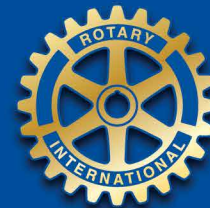


ROTARY VOICE



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Today's Program

Mona Lancaster

Topic

Memory Lane Home Living

Host

Luba Rascheff

Location

The National Club



Mona is the founder / director of a not-for-profit dementia initiative called Memory Lane Home Living Inc. in Richmond



Hill. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology/Sociology, and has worked in the field of mental health. Mona is currently completing a Gerontology Certificate through McMaster University. She put herself through university as a nurse's aide and became acquainted with the care needs of seniors and the Long-Term Care system. During the last 4 years Mona reacquainted herself with the care needs of seniors as she became a caregiver for her mother, who was diagnosed with vascular dementia.

Mona began questioning the existing systems of care, with the help of other interested individuals in dementia related fields. Together they sought an alternative co-operative model of living that better addresses the needs of caregivers and loved ones on the dementia journey. Mona's passion to improve daily living with dementia has inspired a home called Memory Lane Home Living Inc. and other dementia initiatives. Mona was recently recognized by her local Member of Parliament, for the volunteer initiative whereby she successfully brought together the community of caregivers, churches, health care providers, politicians and interested individuals for a "Living Well with Dementia in York Region" conference.

Happy Birthday...Rotary is 113 today!

For more than 110 years, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world. Grassroots at the core, Rotary links 1.2 million members to form an organization of international scope. It started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships and give back to their communities. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members. Rotary members have not only been present for major events in history — we've also been a part of them. Three key traits have remained strong throughout our history: We're truly international. Only 16 years after being founded, Rotary had clubs on six continents. Today, members in countries worldwide, work to solve some of our world's most challenging problems. We persevere in tough times. During World War II, Rotary clubs in Austria, Germany, Italy, Japan and Spain were forced to disband. Despite the risks, many continued to meet informally, and after the war Rotary members came together to rebuild their clubs and their countries. We're committed to service, and we're not afraid to dream big and set bold goals. We began our fight against polio in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. Today, polio remains endemic in only three countries — down from 125 in 1988.

"As Paul Harris said... "Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves"




YOU'RE INVITED

The Rotary Club of Toronto's
10th Anniversary Annual Fundraiser at
THE STEAM WHISTLE BREWERY
Thursday, March 29th, 2018 at 6:30 pm
The Steam Whistle Brewery
285 Bremner Blvd.
(SOUTH EAST OF THE ROGERS CENTRE)

GREAT FOOD, GAMES & PRIZES!
ADMISSION IS ONLY \$150 AND INCLUDES DINNER!


ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS ROTARY'S
MANY CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE
SHERBOURNE HEALTH BUS



The Rotary Club of Toronto's Sherbourne Health Bus is a mobile unit that provides an entry point to healthcare services for people who often face barriers in accessing traditional health care services.

The Health Bus makes regular stops at community locations (shelters, drop-ins and specialized community agencies) so individuals can come aboard to receive services targeted to their needs.

Help us to serve the marginalized people in our community...give generously!

 **CORPORATE TABLES FOR 10 WITH
CORPORATE RECOGNITION \$1750**

PLEASE VISIT THE ROTARY CLUB OF TORONTO WEBSITE WWW.ROTARYTORONTO.COM
TO PURCHASE TICKETS AND/OR MAKE A DONATION

Help Our Big Fundraiser Thursday March 29th

Only 5 weeks to go to the major fundraiser of our Rotary club. In this, our 10th year we want to go big! So far we have raised over \$450,000.

President Pat has set a target of \$100,000 for 2018! That's a tall order but we can do it with your help. Buy a ticket, or a table or 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. Great food by En Ville, best beer in town by Steam Whistle and fabulous prizes! 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>
or call the office.

Antoine Rys needs a home!



Our Exchange Student Antoine (pictured on the left) still needs a billet for the months of April and/or May. This will be a great experience for you and him. Please help us – we have a duty as Rotarians. Contact Pat Neuman – we know you can do it!

A Fine Wine Night Out



A happy consumer

“Wine is the intellectual part of the meal.” So, famously, said French writer Alexandre Dumas.

You too can become an intellectual on Thursday March 1st at our next Wine Night. We will meet to hold our own braai (www.braai.co.za/blog/what-is-a-braai/) at The National Club, as we explore the exciting world of South African wines.

South Africa holds an intriguing spot in the wine industry, somewhere between New World and Old World. It has undergone astounding advances in quality, since the late 80s. It's a region that offers something for everyone.

Our event will take us on a tour through sparkling, white and reds, most of which are not readily available.

Members, Rotaractors and their guests are invited to join us as we gather at the National Club. As a special treat, guests will be enlightened with an entertaining overview of the regions and production, with a little trivia for good measure. As the evening unfolds the fine wine sommeliers of the National Club will provide fascinating tasting notes on each of our selections. In keeping with Monsieur Dumas' thinking, the chefs have created an exquisite marriage of tasty buffet delicacies for dinner. (Rumours are that Geoffrey Johnson is sourcing wildebeest...) The evening cost is \$130 per person.

So, come. March 1st at 6:00pm. Contact Belli in the office to register. Space is limited.

And remember: wine is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.

Host Hospitality... A Convention Highlight

- by Don Bell



For the many of you who have never attended a Rotary Convention, as well as those of us who have, the last week in June here in Toronto will be a memorable time in our lives. The opening ceremonies, the guest speakers, the House of Friendship, the entertainment features...the buzz in the air that comes from having 25000 fellow rotary members in the downtown core of our cityall contributing to the Convention theme “Inspiration around every Corner”.

Well, for me, one of the highlights at conventions we've attended has always been the Monday night Host Hospitality event. It's a wonderful chance to meet with a local rotarian and his family, to share ideas and learn about each other's lives over a dinner. We've not always managed to get tickets...because they always sell out. The reason for the sellout is simply that at every convention, they run out of hosts...local Rotarians who are willing and able to sponsor a dinner out of their own pockets. (Money from ticket sales goes directly to offset the cost of bus and GO transportation.) The same thing will happen here in Toronto. Even though we currently have host spaces for about 2100 guests, guest registrations for the dinners have almost reached that level. And here we are, with 4 months to go, before the opening ceremonies!

Our Club has stepped up to the plate. As I write this, we have over 60 members in the club who have signed up to host or co-host a dinner. That's about 1/3 of the membership. Thank you to all of you. And for those of you who are still considering the possibility of participating, there is still time to go on line and register to host at www.Rotary2018.org/host. But time is running out. In April we will have to cap the numbers and begin to assign guests to hosts. It promises to be a great 'party night' with everything from small back yard BBQ's, restaurants and golf club venues, to dinner boat cruises. A unique rotary event that will bring back memories to all participants for years to come. If you can, sign up, and “Be part of the Show.”

See all convention details at
www.rotary2018.org



Roadmap to 2020 #12 - Volunteers Needed

- by Barbara Thompson



Your Club now has a "Roadmap to 2020", developed at The Club Assembly and completed and approved by your board. This is an important step for the future wellbeing and growth of the Club. Here is a list of the first six initiatives.

- 1) **COMMUNITY IMPACT** - Get committees to actively forward successes and projects to social media or the Marketing & Communications Committee
- 2) **ENGAGEMENT** - Continue to build on best practices for member engagement
 - a. Check in with non-active members periodically
 - b. Arrange follow-up meetings after initial new member interview
 - c. Invite new members to help with a specific club task/initiative
 - d. Grow the buddy system
- 3) **COMMUNITY IMPACT** - In exchange for funding, make it mandatory to have RCT publicized in our Community Partners' materials including our brand and ensure its impact is visible in their networks
- 4) **LUNCHES** - Have more lunches at the National Club
- 5) **RISK MITIGATION** - Develop a one-page checklist for Committee Chairs and members listing protocols and standards for effective committee operations
- 6) **EFFECTIVENESS** - Create a shared Master Schedule of Events to better coordinate Club and Committee activities; a master calendar that is easy to access/use which would mitigate double bookings and meeting conflicts

We need volunteers to implement these initiatives and many more.
Please contact Prince Kumar if you would like to help out!!

Welcome New Member Morrigan Wolf



Morrigan resides in Liberty Village with her Korat cat named Lux, having moved from the Maritimes to Toronto in 2014. As a scholar for a number of years, Morrigan earned a BA, a BSW, and an MSW, as well as attending law school and accounting school. Drawing on her combined academic background in research, policy and governance, Morrigan specializes in strategic management. In her spare time she enjoys composing electronic music, as well as being a member of the Downtown Toronto Toastmasters club. Having been inducted into the Toronto Twilight Rotary Club in April of 2016, Morrigan has become a dedicated Rotarian who is proud to call The Rotary Club of Toronto her new home.

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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

March

2 Stella Roy, End Polio Now

9 Paulette Senior, Canadian Women's Foundation

16 Jagmeet Singh, Federal NDP leader

23 Barbara Thomson, Google Suite 4 Non-Profits

30 NO MEETING, Good Friday

Events

March 29 Club Fundraiser, Steam Whistle Brewery

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First R2R of 2018 a roaring success!

- by Lori Brazier



Over 40 Rotarians, Rotaractors and guests braved the snow to come out for some fellowship, libations and nibbles at the National Club on February 7th.

This R2R featured some updates on club business and committee work – recognizing the need for communication and information outside of the Voice and at Friday lunches. Prince Kumar kicked things off with an update on our Roadmap to 2020.

In keeping with our core values of Philanthropy and Leadership, Andrea Tirone outlined how the International Services Committee is leveraging matching grants to increase funding for aid projects overseas and championing multi-club funding initiatives.

Chantelle MacDonald reminded us of the important contributions driven by our Women's Initiatives Committee– including support for Covenant House (\$350,000 Foundation grant), funding for safety programming at Interval House, a shelter for women and their children fleeing abusive situations (donation of \$7,500) and a \$50,000 Foundation grant for the Toronto Centre for Community Development's Immigrant Women Integration Project providing newcomers in downtown Toronto with skills, leadership and community training to support their successful integration to Toronto. Chantelle also advised that her committee will be hosting Paulette Senior, CEO of the Canadian Women's Foundation.

Everyone enjoyed some laughs and the company of fellow members of all ages and walks of life – both newer and long-standing members – in keeping with our core values of Friendship and Diversity. If you are not familiar with R2R, it is a great way to connect and have some fun in addition to the opportunities to do so at Friday lunches.

Planning for the next R2R is in the works. Stay tuned for details coming shortly!!!

What You Missed February 9, 2018

- by John Lloyd



President Pat welcomed seventy Rotarians to the “Vive le Québec Chambre”, a cosy room with great fellowship. Past President Bert Steenburgh introduced one visiting Rotarian and five guests. President Pat commented on the great attendance at our recent R2R meeting where International, Membership and Women's Initiatives Committees made interesting reports and Prince very effectively outlined Rotary's “Roadmap to 2020”. Brian Westlake gave an informative and passionate talk on Sweat Equity trips organized by Chris Snyder, encouraging those present to consider joining them in Cambodia this coming November.

130 tickets have already been sold for our major fundraiser, Thursday March 29th at Steam Whistle Brewery. There are only 45 tickets remaining so make sure you get one.

Ross Amos explained the need for Sponsorship at our International Convention starting June 23rd. He stressed that all a club member need do is give him or Alanna Scott a contact name, they'll do the rest. It's that easy!

Karl Kremer introduced today's speaker within the one-minute allotment. Well done Karl! And what a delight today's speaker was. Darryl Singer, a successful Toronto lawyer, told us his life's history covering the period from the early 90s through to 2013 when he went from success to failure through addiction to success. It wasn't a sob story but a very honest and factual tale starting with the use of medications to deal with serious migraine problems. This ultimately led to excessive use of opiates to complete addiction, which led to the loss of his business, his family and his self-respect. I think all of us know of someone stricken by one form of addiction or another. The talk was very well received and at least half a dozen members had questions of the speaker.

I guess one of the most pleasant responsibilities of a Club President is to introduce a new member. This week we welcomed Morrigan Wolf, a Strategic Management Specialist with a background in Rotary who has chosen our club to pursue her volunteer interests.

David Libby was only 2 cards away from winning \$1,804; he drew the three of clubs and walked away with a bottle of wine.



Darryl Singer addressing the club

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