

Today's Program

Our Club Christmas Luncheon

Time

Doors open at 11:00 am

Buffet available at 12:00 pm

Location

The Fairmont Royal York, Ballroom



Some wonderful silent auction items at last year's party.

Be sure to attend this final meeting of the year to enjoy the fellowship and fine Holiday Buffet at the Royal York. We will have a silent auction and lucky draws, with all the money raised given to "The Stop", a local downtown Toronto Charity who have been using good food to bring people together for over 35 years. Take all those unused luncheon tickets in your top desk drawer and bring your family, friends and business associates. It will be a fun time.

Merry Christmas



A Message from President Jeff

We got the holiday spirit off to an early start this year by holding our Annual Senior's Christmas Party on November 29th, and on a Thursday as well. It was a wonderful event as always...chair Anny-Sandra Hamel and her team did a fabulous job. Close on the heels of the Seniors' lunch was the Annual Children's Christmas Party. For those of you who were able to attend, you'll know what I mean when I say "Wow, what a party!" There's nothing quite like seeing the smiling faces of 150 children and their families. Thanks to Lorna Johnson, we had lots of media coverage, which can only be a good thing for our Club at an event like that. Thanks to co-chairs Karl Kremer and Lorraine Lloyd and the whole team for putting on another outstanding party.

It's been a busy first half of the Rotary year leading up to the Christmas season. The Youth and Children Services Committee hosted their 10th annual Youth Leadership Expo in October to great acclaim. Congratulations to chair Brent Thomas and his team, along with a strong Rotaract contingent which delivered another great Expo.

VP John Fortney continued the momentum around our Strategic Plan, at the Club Assembly, brainstorming ideas amongst small groups of members to achieve the Strategic direction the members are seeking. Congratulations to John and his team for extracting some great ideas, many of which will be implemented in due course. My Christmas wish is that all members will continue to contribute their time to help our Club do great things and for those members who are still looking for just the right thing, just ask me - I'll help you find it. In my opinion, and I'm sure most of you will agree, we are off to a great start this year with our line-up of Friday lunch speakers. Well done Bert Steenburgh and his dedicated and experienced committee. I'm sure we're in for a great 2019 line-up as well.

Special recognition goes to Chris Snyder and a strong contingent from our Club for their sweat equity trip to Cambodia last month. They are back home and reporting that our ISC Centennial project is looking great.

We'll be taking a break from Rotary for a few weeks so you can all focus on your family and friends and whatever else you like to do at this time of year. For many of us, it is a time to remember special Christmases of years past. My fond childhood memories include taking a toboggan with my brother out to the back forty at the farm and dragging back the perfect Christmas tree. It had to be Scotch Pine of course! All the kids helped decorate the tree but Mum was ultimately responsible. After the tree was so covered in shiny objects you could hardly see the needles, Mum would finish it off with a can of spray snow. It was wonderful. One year I noticed the next morning there were additional shiny ornaments, which upon closer inspection, turned out to be chocolates in the shape of Santa Claus covered in shiny foil. There were so many, I concluded that no one would notice if I tested one. Over the days leading up to Christmas, I used the same logic until there was only one Santa left. I learned a special lesson from Mum when she discovered my transgression. My Mum has always been a source of inspiration but it was especially true at Christmas. There were a couple of so called 'lean years' when I was young when Mum declared that she was not spending any money on wrapping paper. Our countless presents during this lean time would have to be wrapped in newsprint; the colour comics if you were lucky. Being grateful and frugal are just two of the many things I learned from my mother - my inspiration. I'll be enjoying Christmas dinner with her this year.

From my family, to yours, I wish you Season's Greetings, the Merriest Christmas ever and an especially Happy New Year.

Let's Be Personal

We are introducing a new feature at our luncheons. Beginning on January 11th, and each week thereafter, one of our members will be invited to speak about his or her business or professional life.

It will be a chance for you to tell your story (in 3-5 minutes) to the members at large and explain what your business/vocation is like. It will also be a chance for you to tell everyone why you like being a Rotarian in our club.

Our new Club Executive Members

Congratulations to the new Incoming board members and vice president for 2019-2020 as elected by the Club.



Prince Kumar
Vice President-elect
2019-2020



Rick Goldsmith
Treasurer
July 1, 2019 -
June 30, 2020



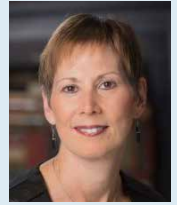
Anny-Sandra Hamel
Club Director
July 1, 2019 -
June 30, 2022



Lorna Johnson
Club Director
July 1, 2019 -
June 30, 2022



Luzita Kennedy
Club Director
July 1, 2019 -
June 30, 2022



Dawn-Marie King
Club Director
July 1, 2019 -
June 30, 2022

Upcoming Speakers & Events

December 2018

21, 28 NO LUNCH – Enjoy the holidays

January 2019

- 4 NO LUNCH – Happy New Year!
- 11 Andreas Souvaliotis - Carrot Insights
- 18 Stefan Danis
- 25 Rocco Rossi, CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce

Events

- December 2 Children's Christmas Party
- December 14 Club Christmas Party

Editor of the week

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What You Missed December 7th, 2018

- by Richard White



President Jeff opened the meeting at the National Club. Past President Pat Neuman introduced two visiting Rotarians and two guests to the meeting.

President Elect Kevin Power introduced our guest speaker, Michiel Roodenburg, who gave us an account, including a slide show, of his 30,000 km cycling trip from Alaska to Antarctica in support of an organization "Cycle for Water". This was founded by Michiel and his friend and travelling companion Joost to raise awareness for the Global Water Crisis in a world where 1 billion people still lack access to clean water and sanitation. Challenges included mosquitoes in Alaska, bears and mud. The trip was a test of personal relationships as well as optimism and a celebration of human kindness along the way. The bicycles they used were made of bamboo, which have a lower carbon footprint and were unique and "cool".

Following our speaker's presentation, President Jeff called the Annual general Meeting to order. The club's financial statements (available at the Rotary Office) were reviewed by Kurt Kroesen. Club members voted to approve the statements and to engage Deloitte for another year as our auditors. Jeff then announced the results of the club slate for members of the board for the next 3 years, the treasurer for next year and Vice president for 2019-2020. The membership approved the results (see above).

John Andras gave us a typical spirited advertisement for Rotary Local Lager (a fund raiser for us initiated by the Guelph and Peterborough Clubs). Get yours today. Bert Steenburgh won the 50-50 draw and took home the beer.

President Jeff closed the meeting with two thoughts:

"Rotary is the Most Financially Sound, Largest, Most Powerful, Networking, Service Organization."

"Every minute of every day Rotary Feeds Someone, Houses Someone, Vaccinates Someone, Performs Surgery on Someone, Comforts Someone, Provides Clean Water to Someone."

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