



### Today's Program

Seniors Christmas Party

### Host

Senior Citizens Committee, Mary Lach, Chair

### Location

Fairmont Royal York, Concert Hall



For over 75 years our Rotary Club has been the host for a very special Christmas Lunch for seniors from the inner-city area. We have worked closely with the Second Mile Club which was founded in 1937 to assist seniors with their needs in the city. They provide the names of about half of our guests. Others come from Kensington Nursing Home, Yonge Street Mission, The Sunshine Centre, Salvation Army and churches including Little Trinity Church.

For many Seniors this is their prime Christmas Celebration out of their apartments and we know it is greatly appreciated. They enjoy the singing and the full turkey dinner (with cranberries!) and dessert. Music is provided by the Salvation Army Band, the Rotary Singers and a special program from the John Wanless Public School choir.

This program could not happen without the team from the Senior Citizens Committee, Toronto Police Services who provide a bus, WheelTrans who bring in so many of the more vulnerable and of course the team of Rotarian Drivers who pick up large numbers of our guests. Rotarians join the seniors at the table and all go home with a lovely bag of goodies. Good memories.



2015 seniors enjoying the party

## The Rotary Club of Toronto's Members Lunch - Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

This is the day the staff of the Fairmont Royal York goes all out to provide a wonderful Christmas buffet for all of us. Come and enjoy turkey and all the trimmings including the traditional pudding. Bring friends and staff for a special celebration.



You will be entertained by our very own Brigitte and Glenn and special guest pianist Mark Herrera and viola player Emily Eng.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!** We need items for the raffle and the proceeds will go to "OUT OF THE COLD". The silent auction proceeds will go to the Special Needs Children's Party being held on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>.

So please e-mail me at [jcdavies@sympatico.ca](mailto:jcdavies@sympatico.ca) with your items to either the raffle or silent auction.

### Toronto's oldest running

# Christmas Party for Children

Celebrates its 87<sup>th</sup> year on SUNDAY, December 11<sup>th</sup>!

### Don't Miss The Party Of The Year - This Sunday!

It is not too late to join us at the Canadian Room, C level. We are expecting about 600 guests so all help is appreciated.

**Table Hosts should report to SARAH LARBI by 10:45 a.m.** Wear comfy shoes, casual clothing & have a big breakfast beforehand.

Invited guests are from: **Easter Seals Ontario, CNIB, Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf, Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, Gilda's Club of Greater Toronto and Starlight Foundation.** We expect 650+ invited children and their families.



A happy Elf

Donations to cover the costs of this wonderful event can still be made through the Rotary office.

A very special thank you to all our volunteers as this party would not be a success without the help from so many in our Club!

Lorraine Lloyd, Chair  
Children's Christmas Party Committee



Happy Children

## Christmas Caroling in Dundas Square

John Joseph Mastandrea and Brigitte Bogar are organizing this year's caroling, to take place on December 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 accompanied this year by a skilled fiddler. Everyone is welcome. Bring friends and family. Following the singing, everyone will repair to the Imperial Pub on Dundas for a few libations.



Last year's Christmas Carolers

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### December 2016

- 11 Annual Children's Christmas Party
- 16 Club Christmas Luncheon
- 23 No Meeting
- 30 No Meeting

### January 2017

- 6 New Years Message

### Events

- Dec 19 Christmas Caroling 5:30 pm

### Editor of the Week

Brigitte Bogar, December 9, 2016

### Editor December 16, 2016

Karen Scott

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

Kevin Craft

### Propose a Speaker - Contact

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## What You Missed December 2, 2016

-by Karen Scott



The National Club appeared in all its festive glory and Christmas music greeted Rotarians as they arrived. President Susan's invocation focused on giving thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed on us and the privileges that we have to help to make the world a better place, concluding that we should remember those less fortunate.

Following a delicious lunch and fellowship at the table, President Susan introduced the head table and then Rob O'Brien introduced the 10 guests. There were a number of announcements. The Seniors Christmas Lunch will be held next Friday. Drivers are still needed and anyone who can help should contact Jack Robertson. Mary Lach is also still taking donations of lunch tickets. Bill Empey came to the podium to talk about the Children's Christmas Party that will be held on Sunday, December 11th. This is the 87th year for this party. Table hosts are still required, as are gifts or cash donations. Andrea Tirone was re-introduced to the club as her red-stripe was removed. An announcement on behalf of John Andras drew attention to the Carolers needed for the Seniors' Christmas Party on December 9th and for the evening of December 19th for Christmas carol singing. No singing talent is required. Just ask John Andras!

Don Bell had the honour of presenting a Paul Harris Award to Valerie Clarke. Don said Valerie ran the club from 1990 - 2000 and epitomizes "Service Above Self". The extensive list of Valerie's contributions and accomplishments will appear in the December 16th Voice. Valerie's acceptance speech will long be remembered: "Philanthropy is not a spectator sport. It is everything".

Brigitte Bogar introduced today's speaker, Patricia Keeney, author of "One Man

Dancing". It's the remarkable story of Charles Tumwesigye, but as a work of fiction about his life, as the documentary version of his story didn't tell the truth as he and the author wanted it told. It's a story, about an African man in the era of Idi Amin, about the world of the theatre, political intrusions, and natural disasters. Ms. Keeney read from the book, giving a glimpse of the compelling story. When asked about the biggest challenge, she said that it was doing justice to his life.

President Susan reminded everyone that our club lunch will be on Friday, December 16th in the ballroom. It will be buffet style and we'll have the joy of singing Christmas carols. There was \$2854 in the pot for the Ace of Clubs draw. Geoffrey Johnson's ticket was pulled. He didn't draw the magic card. He generously donated the bottle of wine he won to Karen Scott's friend Ann Atkins, whom he'd discovered, after one word, had a London upbringing in common.





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