



## Today's Program

Patricia Keeney, Author

## Host

Brigitte Bogar, *chair of Fellowship and Entertainment Committee*

## Topic

One Man Dancing

## Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street



Patricia Keeney is an award-winning poet, novelist, theatre and literary critic. The author of ten books of poetry and two novels and a well-known arts writer for many years for CBC Radio, Canadian Forum, Scene Changes, Canadian Theatre Review and Canadian Literature, Keeney continues her critical work both nationally and

internationally in journals such as Arc and online: Critical Stages and Critically Speaking. Keeney teaches English and Creative Writing at York University. An avid traveller, she has also taught and lectured in Europe, Africa and Asia.

Keeney's poetry has been translated and published in French, Spanish, Bulgarian, Chinese and Hindi, while her Selected Poems (Oberon) carries an introduction by the distinguished Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko. She describes her latest poetry volume, Orpheus in Our World (NeoPoiesis) as an exercise in poetic archeology connecting the earliest and rarely translated Greek hymns with a post-modern theatrical dialogue. Her first novel, The Incredible Shrinking Wife (Black Moss), a post feminist satire of emotional depth and lyric intensity, received much attention. Keeney's latest novel brings her longstanding theatre knowledge into play. One Man Dancing (Inanna) is a story of Africa, and art set on the world stage. Based on the life of a Ugandan actor who became a political refugee in Canada after almost being assassinated by Idi Amin while working for Africa's most experimental theatre company, Abafumi, One Man Dancing explores the role of human endurance and artistic risk in making political change.

See Patricia Keeney's website: [www.Wapitiwords.ca](http://www.Wapitiwords.ca)

## Update on the Toronto 2018 Rotary International Convention – by Michele Guy – Convention Co-Chair



Excitement is building among Rotarians in our Club and in the Districts hosting the 2018 Rotary International Convention (7010, 7040, 7070, 7080 and 7090). People are asking how they can help out. Clubs are asking if they can participate in Home Hosting. Folks are coming up with all types of entertainment and speaker suggestions. Others want to register and get their hotel accommodations lined up. It is absolutely fantastic to see this level of interest this far out and we are frankly overjoyed with everyone's enthusiasm.

**Our Rotary Club of Toronto is the Host Club** for the convention. We have a number of our members who are on the Host Organizing Committee, including **Lorraine Lloyd and Dawn-Marie King (Volunteers), Ross Amos (finance and sponsors), Pat Newman (Entertainment) and Don Bell (Host Hospitality).**

Toronto 2018 will indeed need a lot of support from Club members registering and attending the convention and also by becoming Ambassadors (Volunteers) at the convention itself.

We are putting together the last pieces for our Volunteer Registry system, which will allow any and all of the Rotarians in the Hosting Districts to volunteer to help out the Toronto 2018 Convention. Whether it be working on a committee in your area of expertise, acting as an Ambassador welcoming folks to Toronto or being an HOC Venue Ambassador, **you will be needed.** All you will have to do is go to the [rotary2018.org](http://rotary2018.org) website and enter your information to become part Toronto 2018. We will be announcing the launch of the Volunteer Registry as soon as it is up and running.

Sub-committees such as Home Hosting, House of Friendship, HOC Events and Entertainment are starting up and look forward to engaging more Rotarians in the Districts as they build their plans for 2018.

Right now the Toronto 2018 Host Organizing Committee (HOC) work is still somewhat in the background as we let the Atlanta 2017 Convention build to be a great Rotary International Convention....so, for those who are asking "What can I do now?" **The best thing that you could do is register for Atlanta 2017, attend and talk up Toronto 2018 where attendees will find INSPIRATION AROUND EVERY CORNER.**

## Christmas is Coming!



Mary Lach with our "Silver Box" and Lorraine Lloyd

You may not have finished your Christmas shopping (many of you probably haven't even started) but we only have one week to go before our club swings into High Season gear. Next Friday is our annual **Seniors Christmas Lunch** and we still need a hand with drivers. Mary Lach will be standing at the door today with her silver donation box. If you haven't already donated one of your lunch tickets to take a senior out for Christmas, please do so. On Sunday, December 11, we host our annual **Children's Christmas Party** at the Fairmont Royal York hotel. Then on Friday, December 16 we will hold our annual **Club Christmas luncheon**. Please come out and bring your friends and family to enjoy the holiday festivities and a fine buffet. We will be raising money for charity through our annual raffle ticket draw. The silent auction proceeds will go toward covering our Children's Christmas party expenses. Come help celebrate the Season with Rotary.

## Christmas Caroling in Dundas Square

John Joseph Mastandrea and Brigitte Bogar are organizing this year's caroling, to take place on Dec 19th at 5:30pm. Carolers will meet at the Café de Melbourne, 193 Church Street, M5B 1Y7, and enjoy refreshments before walking over to Dundas Sq. to sing in the Season. Everyone is welcome. Bring friends and family. Following the singing, everyone will repair to the Imperial Pub on Dundas for a few libations.



2015's troubadours

## Whisky Challenge at Feathers - November 29, 2016



Whiskygroup

With hints of caramel, lemon, chocolate, orange and spice, contrasted with peat, wood, smoke, and even rubber, the Fellowship committee had their first annual single malt challenge at The Feathers Pub this past Tuesday night. It was truly a treat for all those adventurous Rotarians and friends who joined. The winner of the challenge was guest Uday Shankardas and the most 'honest' individual of the night was Trevor Lenders. We look forward to the next whisky event in 2017!

## Eardley Samuels Awarded

Last month The Ripple Effect Wellness Organization in conjunction with Trillium Hospital Health Partners honoured Eardley with an award of recognition for his service in the community. These services included work on the Board of The Rotary Club of Toronto for the Health Bus Project and the Transition Centre for Homeless at St. Michael's Hospital. There was mention also of his work with seniors, singing and driving them to medical appointments. He has also been involved with three Probus Clubs.



Well done, Eardley

The previous month he received an award from the Ontario Government, presented by the Finance Minister Charles Sousa, for his 15 years of singing at the Wenleigh Nursing Home in Mississauga on a bi-weekly basis. And we can't forget his leading of singers with our seniors at the Christmas lunch and June picnic.

## Alex Brown Receives a Paul Harris / William Peace Award

– by Jack Robertson

On behalf of the Honours and Awards Committee and all members of this great Rotary Club it was our Jack Robertson's pleasure to present a Paul Harris Fellowship / William Peace Award to a very special member of The Rotary Club of Toronto, Alex Brown.

Alex grew up on a dairy farm owned by his family near Almonte Ontario, close to Ottawa. His parents were active in the community and it was from them that he learned the benefit of hard work and being of help to others.

Alex's business career included the management of the Clark Dairy Company in Ottawa and then to the appliance business as vice president of the Maytag Company. The true entrepreneur that he is, he founded his own company in 1985, Integrated Appliances, importing and distributing household appliances from key European manufacturers. Years later his son and daughter joined the company and reflecting the entrepreneurial skills learned from their father they have opened 2 new companies. He is now enjoying semi-retirement.

He joined The Rotary Club of Toronto in 1984 and throughout those 32 years he has been an active contributing member. He was on the Board of Directors for 2 years and a great support to 2 presidents including Jack. He was active in membership development, in international service and past chair of fundraising. He was a participant in the Rotary Student Exchange program providing accommodation for visiting students.

He was influential in bringing the ShelterBox program to our club's attention and recently chaired the Program Committee on which he has served since 2014. It was a major responsibility keeping our Friday meetings active with interesting speakers week after week.

Alex's attendance at Rotary International conventions has been exemplary. He and June have attended 14 international conventions, which reflects his enthusiasm and respect for Rotary. This is a record attendance shared only with Brian and Joyce Westlake.

He is a delightful gentleman, soft spoken, and has a great sense of humour. He will likely be saying "it's about time, what took so long?". His cheerful and friendly manner is a hallmark of fellowship in this Rotary Club. And above all his contributions, was his influence on his wife June to join our Club.

Congratulations to a well-deserved recipient.



Alex Brown with President Susan and presenter Jack Robertson

### RI President

John Germ

### District Governor

Jim Louttit, Toronto Sunrise

## The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

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Don Bell

### Editor December 9, 2016:

Brigitte Bogar

### What You Missed Reporter for December 9, 2016:

Brigitte Bogar

## The Four-way test of the things we think, say, or do

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### December 2016

- 9 Seniors Christmas Lunch
- 11 Children's Christmas Party
- 16 Club Christmas Lunch
- 23 No Meeting
- 30 No Meeting

### January 2017

- 6 New Year's Message

### Events

December 19 - Christmas Carolling 5:30 pm

### Propose a Speaker – Contact

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### Send articles

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## What You Missed November 25th, 2016

— by John Lloyd



We had a very busy schedule at Friday’s lunch. President Susan reminded everyone that this year we’re holding our 87th annual Christmas Party for Children with special needs, on SUNDAY Dec. 11. We’re still looking for table hosts and of course cash donations are always welcome. Michael Morgan announced 1 visiting Rotarian, 11 guests and 3 Rotaractors.

John Andras regaled us with a parodic version of “Sing A Song” in support of the Seniors Christmas Lunch, Friday December 9th. Very clever wording and it got everyone’s attention, I’m sure a couple of glasses were broken. John never told me he couldn’t sing! Drivers still needed for Dec. 9 Xmas party, please contact Jack Robertson if you can help.

Fabio Ventolini spoke of our Annual Fundraiser “Texas Hold Em”, which has raised over \$300,000 in the past 9 years. Interestingly enough the vast majority of participants are non-Rotarians and as it is OUR Fundraiser, Fabio asked for Club Sponsors, more info to come. Mark your calendars for The Event!!! March 9th, 2017.

Alex Brown received a well-deserved Paul Harris/William Peace award. The presentation was made by Past President, Jack Robertson.

Covenant House received a cheque for \$137,500, the second part of a \$275,000 donation proposed by our Women’s Initiative Committee. Mr. Bruce Rivers received the donation on behalf of Covenant House explaining the funds will go to assist female victims of sex trafficking.

Our speaker, Jim Louttit, District Governor 7070, began his presentation with a short video by International President John Germ, presenting his theme “Rotary Serving Humanity”. In his speech Jim challenged us with four goals to achieve in his year. 1: To Strengthen Clubs in the district. 2: Improve Humanitarian Services. 3: Raise public awareness of Rotary. 4: Increase support for the International Foundation. These goals are not unusual for a District Governor but Jim’s dedication and obvious commitment made us believe that they can be achieved.

His initiative is to improve membership by 50 net members for our District and includes cash prizes to the clubs with the largest net increase. In fact we’re well on our way with a new Rotary

Club in the district, “Toronto Danforth” with 40 founding members, inaugural meeting December 9th. Understandably, Jim won’t be including the 40 Danforth members in the count. Talking to friends and neighbours about what Rotary does can create interest and potential members. Rotary’s International Foundation is celebrating 100 years in 2017 and Jim hopes the District will raise \$1,000,000 U.S. as our District’s contribution.

In closing, Jim praised our Club for its many contributions and initiatives in the downtown community and presented Neil Phillips with his District Governor-Elect Pin, as Neil is our DG in 2017-18.

Jayson Phelps walked off with a bottle of wine to the joy of everyone present.



Neil with Jim Louttit



Susan Hunter with Bruce Rivers of Covenant House and Marg Stanowski, Women’s Initiatives Committee

### Club Annual General Meeting

The Club’s Annual General Meeting (Part 1) for the purpose of the approval of the audited Financial Statement for the year ended June 30, 2016 and the appointment of the Auditors will be held during the regular lunch meeting on **Friday Dec. 2, 2016**. The AGM (Part 2) for the purpose of electing a Vice President and four Directors for a three year term commencing July 1, 2017 and a Treasurer for the year 2017-2018 year will be held on **Friday January 6, 2017**.

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