team members are part of an international team that delivers aid directly to families in need. They also have a base of more than 100 volunteers across the country. The Board of Directors is comprised of Rotarians with representation from coast to coast. The head office is in Toronto.

## Atlanta....next June....Toronto....the year after!

— by Don Bell



The next Rotary International Convention will take place in Atlanta from June 11 to June 14, 2017. Maybe it's early to talk about it, but already over 21,000 registrations have been received... far exceeding previous convention totals for the initial May-June registration period. Many of our club members are planning to attend and have already signed up. If you have an interest, you should be speaking to Mary Lach, our resident travel agent, who has reserved a block of rooms for Club members. For those of you who have never attended a Rotary convention, here's a great chance to see and experience the event in a city that's close by. It will also give you a pretty good idea of what to expect in 2018, when Toronto hosts this convention, with The Rotary Club of Toronto being the host club. This will be a Herculean task for us, as we host thousands of international visitors in our city. The international committee in charge of conventions will be here in Toronto next week to hear how our plans are developing. While this is not the first time for us (we have hosted the convention four times previously, the last time being in 1983), it will be a brand-new experience for most of our club members. "Rotary's International Convention is a time for Rotary members of all backgrounds and walks of life to come together in celebration of their friendship and mutual dedication to service," said Rotary International President John Germ. Stay tuned for further news.

## The Rotary Club of Toronto 68<sup>TH</sup> Annual Golf Tournament



Come and join your friends at Rotary for a fabulous day of golf, sun and a great time!

Thursday, August 18, 2016

**Richmond Hill Golf Club**

8755 Bathurst Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

## Club Builder Award – Prince Kumar

– by Jeff Dobson



As Vice-President I was excited that my first official duty was the presentation of our Club Builder Award to a very deserving recipient, Prince Kumar.

Prince joined our club in 2010 and joined his first committee that year, the Youth and Children Service Committee and has been an active member of that committee since then. More recently, he had a stint on the International Committee and for the past two years has participated in a very important club initiative, the Strategic Planning Committee, while at the same time chairing the Youth and Children Service Committee.

A sure way to help build our Club was to respond to a challenge by then Incoming President Geoffrey Johnson, and create a huge event for kids in our community.

And that's exactly what this member did. For the 2 years following our Centennial, he was the mastermind behind what has become an annual club event, our Youth Leadership Expo.

This is an amazing event held each May that brings together volunteers from this club, along with many Rotaractors performing both leadership and general volunteer roles, plus dozens of community partners providing youth services, to deliver a day of leadership activities to hundreds of students from Grade 7 to 10.

This has been a massive undertaking which at times seemed impossible, but the calm determination of this member helped us forge ahead and brought all the parties together to deliver their best and make it happen. In addition to delivering a fabulous program to hundreds of kids, Youth Expo has also enabled our club to develop wonderful partnerships with the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, and the Toronto Community Housing Corporation.

These partnerships have, in turn, greatly helped with our Youth Civic Leadership Awards, and our Youth Exchange Program. This initiative and all that it has become is something for which we, as members of the Rotary Club of Toronto, can be very proud.

For this and the many other things he does for our club, our thanks go out to Prince Kumar.



President Susan with Jeff Dobson and Award Winner Prince Kumar

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### August

- 12 Rooftop Picnic, The National Club
- 19 Royal Canadian Yacht Club Picnic
- 26 John Lawrence, Clean Water for Living

### September

- 2 No Meeting- Labour Day
- 9 Scholarship Lunch
- 16 Jim Louttit – District Governor

### Events

August 18 - Golf at Richmond Hill

### Editor of the Week

Don Bell

### Editor August 12, 2016

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### What You Missed Reporter for Aug 5th, 2016

Karen Scott

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## What You Missed July 15, 2016

– by Mary Lach



Our meeting was held in the Upper Canada Room. President Susan, called the meeting to order and past president, Michael Morgan introduced visiting Rotarians including Past District Governor Ron Denham as well as guests which included Pat Neuman's grand-daughter, a frequent visitor to our club. President Susan started a new tradition, with Brigitte Bogar leading the singing of 'Happy Birthday' to Club member, Lorna Johnson.

Jeff Dobson, presented a new "Club Builder Award" to a very surprised Prince Kumar. Prince Kumar joined the club in 2010 and has been a very active Rotarian ever since.

Alex Brown, introduced Ross Amos as the guest speaker. Ross's topic was "Corporate Governance – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly". What is corporate governance? He defined it as a system of rules and practices by which a company is directed and controlled: conducting business with integrity in making all decisions and disclosures and accountability and responsibility towards shareholders... as well as conducting business in a fair, ethical and transparent manner. Ross emphasized that there is a need for those in control to be able to distinguish between what is personal and what are corporate funds while managing a company. He then proceeded to provide us with a few examples of "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly", with examples from Volkswagen, FIFA, the Toronto School Board, Magna, Conrad Black and even our own Rotary International. We are very fortunate to have a very well governed organization at both the international and club levels. Rotary takes no risks and no stone is left unturned in their decisions. We look after funds that are entrusted by others to us and we do that very well. Good governance.



President Susan thanked Ross and reminded us that on July 29th there would be no meeting due to the long weekend. She then focused our attention on the Ace of Clubs draw. The winner? Birthday Girl – Lorna Johnson, who took home the wine.

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