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Today's Program

The Presidential Address

Topic

Honour the Past, Build for the Future

Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street, Toronto



Susan Hunter became a Rotarian in 2002 following a long family tradition of Rotary service and community involvement.

Susan was Chair of Community Services, participated in the One-on-One Mentoring Program and the Forward Planning Group. She was the lead volunteer organizer for the Rotary Drive Build with Habitat for Humanity.

In 2006, Susan joined the Board of Directors. Susan was involved in the Search Committee to find a new Executive Director for the Club. She worked with Catherine Lloyd to establish the Pauline Hill Award. Susan joined the Strategic Planning Committee and initiated the work involved in 'Effective Committees'. Susan has been a member of the Research & Appeals Committee, served as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, the Executive Committee, the Honours & Awards Committee and is a member of the Foundation Board. Recently, she re-established the Governance Committee to improve current Board governance practices and processes. Along with her husband Hedley, Susan has travelled on sweat equity trips to Siem Reap, Cambodia. She recently returned from her fourth Rotary International Convention in Seoul, South Korea.

Susan is President of Hunter & Associates, a consulting firm that helps companies manage and improve organizational effectiveness and performance. Prior to starting her own firm, Susan was Vice-President and the Canadian national practice leader with a global human consulting and outsourcing solutions firm.

President's Message

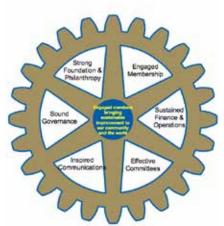
July 1st marks a new year for Rotary with a theme of 'Rotary Serving Humanity': three words that describe what we do best — transforming lives in our local communities and around the world.

The Rotary Club of Toronto has been changing lives since 1912. This Club has a rich tradition of serving the needs of those less fortunate. Members are dedicated to assisting the most vulnerable in the Toronto community by providing funding and expertise to programs which enhance the quality of life and human dignity of our fellow citizens. We should be proud of our history. It was the vision and passion of past members who have built this great Club and developed ground-breaking, innovative solutions to many challenges in the city.

And while we celebrate our storied past, we need to have our eye firmly directed to the future. To make the greatest impact of serving humanity, let's pause to examine how we do what we do.

In 2012, a five year Strategic Plan for The Rotary Club of Toronto was developed through a process of consulting and engaging members. The future of the Club will be built upon the philosophy of Rotary and our vision of "Engaged members bringing sustainable improvement to our community and the world." This vision will be implemented by six core strategic drivers as shown in this illustration.

Over the past few years, we have made progress in a number of ways:



- A revamped Voice newsletter and the 'Making a Difference' insert highlighting the Foundation's grant giving
- Creation of a Buzz Group shaping our Club's social media presence on LinkedIn and Facebook
- An orientation program to assist new members navigate the Club
- A 'training' session to support Committee Chairs to run more effective meetings
- Accessing professional help to identify potential members.

In 2016-17, the Club Board will continue the work outlined in the Strategic Plan focusing on the most urgent issues facing the Club today. I look forward to working with the Directors and welcome members to offer ideas that will ensure the Rotary Club of Toronto remains a vibrant and energetic Club. Together, we will continue to do the work of serving humanity in our city and around the world.

The 2016-2017 Board of Directors of The Rotary Club of Toronto



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Our Newest Club Builder – Binoy Luckoo

Binoy has been a member for six years, has served on the Club Board, and has been involved with several committees. While on the Board he served as Liaison Director for Youth and Children's Service Committee, always providing direction where needed and clear support to the committee. Under his valued leadership Community Service flourished with many members engaged in several projects. His expertise in Environmental issues served the committee well as he worked on and then chaired that Sub-Committee. His involvement with Carrot Common and other members of



President Elect Pat Neuman presenting the award to Binoy Luckoo

our club on the Environmental Committee, demonstrated a genuine commitment to community and environmental issues. He added value to International Service.

He is committed to attending Camp Scugog every year and clearly recognizes the challenges facing this underserved community.

As Chair of Youth Expo and Youth Day, he and his committee created yet another fantastic experience this year, for over 250 middle/high school students, bringing us closer to the problems they face in becoming leaders and role models. He has worked with the Rotaract Clubs on Youth Day/Youth Expo and empowered them to be the best they can. His quiet unassuming nature has solidified our partnership with

the Toronto District School Board. Working with youth is a passion for him, and he demonstrates a role model of leadership and seeing things to fruition.

Sometimes activities are seen by all and sometimes vital assistance is quietly served from behind the scenes. But it is always a combination of the two. This member quietly serves with consistency and purpose. Congratulations Binoy and thank you very much for your valued contributions to our Club.



Come and join your friends at Rotary for a fabulous day of golf, sun and a great time!

The Rotary Club of Toronto 68TH Annual Golf Tournament

> Thursday, August 18, 2016 at the Richmond Hill Golf Club 8755 Bathurst Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

RI President John Germ



District Governor Jim Louttit, Toronto Sunrise

The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

Officers: President: Susan Hunter President-Elect: Pat Neuman Vice President: Jeff Dobson Treasurer: James McAuley

Executive Director: Carol Hutchinson

Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation: Peter Love, President

Editor of the Week: Brian Porter

Editor July 22, 2016: Brigitte Bogar

What You Missed Reporter for July 15th: Steve Wilkinson

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

July

- 22 Ross Amos, Governance...The Good, Bad and Ugly
- 29 No Meeting, Civic holiday

August

- 5 Stephanie Christensen, ShelterBox Canada
- 12 Rooftop Picnic, The National Club
- 19 TBD
- 26 John Lawrence, Clean Water for Living

Events August 18 - Annual Golf Day

Propose a Speaker – Contact Mario Voltolina, Chair

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER ASIF!



Asif Zaidi is a corporate executive; he was a Managing Director and fulfilled several country and regional CEO assignments with Citibank on several continents, which has provided him with very strong business leadership skills.

He has also served on various boards and has been involved in business, community, and educational organizations and has led and served on various forums, notably Banking Associations and Chambers of Commerce.

He recently has moved to Toronto to join his children and is setting up his own business. Asif is also an accomplished strategy advisor and business and executive coach. He works with top executives, teams, and organizations as a strategy leader and has significant expertise in facilitating strategic thinking in organizations.

Asif is a powerful communicator, a key-note speaker, has taught at an elite Business School, and is an accomplished writer. He also has a widely read personal blog at: www.masrif.net. He is multilingual, which includes the full command of the English and French languages.

What You Missed July 8, 2016 - by Brian Porter

As the outgoing President's Lunch began with the traditional marching in of the head table together with the clapping of Rotarians, the accompanying music played by Glenn Davis was anything but usual with a revised Mickey Mouse rendition of 'Who's the Leader of the Club That's Made for You and Me'! President David then introduced the head table and Monitor, Past President Steve Smith recorded four visiting Rotarians and at least ten guests. Announcements included great congratulations to the



Incoming President Susan taking the oath of office

many RibFest volunteers who managed the entrances at Centennial Park, Etobicoke, and over 90,000 RibFesters; Dawn-Marie King, David Hetherington, and Pat Neuman were particularly instrumental in the success of the 4 day RibFest. Neil Phillips presented Pat and Dawn-Marie with Rib Sauce! The Rotary Golf Tournament will take place on August 18th and it was noted that

there is still room for new registrants as 60 persons have committed to play while only 20 have actually paid to play-- the standard Rotary ratio at this time of an event like this! Past District Governor Michael Bell presented John Andras, our Aboriginal Committee outgoing Chair, with the Tibor Gregor Community Service Award for the playground at Neskantaga Community congratulations! Exciting news came next with the presentation of a cheque for \$60,000 for Fort McMurray while another cheque presentation of \$23,000 then followed for Fort McMurray from Jack Flemming of the Etobicoke Rotary Club. John Lloyd returned to the theme of the outgoing President ceremony and presented



David receiving a bound copy of the Voices from John Lloyd

President David with the now traditional album of yearlong Voices. Pat Newman continued with a presentation of the Club Builder Award to Binoy Luckoo, a much deserved accolade, given the admirable range and depth of his contributions to club activity. President David then had the privilege of introducing his final new member, Asif Zaidi.

President David then gave special thanks to his outgoing board members for the great work they did – Lori Brazier, Harry Figov, Carolyn Purden and Marg Stanowski.

Steve Smith was next invited to share the wisdom of a retired Past President, 2014-15, offering advice to the outgoing President such as: "Don't answer your phone!", "Go into hiding!", and 'Reacquaint yourself with your family!" On a more serious note, Steve led a toast to President David and declared that he had definitely left it a better organization. David was presented with a plaque containing the gavel he had missed so much and a travel certificate for him to escape with his wife Kathie.



Michael Bell with John Andras and David Hetherington.

The meeting then turned to a more solemn moment as Susan Hunter rose to recite "the Presidential Oath of Office". She gave a short welcome and promised much more information in her inaugural address next week. We are not sure if she held on to the gavel or returned it to Carol!

The 50/50 draw winning ticket holder was Harold Hetherington, who walked away with a bottle of wine.

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