# ROTARY VOICE

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#### **Today's Program**

Dr. Robert Inman, Prof. of Medicine, University Health Network

#### Topic

Genes and Germs

#### Host

Harold Hetherington, *member since* 1997

#### Location

Fairmont Royal York, Confederation 5 & 6



Dr. Inman completed his undergraduate degree at Yale University, and his medical degree at McMaster University. He did his training in Internal Medicine at Vanderbilt University and his fellowship in Rheumatology at the Hospital for Special Surgery. He then completed a Research Fellowship at the Hammersmith Hospital in London. He was subsequently appointed Assistant Professor of Medicine at Cornell University. He moved to the University of Toronto where he was appointed Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Immunology. He was Director of Rheumatology at the University of Toronto and at University Health Network 1991-2002.

His research interests have focused on the interaction of infection with autoimmunity, and on clinical and basic aspects of Spondyloarthritis, the type of arthritis that attacks the spine, arms and legs. He has over 350 publications as manuscripts and chapters.

He is currently Director of the Arthritis Center of Excellence at the University Health Network, Director of the Spondylitis Program at Toronto Western Hospital, and Deputy Physician in Chief, Research at University Health Network.

He has been recipient of numerous awards including the Medical Communicator Award from the ACR, the Jonas Salk Award from the March of Dimes, and the Distinguished Investigator Award from the Canadian Rheumatology Association. The University of Toronto established the Inman Lectureship in his honor.

He has been honored as recipient of the Pemberton Lectureship, the Charles L. Christian Lectureship, the Ishmael Lectureship, the Bernadine Becker Lectureship, the EM Holtby Lectureship, the Dunlop-Dottridge Lectureship, the M. Ogryzlo Lectureship, and has been Visiting Professor at numerous universities in the USA and abroad. He has been inducted as Fellow, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

He was President of the VIII International Spondyloarthritis Symposium (Gent, Belgium) and was Chair of the Medical and Scientific Board of the Spondylitis Association of America. At present he is a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Rheumatology, Section Editor of Current Opinion in Rheumatology, and a member of the Advisory Boards of Nature Rheumatology Reviews and Modern Rheumatology.

#### **DISTRICT 7070 ASSEMBLY**

- by Ross Amos



Six of our of club members, along with approximately 140 Rotarians from across District 7070 assembled at the BMO Learning Institute in Scarborough on May 14 to attend the District Assembly.

What a useful and inspiring day it was. In his "State of the Nation" address, District Governor Michael Bell noted that the membership in District 7070 increased significantly this year, a sign that Rotary is becoming more relevant than ever.

Attendees could attend any one of ten different breakout sessions, with topics ranging from "Making your Club Relevant" to "Youth in Rotary," to "The Rotary Foundation

- How it Works." We heard about the plans for the District Conference, and District Governor-elect Jim Loutitt outlined plans for the next Rotary Year.

Attending an assembly such as this is a reminder that Rotary is much more than our own club. There are dedicated Rotarians in our district and across the world with the same motivation..."Service above Self". So think about attending the District Conference this fall, and the next District Assembly in the spring of 2017. It's a great experience.



District Assembly Attendees

### WE NEED YOU AT RIBFEST

June 30 to July 3 are the dates for this year's Ribfest. This is a huge money maker for our club but we can't make it happen without your assistance. Dawn-Marie King is in charge of manning the gates and we need enough people for 100 shifts. Please ... email her, send her a text or talk to her in person and sign up for one or more of the four hour shifts. mailto:kingda@smh.ca

#### What you Missed at Camp Scugog

- by Glenn Davis



The Author with his singing partner and President David

The annual RCT Camp Scugog weekend of fun and fellowship was full of more surprises than ever. We arrived on Friday, as early as traffic allowed, so that we could enjoy the annual "Sip 'n' Snack Worker Fortification BBQ"...and it was as awesome as we have come to expect from our superb culinary contributors. A host of new worker faces including 13 Rotaractors made the conversation lively and interesting. Many of them pretended to be suitably dazzled as old timers (like me) recounted enthusiastic stories of Camp weekends past - with occasional facts thrown in for colour. The Saturday weather prediction was WW wonderfully wrong. Camp Boss Susan Howson had us all psyched up for the restful job of stirring paint while it rained, and instead (as a reward to the faithful for attending!) we basked under sunny skies and hot, heavenly humidity for the rest of the weekend. Even the Lake itself had heated up amazingly, leading to the "First Annual Saturday Pre-Dinner Drinks with the President Whilst Standing Chest Deep in Lake *Scugog.*" The hot sun and warm water was so pleasant that cold refills were required after over an hour of socializing and working on our Vitamin D metabolism. A simply fabulous 48 course dinner was our reward (well, there were a lot of desserts) as we marveled at the decorating talents of Jackie Davies, glamming up the dining hall on an Islands theme. Birthday cake, well-earned thank-yous and New Camper rewards launched the announcements, and some extra special, completely unauthorized presentations were made to members Ric Williams (see photo) and our very own Diva Bogar in anticipation of her Canadian Citizenship on June 13.

A wonderful Saturday campfire outside the Hall gave everyone a better chance to converse with friends old and new. When Harvey Sullivan left his cabin on Sunday morning, he was greeted by a young fawn lying by his doorstep (see photo), One sometimes forgets that, when you're at camp, you're close to nature. Sunday brought the usual finish up, tidy up and clean up, and promises to re-connect next year, the weekend AFTER the May long weekend!





Anna & Mitra

A New Camper!



Half naked painting buddies



Harvey's Fawn

Almost Vice President Jeff & Jon Wu

#### The Rotary Club of Toronto - Service Above Self



Freshly BBQ'd Pig



New Docks, courtesy Errol



The Doc and The Director



Did I do this right?



The Presidents Table



Ravi Ravindran **District Governor** Michael Bell, Etobicoke

**RI President** 

#### **The Rotary Club of Toronto** Club 55 – 1912

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What You Missed Reporter for June 3rd: Bob Cartlidge

#### 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

#### June

- 10 Dave Dryden, Sleeping Children Around the World
- John Germ RI Pres. Elect...Youth Leadership Awards...Sheraton Hotel 17
- 24 Aboriginal Day

#### Jul

- No Meeting
- Changeover Day President Susan Hunter Throne Speech

#### Events

June 14 – President's Farewell Party. Duke of Westminster Pub

June 16 – Cdn Wine Night –National Club June 30-July 3 - Rotary Ribfest - Centennial Park-Etobicoke

Propose a Speaker - Contact

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Our Club reached 954 people on Facebook last week.

#### What You Missed: Friday May 13th

- by Jeff Dobson



On lucky Friday the 13th we met in the Upper Canada room for our last Rotary lunch for the month of May. The next two meetings were cancelled, one for the Victoria Day long weekend and one for the Scugog weekend. We will meet for the President's cocktails on

Wednesday May 25th at the National Club. What started as an experiment seems to be going quite well according to those in attendance.

President David welcomed the various visiting Rotarians and others guests after being announced by monitor and Past President Richard White.

David started the announcements with a big one. Our Toronto Rotary Foundation has agreed to match donations marked for Fort McMurray fire relief up to \$15,000. Members and others can get more information and make a donation at our website or by calling the Rotary office. Funds raised will go to Rotary District 5370 which has created an independent review committee to assess where funds would be best used. Yours truly (Jeff Dobson) was summoned to the lectern. I started by asking by show of hands how many in the room could spell triskaidekaphobia. A very few number raised their hands. I then queried whether there were any triskaidekaphobes present in the room. On quick glance I didn't see any hands, which was not surprising given the nature of the fear. Moving on, one last question sought to know how many had used the program known as Microsoft Word. After clueing in to the request, virtually all raised a hand. Seeing such broad usage of

the software I proudly announced that they were all qualified to be editors of the Voice. With even a passing knowledge of the tool, there would be no need to spell triskaidekaphobia or other challenging word and all other skills needed for the editor job could be easily acquired. The Voice is looking for a few more editors to commit only about seven hours a year by joining the Voice team. While at the lectern, I was able to deliver a second important announcement. The President's Farewell party will be held at The Duke of Westminster Pub on Tuesday June 14. This is wonderful opportunity to meet informally and show David your appreciation for his great efforts the past year. Watch you email for an invite and plan to attend!

Then President David got to perform his favorite task, introducing a new member. Today, Maria Pipu was introduced with Rohit Tamhane as her proposer. Welcome Maria to our club. See next issue for her photo and bio.

Susan Hunter introduced our guest speaker who needed little introduction. Bill Empey has been a member of our club since 1991. Bill delivered a very interesting and entertaining talk about how he came to be an economist and its importance as a science (and an art) to society. It's nice to hear from one of our own from time to time. Well done Bill!

The 50/50 pot continues to grow as no one drew the Ace of Clubs.

#### 4 Chefs and a Bottle of Wine

- by Susan Hunter



"One cannot think well, love well, sleep well if one has not dined well."

Virginia Woolf was right. And what better way to spend a lovely spring evening than enjoying a special menu prepared just for us? Past-President Geoffrey Johnson treated us with Four Chefs and A Bottle of Wine. Each chef prepared a course representing their heritage, their mother's cuisine and their love of cooking. Only in Toronto is this possible! Rotarians and guests were treated to a medley of delicious,



Geoffrey and his four Lieutenants

delectable dishes. Great conversation, laughter and really good wine were enjoyed by all.

Thank you Geoffrey and enVille Design and Catering for hosting us! Special thanks to our chefs: Chef Mel (Philippines), Chef Romi (Lebanon), Chef Phil (Guyana) and Chef Rene (Switzerland). We'll be back...



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