



Today's Program

Lord Conrad Black

Topic

Trump - A President Like No Other

Host

Geoffrey Johnson, President 2004-05

Location

Fairmont Royal York, Imperial Room



Providing the most intriguing and significant analysis yet of Trump's political rise. Ambitious in intellectual scope, contrarian in many of its opinions, and admirably concise, this is surely set to be one of the most provocative

political books you are likely to read this year.

Lord Conrad Black is a graduate of Carleton (Ottawa), Laval (Quebec), and McGill (Montreal) universities, and is an accomplished historian with a prolific body of work.

As an acclaimed author and biographer, Lord Black has published comprehensive histories of both Canada and the United States, as well as authoritative biographies of Maurice Duplessis, and presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Richard Nixon and Donald Trump.

Lord Black is also a television and radio commentator and a sporadic participant in the current affairs programming of CNN, Fox News, CTV, CBC, BBC, and Radio Canada.

Conrad Black is a Canadian-born British peer, and former publisher of The London Daily Telegraph, The Spectator, The Chicago Sun-Times, The Jerusalem Post, and founder of Canada's National Post.

He is a columnist and regular contributor to several publications, including the National Review Online, The New Criterion, The National Interest, American Greatness, The New York Sun, and the National Post.

Lord Black is an experienced financier, was the head of the Argus and Hollinger corporate groups for many years, and private companies.

Cocktails for Care

St. Michael's Transition Centre



The National Club,
303 Bay Street, Toronto

February 8, 2019
7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

\$50 advanced tickets

To purchase tickets, visit
<https://goo.gl/bZXCnN>

\$60 tickets at the door

Saturday Night
Superstars live band

• Silent auction • Door prizes • Cash bar

Get Well Soon, Carol Hutchinson

Carol Hutchinson unfortunately had an accident last week. At Volleyball she zipped instead of zagged and dislocated and fractured her hip. She is housebound for the next few weeks.

Any help members can offer Harvey and Belli at the Friday lunches will be greatly appreciated.



Don't Miss the President's Cocktail Party

Thursday, February 13, 2019

Special Guest - Amanda Lang
The National Club, 5:30 pm

RSVP: office@rotarytoronto.com
or call 416-363-0604

Cost: 1 lunch ticket for members
\$55 by credit card
(or cash at the door for those registered)



Shorcan Charity Day – January 24, 2019

For 21 years Shorcan Brokerage Limited has been donating a day's commissions to charities. This year was no exception and the total amount was over \$700,000.

Thank you to Cijay Shah whose request through RBC (his daughter Shreya) was acknowledged by Shorcan with a donation of \$12,000

The funds will go through our International Service Committee to Ubuntu Medical Centre in Kenya, which treats children with neurological disorders. President Jeff Dobson and Maureen Bird of ISC were there to receive the donation. Cijay was in Kenya meeting with the Ubuntu team but was here in spirit.



Shorcan president Michael Gibbens presenting the donation to Maureen Bird and Jeff Dobson, with personnel from RBC

Support Camp Scugog

The Rotaract Club of Toronto is hosting its Annual Fundraiser at the Bata Shoe Museum on Friday, February 22, 2019. Doors open at 7pm and come ready for a night filled with fun. Your \$55 ticket includes your first drink, appetizers, a silent auction, DJ for the night, and support for the kids as they start packing their bags for summer camp. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://bit.ly/2SU3yE4> or physical tickets will be sold by Rotaractors.

Camp Scugog is one of the oldest camps in Canada, offering support and programming to disadvantaged children, youth, and mothers since 1931. For the last decade, The Rotary Club of Toronto and Rotaract Club of Toronto have been supporting Camp Scugog. Every year we go up to camp for a sweat equity weekend to help get the camp ready for the kids. We paint, we clean, we organize cloth donations and we fix the buildings. Our weekend at Camp Scugog is a highlight of the Rotaract/Rotary year, but the enjoyment we experience is nowhere near the level of enjoyment for the many kids who come to camp.



Contact Katherine Kirkpatrick-Wahl
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Camp Scugog Weekend!!

Our executive retreat at
Lake Scugog Camp is May 24 -26.

Put it in your calendar now so you do not miss out on a great weekend of amazing food, hard work and connecting with your fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors

Cost: Rotarians \$120.00 Rotaract \$90.00
(meals and supplies included)

Registration link will be available soon,
watch for the email blast. This event is strictly for
Rotarians and Rotaractors



Errol Paulicpulli's great dock building crew

February Birthdays!

Feb 1	Andrew Krawczyk	Feb 18	Chris Snyder
Feb 5	Graeme Imrie	Feb 21	Glenn Davis
Feb 7	Frank Garcea	Feb 27	Michael Morgan
Feb 8	Paul Westlake	Feb 27	Carolyn Seaquist
Feb 14	Sandy Boucher	Feb 28	Bill Morari
Feb 15	David Libby		



30 Years of Women in Rotary – A Celebration

- by Andrea Tirone



A great time was had at the 30 Years of Women in Rotary by over 100 Rotarians and guests on January 23rd. The main event space was buzzing with laughter and stories from those in attendance who enjoyed 'mocktails' and delicious appetizers from the adjacent pizzeria. In addition to chancing a win of one of the generously donated raffle prizes, attendees were encouraged to purchase a pin that celebrates Women in Rotary as well as greeting cards handmade by one of our inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Students, Eloisa De Castro Costa, with proceeds supporting the breakfast program at her high school in Brighton.

The event acknowledged PDG Lynda Ryder, as the first female president in Canada, PDG Valarie Wafer as incoming RI Director, and PDG Joan Hayward via video, our District's first female Governor. Greetings were also received from Barry Rassin, RI President and many others from around the world.

Special thanks were made to the YWCA Toronto Elm Street Centre for being our hosts and to The Rotary Club of Toronto for supporting the life saving, hope giving work of the YWCA.

Our Charitable Foundation made the first donation to the project in 2008, a sum of \$500,000. Because of this YWCA was able to go to other donors and raise funds needed for the build.

More photos are available at Rotary7070.org



From left to right: Pauline Lyons, Takako Ito, Marcy Berg, Andrea Tirone, Lori Brazier



From left to right: John Fortney, Kevin Power, Annelise Taylor, Mary Lach, Pauline Lyons, President Jeff Dobson

Rotary = service + fellowship

On January 26th we partnered with Robin Hood Army to deliver 105 meals to Na-Me-Res (Native Men's Residence)!

We gathered at the home of Rotarian Bill Empey to prepare delicious fresh pasta with meat sauce, turkey sandwiches and cheese sandwiches. Such a wonderful experience to spend a couple of hours in good company, sharing stories and laughs - and also giving back to the community.



Lori Brazier (in official shirt), Pat Neuman, Bill Empey, Jackie Davies and Kevin Power displaying their cooking efforts

This is Rotary in Action!

RI President
Barry Nussam, East Nassau

District Governor
Mary Lou Harrison, Toronto Sunrise

The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

Officers:
President: Jeff Dobson
President-Elect: Kevin Power
Vice President: John Fortney
Treasurer: Rick Goldsmith

Executive Director:
Carol Hutchinson

Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation:
Susan Howson, President

Editor of the Week:
Lorna Johnson

Editor February 8, 2019:
John Andras

What You Missed Reporter for February 1, 2019:
Maureen Bird

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

February 2019

- 8 Stephanie Christensen, ShelterBox
- 15 NO MEETING – Family Day

March 2019

- 1 The Honourable Bob Rae, PC CC O.Ont QC, The Rohingya Crisis
- 8 Barb Gosse, Ending Human Trafficking

EVENTS

February 2019

- 6 FnE: Come From Away, contact Kevin Power
- 8 Fundraiser for St. Michael's Transition Centre
- 13 President's Cocktails, Amanda Lang, The National Club
- 22 Rotaract Fundraiser for Scugog
- 28 Rotary R2R, 6 PM, The National Club

March 2019

- 28 Fundraiser at the Steam Whistle

Let's Be Personal

- February 1 - Mary Lach
- February 8 - Mitra Goodarzi

Propose a Speaker – Contact
Bert Steenburgh, Chair
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Let's Be Personal

- by Lori Brazier



My current role is Senior Manager, Global Procurement Services, Scotiabank. Many people think procurement is about requests for proposals, contracts, costs and numbers – pretty dry stuff. But more importantly purpose and impact: efficiency, innovation and strong relationships with service providers.

Landing in procurement was somewhat accidental, after about a decade in consulting. I was one of a very small number of consultants specializing in management advisory services for legal departments and law firms. A big focus was helping law department leaders develop objectives and measures aligned with their organization's overall strategic plan and a plan to implement them – things law school doesn't teach.

I joined the procurement team at Aviva Insurance, as legal services procurement manager, when my unusual background caught their attention. Today I'm in a similar role at Scotiabank, covering a wide range of professional services including legal. My role provides endless exciting opportunities such as exploring automation and artificial intelligence to supplement the work of lawyers, consultants and other professionals, implementing fixed fee pricing models and changing the mix of what we do inside vs. buying outside.

I joined Rotary in 2006, inspired by my father's experience as a Rotarian. I typically jump into things head first – and was happy for an opportunity to help with the annual Christmas parties. My first committees were Fellowship and International Services – and I chaired both in subsequent years. The 2012 Club Assembly got me into the Strategic Planning Committee, where I've focused specifically on membership and member engagement. I've been connected with the Membership Committee ever since, first as Board Liaison Director and Chair today. Our goal: get more members who can proactively seek out opportunities in our community, hands-on service and idea generation, not just funding.

My mantra in Rotary and in life: don't wait to be asked to help. I, along with President Jeff and our future leaders (Kevin, John, Prince) have plenty of suggestions.

What You Missed January 25, 2019

- by John Andras



We met in the Howland Room at the National Club and, as a result of space constrictions, there was no formal Head Table. Bill Morari's team more than made up for this by serving us Artic Char!

President Jeff reported on Carol Hutchinson's injury. I know all members wish her a rapid recovery and look forward to seeing her back in the office. Jeff also acknowledged the 30th Anniversary of Women in Rotary and mentioned that his sister Alison was an early trailblazer. He also celebrated a \$12,000 grant received by Cijay Shah for work on children's neurological problems in Kenya.



Our guest speaker,
Rocco Rossi

Rocco Rossi, President/CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, was introduced by Brian Westlake who described Rocco's past fundraising exploits; cycling Yonge Street (all 1,600 KM), hiking to Everest Base Camp and paddling from Toronto to Ottawa.

Mr. Rossi began by outlining the fact that there are 135 Chambers of Commerce representing 60,000 businesses which contribute to over 30% of Canada's GDP. Rotary is well represented in the Chambers of Commerce. In Orillia, for example, 10-12 Directors are Rotarians. He also noted that 12-22 Provincial Directors are women. The Chambers of Commerce actively represent business. They work to provide solutions to assist business to thrive for the benefit of all Canadians.

Despite the headlines surrounding USMCA and other free trade agreements, 75-80% of Canadian exports still go to the US. Trade agreements, after all, are not the same as trade protection. They are a framework meant to maximize relationships. The recent trade agreement with Europe has led to a 22% increase in container traffic in the Port of Montreal all inbound. There is no corresponding increase in outbound traffic. Canada is not taking advantage of its potential.

The main stumbling block behind the inability to increase and diversify trade is a lack of skilled labour. For several generations colleges and universities have pushed liberal arts not trades. As a result, the average age of a journeyman tradesman is over 60. As tradesmen age out of the workforce there is huge difficulty in getting replacements. Unions have put journeyman/apprentice ratios at 3-1 for plumbers and 4-1 for HVAC to protect the employability of their members. A medical surgeon in a teaching hospital will have at least 4 interns trailing behind. Why is it, for human plumbing the ratio is 1-4, for your toilet repair its 3-1? In smaller towns there are often no apprentices because mandated ratios cannot be maintained.

In addition, journeymen from one province are often not recognized in other provinces. Fortunately there have been changes in Journeyman/Apprentice ratios to 1-1 for some trades and immigration targeting skilled workers is now a high priority. These are public policy matters and public policy matters! Venezuela is an example of how bad public policy can drive a country to bankruptcy. We cannot take for granted what we have.

After an informative and somewhat sobering talk David Hetherington yet again won the wine (3rd time in a row). You need a broker? David is now an expert in building liquid assets!



Past President David Hetherington trying to win the jackpot for the 3rd week in a row, with President Jeff

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