



Today's Program

Professor Peter Russell

Topic

Canada's Odyssey: A Nation of Incomplete Conquests

Host

Robert O' Brien, our St. Michael's angel

Location

Fairmont Royal York, Confederation Rooms 5&6



Peter Russell is considered Canada's most respected "Dean of Political Science". Born in Toronto, he is an alumnus of the University of Toronto Schools, Trinity College at the University of Toronto and Oxford University where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar. He taught Political

Science at the University of Toronto from 1958 to 1997 and was Principal of Innis College from 1973 to 1978. Peter was Director of Research for the McDonald Commission on the RCMP, a member of the Federal Task Force on Comprehensive Land Claims, President of the Canadian Political Science Association and Chair of the Research Advisory Committee for the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. He is the author of several books including *Two Cheers for Minority Government*, *Constitutional Odyssey: Can Canadians Become a Sovereign People?*, *Recognizing Aboriginal Title: The Mabo Case and Indigenous Resistance to English Settler Colonialism* and editor of *Parliamentary Democracy in Crisis*. His newest book is *Canada's Odyssey: A Country of Incomplete Conquests*, which was published to coincide with Canada's 150th Anniversary as a nation. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and Past Chairman of the Churchill Society for the Advancement of Parliamentary Democracy. Peter speaks out on important issues affecting Canada and is an occasional contributor to The Toronto Star and Globe and Mail.

FUN and FUNDRAISING! Thursday March 29, 2018

Our Steam Whistle Annual Fundraiser is a mere 2 months away! In the past 9 years we have raised over \$450,000 for our many philanthropic projects! This year, in celebration of our 10th year our goal is \$100,000 with all proceeds to support our purchase of the new Rotary Club of Toronto Sherbourne Health Bus.

Each year we sell out the tables so don't delay. Get your table of 10 together and go online to purchase. Great food by en Ville, best beer in town by Steam Whistle and fabulous prizes!!

If you can't attend we ask you to make a donation for the price of a ticket. If you can be a sponsor contact Fabio Ventolini or Bill Morari. If you have an idea for a prize, let Pat Neuman know. As always, it will be one of the Best Nights in Toronto!!

We are asking every member to fully support this Fundraiser and help make **our goal of \$100,000!!!**

Register or donate online at <https://goo.gl/pwnX1w>

Highest Awards Given to Our Members

Chris Snyder and John Andras, long term members of our Rotary Club of Toronto, received a Canadian honour, the **Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers**, which recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields.

They were honoured on January 26th at Queen's Park by Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell, presenting on behalf of the Queen, for their work with HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) and many other initiatives over the years.

The Meritorious Service Cross for activities performed in an outstandingly professional manner, or with uncommonly high standards was awarded to Kenn Richard, HIP Director and founder of Native Child and Family Services Toronto, and to Andrée Cazabon, whose documentary "Third World Canada" was instrumental in beginning the process that led to The Rotary Club of Toronto's Indigenous Service Committee and HIP.



Kenn Richard, Chris Snyder and John Andras with Andrée Cazabon and Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Dowdeswell

In Memoriam

We are sad to announce the passing of Ross Allan Dobson on January 30, 2018 at the age of 91.

He was father of President Elect Jeff Dobson, and past member Alison Truelove.

In keeping with his wishes no funeral service will be held.

The notice should appear in the Globe and Mail Thursday and Saturday.

Condolences can be made at www.roadhouseandrose.com

Our condolences go out to Jeff and his family.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

February 2018

- 9 Darryl Singer, an addict's redemption
- 16 NO MEETING, Family Day
- 23 Mona Lancaster, Memory Lane Home Living

March 2018

- 2 Stella Roy, End Polio Now
- 9 Women's Initiatives Committee
- 23 Barbara Thomson, Google Suite for Non Profits
- 30 NO MEETING, Good Friday

Events

- February 7 R2R at National Club
- February 22 Rotaract Fundraiser for Anishnawbe Health
- March 29 Club Fundraiser, Steam Whistle Brewery

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SATURDAY, June 23rd (start of RI Convention), TWO ticketed event options:

- Jazz at the Aquarium, 7 to 11 p.m. OR
- Rock at the Distillery District, 6 to 10 p.m.

TUESDAY, June 26th - ROTARYFEST, 4 to 10 p.m. (our final evening event)

Your on-line tickets include food and entertainment. The direct link to purchase your tickets is: www.rotary2018.org/events/hoc/2

MONDAY, June 25th - Home or Host Hospitality, 4 to 10 p.m.

If you haven't already registered to host, sign up at: www.rotary2018.org/host

VOLUNTEERING and interacting with people from around the world:

Dawn-Marie King and Lorraine Lloyd are looking for more volunteers to help. Our direct sign-up link is: www.rotary2018.org/volunteer

We already have 500 volunteers signed up but need another 1,000. Our Leaders will give volunteers instructions, prior to going on duty. We are also able to sign-up groups too.

What You Missed, January 26

- by Don Bell



A good crowd was on hand in the Imperial Room as Vice President Jeff Dobson called the meeting to order. Past president Richard White introduced five guests and our exchange student Antoine Rys. VP Jeff talked about his trip to the large club conference in Little Rock Arkansas with our executive director Carol. They toured President Clinton's library ensconced in a re-created oval office. During the Rotary sessions the six basic personalities of Rotarians were discussed...imager, persister, promoter, harmonizer, rebel and thinker. According to Jeff, he's a harmonizer...Carol is a thinker/persister (no surprises there). I was sitting there wondering who would qualify as a rebel?

Suzanne Seaquist did her "dutiful daughter" introduction of the speaker, her father, Ernie Seaquist. Prof. Seaquist gave us a highly interesting presentation with slides on the search for new worlds like ourselves in the universe and the possibilities of finding any. Since astronomers are discovering 2 to 3 planets per day, and there are an estimated 20 billion stars in our galaxy alone, it is certainly possible that there could be other similar worlds out there. Scientists are searching for intelligent life by trying to source extraterrestrial radio transmissions. To date there has been no success, although I have been hearing some funny noises in my hearing aids lately! As Prof. Seaquist commented, it might well be that there were other worlds out there which existed for a period of time and then became extinct (nuclear war being one way to make it happen!). As an aside, our speaker pointed out that the atomic clock is at 11:58 PM, the closest it's been to midnight since 1953. In the final analysis if we ever found advanced life it would probably cause us to rethink who we are. On the other hand if we determined that we were alone in the universe, it would probably have an even greater impact on us. Pres. Jeff thanked the speaker and asked him to pick the 50-50 ticket. Bill Morari drew some nondescript black card and took home the bottle of wine.



Suzanne and Ernie Seaquist

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