

Today's Program

Dr. Carole Chauncey, *one of our own*

Topic

Dr. Carrie Best; An Activist for Justice in Canada

Host

Dauna Jones-Simmonds, *advocate for employment equity*

Location

The National Club, 303 Bay St.



Dr. Carole Chauncey is an educator, life coach, mentor and speaker. She believes that it is important to give back to the community. Professor Chauncey has facilitated workshops at the Scarborough

Women's Centre. Last April, she was the keynote speaker at the Girls' United Gala in Toronto, an organization dedicated to empowering girls. On September 15, 2018, Dr. Chauncey was recognized as an accomplished woman at the 100 Accomplished Black Women in Canada, 2018. In 2009, Carole received the Dr. Carrie Best Memorial Award from Ryerson University at the Viola Desmond Day Celebration.

During her tenure as professor in the Ted Rogers School of Information Technology Management (TRSITM), in the Faculty of Business at Ryerson University, she served on various committees internal and external to TRSITM. Her other contributions to academe include service as chair of the Equity Committee of the Ryerson Faculty Association, membership on the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations, Status of Women Committee and founder of the ITM Mentoring program.

Carole was born in Guyana. She has two daughters, Michele Chauncey and Naila Chauncey Hughes and is the grandmother of Amir and Cedric Hughes.

Guest Speaker - Friday, March 1, 2019

The Honourable Bob Rae, PC, CC, O.Ont, QC, Ontario's 21st Premier

On World Refugee Day 2018, a record 68.5 million people were forcibly displaced from their homes.

Topic: The Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Why It's Still Happening and What We Can Do About It

Contact the office if you are bringing guests.

Cocktails For Care

Congratulations to John Fortney and Garren Anthony for a great fundraiser on February 8th. Full story and pictures will be in the Voice next week!

FnE and Come From Away

On February 5th 30 Rotarians and friends enjoyed the opening performance at the new venue, the Elgin Theatre

From Member Ron Waddling:

Everything about the show from production to performance was flawless and truly a Canadian lift for us all. I was in St John's during 9/11 so perhaps found the content even more meaningful. A great choice for a Rotary outing...service above self'. The Newfoundlanders brought our mandate to life.

Thanks Kevin!

President's Cocktails, February 13th

- by John Bishop



50 Rotarians and their guests braved the aftermath of Tuesday's "Winter Storm Warning" with all it threw at us and joined President Jeff for the President's Cocktail Party held at The National Club.

The Club put on a fine hot and cold buffet for our enjoyment prior to President Jeff's welcoming remarks and a report on Carol's recovery progress.

Our guest speaker Amanda Lang, a renowned Canadian journalist, is well known to many of us through her time at CBC and now at BNN Bloomberg. She is not only a journalist but also an author, having written two books, "The Power of Why" and "The Beauty of Discomfort", which your uninformed scribe was not aware of!

The focus of her presentation was "productivity", or the perceived lack of it, in Canada. Amanda spoke of her support for many innovative Canadian small companies, that appear to lose focus the larger they become and are "not wired for change" and "operate below their potential".

She spoke of the "complex world with complex questions and knowing how to ask them" and the need for "focussed management" in all aspects of the business world.

Following several questions from the floor, President Jeff joined Amanda at the podium to thank her and in so doing, informed her that a donation in her name was being made to '416 Community Support for Women' - a daytime drop-in centre for women looking to gain or give support while coping with isolation, addiction and/or mental health issues.

The evening continued in a relaxed manner, with good food at the buffet table and a cash bar, until the gathering dispersed for the evening after your scribe had departed.

Rotaract Scugog Fundraiser

Friday February 22, 2019

Bata Shoe Museum

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Our Club Fundraiser

Thursday March 28, 2019

Steam Whistle Brewery

Register or donate here:

<https://goo.gl/5orGnV>

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Camp Scugog

May 24-26, 2019

Registration open now!!

Members Only

<https://goo.gl/TwwsKS>

Upcoming Speakers & Events

March 2019

- 01 Bob Rae, Rohingya Refugee Crisis
- 08 Barb Gosse, Cdn. Centre to End Human Trafficking
- 15 TBD
- 22 Stefan Danis, Running the Gobi Desert
- 29 Rahul Bhardwaj, Corporate Governance

EVENTS

- February 23 Robin Hood Army
- February 28 R2R, National Club, 6pm
- March 28 Steam Whistle Fundraiser
- May 24-26 Camp Scugog weekend

Editor of the week

Maureen Bird

Editor for May 1, 2019

Brigitte Bogar, welcome back!

What You Missed Reporter for February 22, 2019

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LET'S BE PERSONAL

February 22nd - Susan Hunter

March 1st - Jay Littlejohn

Let's Be Personal

- by Mitra Goodarzi



I am a real estate broker with a seniors real estate specialist designation at Remax Hallmark.

Having a background in architecture drew me into the real estate industry and according to the Canadian Census of 2016 the population of the GTA is 6.4 million with around 3 million seniors. That created a need for seniors specialists, which I took on full force. I'm working within a team recognized as top 10 within the Toronto real estate board; in 2018 we moved 438 families. Having a very intense marketing strategies and training with highly influential trainers, I have achieved the 8th best seller within our team and for 2019 I'm aiming for even higher.

I am a mother of three, my daughter who is

20 is a scholarship recipient at the University of Toronto, studying health sciences, my son, 25, who is a top salesman in Jaguar Land-rover, and my younger brother who is a woodworking designer in the custom made kitchen industry. As a mom, I've learned the importance of caring for kids, which is why I am a regular monthly donor to the Sick Kids Hospital and I help the Cancer and Diabetes Societies yearly, but I still wanted a hands on job. By joining The Rotary Club of Toronto, I am able to give back to the community, but I have also created a larger family for myself since only my immediate family is in Canada. I am a proud member of The Rotary Club of Toronto. I am a member of the Attendance Committee, the Women's Initiative and the Marketing Committee.

What You Missed February 8, 2019

- by John Andras



Members and guests at a lightly attended meeting at the National Club experienced a delicious lunch, great conversations and a dynamic program. Reading about "What You Missed" does not replicate the experience of attending - Just Saying!

President Jeff reported on an extremely success event at "Come from Away", reminded us about Cocktails for Care, President's Cocktails and the March 28th Steam Whistle Fundraiser. If that wasn't enough to keep members busy, Jason Phelps presented on behalf of the Rotaract Club of Toronto for their upcoming Fundraiser for Lake Scugog Camp. A feature will be a raffle for "Wine for a Year" - 52 bottles of select donated wines.

Mitra Goodarzia presented an impassioned "Let's be Personal" address.

Michele Guy introduced our guest speaker Stephanie Christensen the Executive Director of ShelterBox Canada with typical grace and humour.

There are over 86 million people made homeless by natural disaster and conflict. ShelterBox, a Rotary International Partner Agency, through an army of trained

volunteers, provides emergency shelter, tools and materials customized to the needs of each impacted community.

Stephanie reminded the audience that The Rotary Club of Toronto is the largest Rotary sponsor of ShelterBox in the world. She wondered how she could help bring added value to a story all club members know well. She did so by introducing us to ShelterBox's high stakes leadership model for decision making while on deployment. ShelterBox uses a technique they call "the 4 Ws".

- 1) What did we do well?
- 2) What could we have done better?
- 3) What did we learn?
- 4) What will we do differently next time?

Stephanie led the audience in an interactive exercise using two real examples from the field. The consequences of poor decision-making were made very clear. Everyone in the room was challenged, engaged and inspired. This process is not only of use in crisis situational analysis, but can also be used in everyday life with family, at work and in Rotary.

Rohit Tamhane won the wine and the pot continues to build!

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