

## Today's Program

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## Toronto 2018 Rotary International Convention – by Michele Guy



We are pleased to have with us today Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley and the rest of the 2018 Rotary International Convention Committee who have come from all over the world to visit Toronto to help build the best convention ever to be held in just 23 months in our wonderful city!!!

Just to add to Don Bell's message from last week to register for the Atlanta Convention next June, we will need as many people as possible to come to Atlanta and work our booth to encourage all Rotarians to come to Toronto in 2018!! Register for Atlanta at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## AUGUST 19 - CHANGE OF EVENTS

### Guest Speaker

Andris Pone, President, Coin Branding

### Topic

"Why do People Think of You?"

### Location

Fairmont Royal York, Upper Canada Room

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## Meet our Two New Members



### Sarah Larbi

Sarah was born in Montreal and grew up in Toronto's west end in a French-speaking household with her mother, father, brother and sister. Sarah is fluent in both English and French, with some knowledge of Spanish and American Sign Language. She now resides in Oakville with her spouse Matt and Dog Neo.

Sarah has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Ryerson University and graduated with honours in 2008. She went on to pursue a successful career in sales and currently works for Mars Drinks as a territory sales manager for Canada. Mars

Drinks is the office coffee and tea division of Mars; the same company that makes M&Ms, Twix, Snickers and other well-loved brands.

Sarah's favorite pastime is real estate investing and expanding her portfolio, which currently consists of 4 rental properties. Sarah enjoys helping tenants find a home they will love and want to reside in for years to come. Her goal is to acquire at least 30 cash flowing properties within the next 15 years. She also enjoys traveling, meeting new people, being active in the outdoors, and food.

Sarah's goals in becoming a Rotarian are finding ways to give back to the community and meeting new people whom share those same goals. Sarah looks forward to meeting each of you over the coming months!



### Mumtaz Iqbal

Mumtaz was born in Dhaka, Bangladesh and moved with his wife of 50 years (a retired gynaecologist) to Toronto in 1996. His father was a civil servant, his mother a social activist and two older brothers, now deceased, were a journalist and army officer, respectively. He has two sons and two grandsons.

Mumtaz schooled in India, Pakistan and England, graduating from the University of Dhaka in History; and is currently a full-time student at York University reading History Honours.

He has worked in banking all his life in England, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Philippines: as a commercial banker 1962-1966; as an investment banker 1966-1973; and international development banker 1973-1996. In his last job with the multilateral Asian Development Bank headquartered in Manila, he had the opportunity to travel widely in Asia and South Pacific.

Mumtaz was a member and Secretary of the Rotary Club of Narayanganj, Pakistan (now Bangladesh) from 1963-1966 and left because of relocation. He is rejoining Rotary for fellowship and service opportunities. He hopes to learn from and to serve the Rotary family.

He's interested in current affairs, development issues especially north/south and equity perspectives, is an avid reader, keen bridge player, an indifferent 5K runner, golfer and squash player and an aspiring chef. He lives in downtown Toronto, two blocks from the Royal York.

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## What You Missed August 5, 2016

– by Karen Scott



The room was filled with sunshine, talk of summer, and beautiful music as Rotarians and guests gathered for lunch. President Susan welcomed everyone and offered a powerful invocation focused on giving. "We are all children of chance. To give is to love". PP Steve Smith welcomed two visiting Rotarians and guests.

F&E is hosting a "Paddle Down the Humber" event on Saturday, August 27th. The 68th Annual Golf Tournament will take place on Thursday, August 18th. Two more foursomes and additional prizes are needed. Good wishes were given to Jack Robertson who celebrated his birthday on August 4th. This was President Susan's first opportunity to welcome two new members; Sarah Larbi and Mumtaz Iqbal.

Saleem Kassum introduced today's guest speaker "Super Stephanie" Christensen, the Executive Director of ShelterBox Canada, by commenting that she has been serving all of her life. Stephanie's opening remarks recognized that Rotary is the largest supporter of ShelterBox in the world. She said there are 19.3 million people currently displaced by disasters. ShelterBox's mission is to leave no family without shelter. Recently, Project 2025 has been initiated to innovate and adapt to meet the needs expected to result from climate change. Stephanie reiterated that the partnership with Rotary is crucial to the work they do. The partnership with RI has recently been extended for another three years. Rotarians were recently instrumental on the ground in Sri Lanka to help deal with the catastrophic impacts of major landslides.

Stephanie said ShelterBox are continually evaluating the success of their projects by returning to disaster sites, adapting and expanding, based on the result of the evaluations. The ShelterBox remains the heart of what they do. There are five

different types of tents (e.g., cold weather, hot weather). However, the ShelterBox is only one of eight offerings. There are Shelter Kits with the materials to repair or re-build homes. Stephanie related the story of Alisa in Malawi. She is blind and cares for her three siblings. It would have been devastating for her to resettle in an unfamiliar place, so the Shelter Kit enabled her home to be rebuilt. ShelterBox also has a School Box, containing the supplies for 50 children. It is intended to help children get back to school. It's being used in Syria currently. As another example, ShelterBox was recently in Fiji to help those who'd lost everything due to the largest cyclone in the Southern Hemisphere. In Fiji, 2,000 boxes and 1,000 kits were distributed across five different islands. Stephanie said: "The kits are invaluable. They not only provide a temporary home, but a hope to restart".

The cost of a ShelterBox is \$1,200, which includes the content, shipping and installation. Each kit includes two solar lights. Tents are manufactured in the UK and Vietnam and stored in 18 different countries to enable prompt shipment to disaster areas. ShelterBox works in partnership with Rotary and the UN, in the UN cluster system. Often ShelterBox goes to places where other organizations don't go. Typically a ShelterBox will be needed for approximately six months, but in refugee camps, the length of time is significantly longer. Before kits are put in camps, infrastructure services (water, sanitation, and food) are confirmed.

After the Q&A, Stephanie closed by saying that the partnership with Rotary is the best way to give during disasters and she hopes the partnership will be expanded. Steve Smith won the Ace of Clubs draw and took home a bottle of wine. President Susan concluded the meeting with a great Michelle Obama story.

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### August

- 19 Andris Pine – Coin Branding
- 26 John Lawrence – Clean Water for Living

### September

- 2 No Meeting – Labour Day
- 9 Scholarship Lunch
- 16 Jim Louttit – District Governor
- 23 Beata Carand – TD Canada Trust

### Events

- August 18 – Annual golf day
- August 27 – Humber canoeing

### Editor of the Week

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