

Today's Program

Marc Trouyet, Consul General of France in Toronto

Topic

France and Canada's 150th Birthday

Host

Neil Phillips, part time resident of France

Location

The National Club, 303 Bay St.



Mr Trouyet has served as the Consul General of France in Toronto since August of 2015. His territorial jurisdiction comprises Ontario and Manitoba. He has been a diplomat for almost fifteen years. Most recently he served in Paris as head of the department of French Overseas Development Assistance pertaining to governance issues. In this capacity, he supervised projects and expert missions on issues such as: postcrisis recovery and the rule of law; government reforms and urban governance; public finances; migration, Diasporas and development.

For four years he was Deputy Head of Mission of the French Embassy in Australia. As Deputy Permanent Representative to the French United Nations mission in Rome, he engaged extensively with the World Food Program, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the Food and Agricultural Organization.

He was previously the officer in charge of sustainable development issues in the United Nations division of the French Foreign Affairs department, and before that, he was responsible for modernizing consular services. Before joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Trouyet held various positions in the governing council of the Paris City Council for a period of five years. Prior to that, as a young graduate, he conducted various scientific projects with Paris X University on town planning and urban issues.

A Graduate of l'Ecole nationale d'administration (ENA), Mr. Trouyet holds a Bachelor in Political Science and a Master in Town Planning. Marc Trouyet is married and has three children.

Haiti Sweat Equity Initiative

- by Maureen Bird



On March 28, 2017, a number of Rotarians and Friends will be travelling to Haiti to help build a school on the outskirts of Port au Prince. This is being done in partnership with Emmanuel International, a Christian based NGO located in Stouffville, Ontario. We have partnered with Emmanuel on school projects in Malawi on six occasions.

Our role will be to fund and build several classrooms along with a bridge. Education is the key to moving Haiti forward. You too can be part of this solution. Participation in this type of work trip will change your lives. Ask those who have been before. We will be working beside local builders.

If you wish to participate please contact

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416-364-0181, ext 2501
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Haitian school children will benefit from our Sweat Equity Project

The Rotary Club of Toronto Fundraiser

- by Fabio Ventolini



The Rotary Club of Toronto's Annual Fundraiser is on March 30, 2017, and is therefore approaching quickly! We are excited because we have already sold most of the tables, primarily to members of Toronto's business community, and we are expecting to fully sell out, with over 270 attendees!

This year, we are giving you, as a Rotarian, the opportunity to promote your business and brand at the Annual Fundraiser, and demonstrate to Toronto's business community that your business supports Rotary. For your \$250 sponsorship (for which you will receive a tax receipt), signage with your corporate logo will be developed by us and prominently displayed at the Fundraiser, and your contribution will be announced at the podium on the evening of the event.

We know we can count on you. To support this year's Annual Fundraiser with a sponsorship, please contact me directly at Fabio@advisorsforlife.ca.

I look forward to hearing from you, and thanks in advance for your support.

RCT Wine Night XVI: French Brandy

- by Neil Phillips



“Claret is the liquor for boys, Port for men; but he who aspires to be a hero must drink brandy.” So, famously, said Samuel Johnson.

We are delighted to announce that our next Rotary Club of Toronto Wine Tour event will take us on a tour through no more than six fine brandies, several of which are almost impossible to find this side of the pond. March 2nd, 6:00pm, The National Club.

As a special treat, guests will be enlightened with an entertaining overview of the regions, with a little trivia for good measure. The fine wine sommeliers of the National Club will provide fascinating tasting notes on each of our selections. Given the rarefied realm of what we'll be drinking, the chefs have created an exquisite marriage of tasty buffet delicacies for dinner. And of course we'll have French wine to accompany the meal.

Given the libations on offer, the evening cost is \$195. Members and their guests can reserve their places by contacting Belli in the office to register. Space is limited.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

February 2017

- 17 No meeting – Family Day
- 24 Kenn Richard, Indigenous Reality in Our Backyard

March 2017

- 3 Mitty Chang, The Future of Membership

Events

- February 10 Les Ballets Trockadero, Comedy Ballet/Theatre Show
- February 16 R2R Cocktails, The National Club, 6:00 pm
- March 2 Wine Night Series, The National Club, Armagnac Cognac Tasting
- March 15 President's Cocktails, The National Club 6:00 pm
- March 18 Games Afternoon, Café de Melbourne
- March 30 Club Fundraiser, Steam Whistle
- April 12 President's Cocktails, The National Club, 6:00 pm
- May 4 en Ville Dinner
- May 26-28 Camp Scugog weekend

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What You Missed February 3, 2017

- by Lorna Johnson



Our Friday luncheon, started with the march in of the head table, followed by a somber and thoughtful invocation by President Susan. Monitor of the Day, Past President and District Governor Elect, Neil Phillips announced 1 visiting Rotarian and a large number of guests.

Lively announcements followed. Contact Belli in the Rotary Office ASAP for the French Brandy Tasting as tickets are going fast. R2R will be held on February 16th at The National Club. Contact Rohit Tamhane to RSVP. The FnE Committee (Lorna Johnson) is sponsoring a trip to the theatre to see Les Ballets Trockaderos on Friday, February 10, 2017. Brigitte Bogar encouraged all to bring spare bottles of nail polish to the luncheons over the next 3 weeks: They will be very welcome for Camp Scugog this coming summer. Maureen Bird solicited volunteer editors and photographers for the Voice: Contact maureen.rotary@gmail.com.

Dauna Jones-Simmonds introduced our speaker, Liberty Silver. “Black History month gives us the opportunity to recognize Black people we have made a significant difference to our community and Canada. Liberty Silver is one of our Nation’s heroes through her voice and tireless work with marginalized children. “In our community,” said Dauna, “your voice is your soul.” Liberty certainly exudes soul, as a multi-Juno-Award winner with 5 Black Music Awards and 3 Genie nominations.



Our guest speaker, Liberty Silver

Liberty told her inspiring story with humour and sincerity. Adopted into a white family in Peterborough, Ontario, Liberty faced challenges early on, fighting every day just to get on and off her public school’s property, and was told that “we don’t like you because you are black and adopted.” She found solace and power in the Jazz records in the basement of her parents’ home and honed her musical ability early. She opened for Bob Marley in Madison Square Gardens at the age of 12, and has made a very successful career with her voice: “The music business is like the stock market,” she told us, “there are always ups and downs.”

Liberty regaled us with two songs. “Don’t give up your day job,” Liberty informed Neil Phillips as he reluctantly took centre stage with her. She accused John Andras of “trying to take my gig” as he confessed that he “always wanted to be a Pip.”

Susan thanked Liberty with a very appropriate quote from Maya Angelou: “It’s the fire in my eyes, And the flash of my teeth, The swing in my waist, And the joy in my feet. I’m a woman Phenomenally. Phenomenal woman, That’s me.” A financial donation in Liberty Silver’s name has been made to Pack H2O in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Toronto International Services Committee.

The Ace of Clubs draw pot continues to climb, as Luba Rascheff walked away with a fine bottle of wine.

Save The Date: Camp Scugog May 26-28, 2017

Watch the next issues of the Voice to learn What, Why and How to register for this annual opportunity for Fun and Fellowship through giving back.

R2R At The National Club

The next R2R meeting is on Thursday,
February 16, 2017, 6 PM
The National Club, 303 Bay Street
\$10 (\$5 for Rotaractors)
plus cost of drinks
RSVP : rohit@arcadiahomecare.ca

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