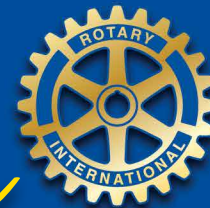


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Today's Program

Liberty Silver

Host

Dauna Jones-Simmonds

Topic

An Evolution Through Music

Location

Fairmont Upper Canada Room, 18th Floor



Today we are celebrating the start of Black History Month. We offer an insight into the journey of a young black woman adopted into the white community of Peterborough, Ontario. Liberty was faced with a barrage of racial recriminations. Many thousands of children have faced these challenges. Liberty triumphed and found her resolve and true freedom through her adopted father's jazz music

collection. How does a child rise when oppressed within the community?

Liberty chose to be a strident civil rights proponent speaking out from her own unique experiences facing Canadian society with a vigilant reflection. "An Evolution Through Music" is Liberty's unique story of finding freedom and a path to her truest sense of self. She is a Grammy and three-time Juno award winner. She has been recognized by Black Music Awards, Three Rock Express Awards and Bob Marley Memorial Award among many others, as well as three Genie nominations.

In 2016 she was named as one of the Top 100 Canadian Black Women of All Time and recognized by The National Chord as one of the top 150 Most Influential Canadian Musicians.

Project Twinkle Toes Is Blinking Twice This Month!!! - by Glenn Davis



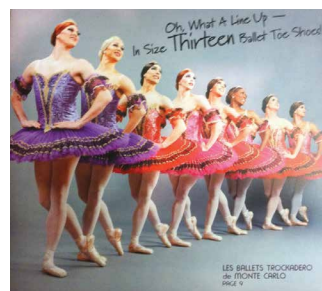
What simple, fun and portable delight can entertain a group of disadvantaged 'tweener' and teen girls stuck for hours in a cabin on a rainy Camp Scugog day? **Nail polish!** Any colour, any amount. Dozens of fingers and toes can soak up a lot! So bring your old, unwanted donations, preferably in a sandwich bag, and help us forward them on to delight a new generation of fashion experimenters. A bin or box will be on hand at the entrance to Lunch on February 10th and 24th, and kept in the Rotary Office between times. Small unused toiletries, like hotel room sized shampoo, conditioner and skin cream are also most welcome.



The Boys are Back in Town! - by Lorna Johnson



Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo are in Toronto on February 10 and 11th (3 shows only). Brimming with breathtaking artistry and rampant sauciness, the cross-dressing company has been making audiences laugh for more than 40 years with their affectionately irreverent tributes to the classical ballet canon. New York's infamous all-male ballerinas will lovingly skewer such balletic favourites as Swan Lake, La Esmeralda, and Don Quixote with all of their histrionic drama and incessant pantomime. Don't miss the international dance sensation showcase their extraordinary technical prowess...in size 12 pointe shoes! On Friday, February 10, 2017 (8.00 PM), at the Winter Garden Theatre, 189 Yonge Street, Toronto, Lorna Johnson has on behalf of the F&E Committee secured 12 tickets – you really don't want to miss out on this one! Please contact Lorna ASAP to reserve your place: lorna.johnson@me.com or call Lorna at 647-308-2808.



Fellowship and Entertainment does it AGAIN! - by Trevor Lenders



Our Rotary fellowship event took place this past Saturday afternoon. It was a wonderful lunch held at Vaticano Restaurant, a staple of the Yorkville neighbourhood. Many have enjoyed, and many more are aware of the presence of this rustic, cozy, and bright setting.

World renowned Italian chef Felice Vacca delivered a culinary experience straight from Italy, with dishes rich and savoury, seasoned just so which brought to the table delight and joy. Not a morsel was left as my eyes leapt from plate to plate. Our meal was a selection of favourites from the Winterlicious menu, which began with a hearty minestrone soup that brought me back to the memory of favourite pasta sauce prepared in my childhood by my best friend's (Italian) mother. What I could say is my bowl was not deep enough. Organic greens with tomatoes in homemade dressing was the other popular choice. For the mains Fegato Di Vitello: baby calf's liver, with caramelized onions, bay leaf, in a bittersweet sauce and the Pollo Principe Arturo: chicken breast with onions, mushrooms, and peas in a white wine sauce. Both so savoury that it left a warm feeling inside you on a brisk winter afternoon.

The company of fellow Rotarians was a splendid way to begin a Saturday afternoon in midtown Toronto. Plans of our company following the Lunch varied from taking in a show on King St West, to shopping along Bloor. Personally the restaurant was one I had wanted to try, and I will certainly be back. Enjoyed by all!

Return of the RCT Wine Night

– by Neil Phillips

The RCT Wine Night Series returns Thursday, March 2nd to The National Club. The theme for this one is French Brandies. We will cover Cognac, Armagnac, Calvados and possibly Marc. Discover the difference between VSOP, XO, Hors d'age and distillation techniques. Plus, a little something at the reception that will likely be a new discovery to many.

The meal will be the usual fine National Club standard – perhaps slightly elevated, more upscale, given what we will be sampling.

Space, as always, is limited for these events. Budget is being finalised as of press time, but will be in the \$150-\$175 per person range. You will be advised of the actual amount after signing up, and the office will process payment once you approve.

It should be another grand evening! To sign up, please email Neil Phillips at nphillips@dgn-marketing.com

Upcoming Speakers & Events

February 2017

- 10 Mark Trouyet, Consul General of France
- 17 No meeting – Family Day
- 24 Kenn Richard, Indigenous Reality in Our Backyard

March 2017

- 3 Mitty Chang, The Future of Membership

Events

- February 7 R2R
- February 10 Les Ballets Trockadero, Comedy Ballet/Theatre Show
- March 2 Wine Night Series at The National Club, Armagnac Cognac Tasting
- March 15 R2R
- March 18 Gaming Afternoon at Café Melbourne
- March 30 Club Fundraiser, Steam Whistle
- May 4 enVille Dinner

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What You Missed, January 27, 2017

– by Glenn Davis



OH, BOY, What you Missed!

Our speaker was a returning favorite, Steve Paikin, OC, OOnt, who was introduced by distinguished Past President Rob O'Brien. He is a long-time telegenic TV host of the current flagship program, The Agenda with Steve Paikin, on TVOntario- where he has worked since 1992.

This was Steve's fifth time addressing our Club, which he says he is always delighted to do, as he grew up hearing about Rotary through his Dad's 55 year involvement with a Rotary Club in Hamilton. Steve has recently published his seventh book entitled "Bill Davis: Nation Builder, and Not So Bland After All". Steve earned his stripes as a political reporter and commentator with a reputation for fair and balanced reporting; over the years he was ultimately selected to act as Moderator of 6 election English language Leadership debates at both the Federal and Provincial Level. It was an unspoken tribute to Steve's sense of fairness and proportion that Mr. Davis (then 85) permitted him unsupervised and unfettered access to the entire Provincial Archives collection on the Davis government during the two years it took Steve to write his book- some 15 years earlier than the law otherwise would have unsealed the records.

Premier Davis was the second-longest-serving Premier (14 years) in the history of Ontario, in addition to serving 10 years as Minister of Education. He started as a backbench MPP from Peel Region, and tragically lost his wife when he was in his early 30s, leaving him with 4 very young children. He was blessed with a long and loving second marriage, to Kathleen, which produced a fifth child. In 1975, Premier Davis won his fourth straight provincial election, which had not been done since WWI and has not been done since. Less well known to current members, is the fact that Premier Davis also spoke 5 times to our Club over the years. His sister was the late Peggy Dale, a Past President of the Inner Wheel, and the wife of our late member Bill Dale. Mr. Davis had the good fortune to preside over Ontario during some of the booming post-war years, and leaves behind a legacy of multiple Universities, the Community College system, and the creation of TVOntario. Less well known is the fact that he was instrumental in helping cement the deal that enabled Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau to patriate the Constitution. He was also a special envoy to Washington in 1986, helping secure international cooperation on reducing acid rain.

The day was capped with a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday to fete Jeff Dobson's Natal Day, and Trevor Lenders lost his New Member stripe. Trevor is taking over the Children's Party photography work from Jeff. Barbara Thomson Won The Wine!



Steve Paikin signing books



Trevor Lenders with Jeff Dobson

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