

## Today's Program

Joe Roberts, Push For Change

## Topic

My Life In Street Gangs Helping Needy Kids

## Host

Shannon Lundquist

*Shannon joined us in 2008, had a hiatus in Alberta but is back as one of us now.*

## Location

Fairmont Royal York, Upper Canada Room, 18th Floor



Joe Roberts is an inspirational example of overcoming adversity and managing change.

In 1989, he was living under a bridge, homeless on skid row. Today he is an advocate,

author and the Executive Director of The Push for Change. Joe has witnessed human behaviour at its depths and its peaks, in personal and professional life, and he has captured his experiences in thought-leading principles that are critical to success.

He is the former President and CEO of a successful multimedia company. Joe is a well-polished inspirational speaker who has delivered his keynote address to over 1,000,000 people over the last 15 years.

He is committed to helping young people break through their most difficult barriers and is the perfect front man for The Push for Change.

Joe thrives on the idea of Being On Purpose.

## Camp Scugog - May 27-29, 2016

This is not camp as you remember it!

Yes we work! Painting, cleaning, carpentry and more - new skills for all!

Food - no mac'n'cheese and hotdogs here. No, we have steak, lamb, shrimp, oysters, delicacies from 2 pastry chefs and so much more.

Fellowship - yes, like your camping days we have campfires and singalongs. And as from your camping days we bond new deep friendships - some have led to weddings!

Food and accommodation for the entire weekend is for the low low cost of \$100 for Rotarians and \$80 for Rotaractors. The website is open for enrolment but you must log in as it is a private event, no guests allowed!

Camp Scugog is like no other camp you have ever known. Your first trip will not be your last. Return in the summer to see the campers who find this to be such a special place and so appreciate our efforts. More details to follow from chief Susan Howson.



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**SECRET**



YOU'VE BEEN DEALT AN INVITATION TO

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF TORONTO'S  
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AT  
THE STEAM WHISTLE BREWERY**

**Thursday, March 31**

**The Steam Whistle Brewery**

255 Bremner Blvd. (South East of Rogers Centre)

**GREAT FOOD, GAMES & PRIZES**

Admission for only \$125 includes dinner! All donations made will go towards Rotary's many charitable activities.  
Corporate tables for 10 with Corporate recognition \$1,500



## U of T Polar Bear Dip

— by Ross Amos



Reema and our chilly Neil

The U of T Rotaract Club held its first ever Polar Bear Dip on Sunday March 13, with over 25 participants. Past President Neil Philips was challenged to take the dip to raise funds from The Toronto Rotary Club. He did

it!!!! In over his head. Thanks to Neil our club raised over \$1,200 for the cause. Neil, pictured with club President, Reema Gowani, did our club proud and was the star fundraiser for the event.

## What You Missed March 11, 2016

— by John Farrell



In spring-like conditions President David welcomed 10 guests. And now mark your calendars! On March 22nd President David will be hosting his ever popular President's Cocktail Reception at the National Club. And on April 9th there is a Fellowship Event "Aphordite Cooks - Macaron/Macaron". More details can be found on the Club website.

PP Steve Smith reminded everyone of our Annual Fundraising event at the Steam Whistle Brewery on March 31st. He implored all Rotarians to buy a ticket or to make a donation as this event goes a long way in funding our philanthropic endeavours every year.

PP Susan Howson, said pull out your calendars again to clear your schedules for May 27th -29th as the Rotary Club of Toronto is going camping! Registration for Camp Scugog is now open on the Club website. Please register early so that she can purchase materials and know how much food to order.

We were lucky to have another Red Stripe ceremony. Dawn Marie King had her new member stripe removed by Sandy Boucher. Her list of accomplishments since joining our Club is long and impressive. She's certainly been a welcome addition to the Club.

Dauna Jones-Simmonds introduced our Guest Speaker, the Honorable Jean Augustine, who made it from Happy Hill, Grenada to Parliament Hill in Ottawa as Canada's first Black woman MP in 1993. She came to speak to us after marking International Women's Day (IWD) earlier this week. She noted that

IWD started in 1908 and stemmed from the atrocious working conditions that women endured at the time. IWD provides all of us with an opportunity to look back, recognize the past but to more importantly look forward to what we can achieve in the years ahead. Jean stated that Canada has always been at the forefront of women's issues and that we can continue to share this experience and knowledge with other countries that have more work to do. It's still a work in progress and many nations have a marathon to run in order to catch up. As Canadians we share a value of inclusiveness and we have a responsibility that this value is broadcast to the world. The UN has a call to action to have gender parity. The goal is that by 2030, all countries are like our Government's cabinet and have 50/50 gender parity. Jean remarked that a major issue, not only in other parts of the world but in Canada as well, is that Black women are invisible. They are not well represented in public office or the boardrooms of major corporations. Seven of the fastest growing economies in the world are in Africa and a major driver of that growth comes from women, who are becoming more empowered by the internet which has opened a new world for them. So as Rotarians and Canadians we have a responsibility to ensure gender parity not only becomes a reality in our own backyard but to support it in the work we do worldwide.

The Ace of Clubs draw had \$583 in the pot. Geoffrey Johnson had the winning ticket and took home a lovely bottle of wine after drawing the 5 of Diamonds.

## Rotary Refugee Update — by Maureen Bird

The Canadian Government promised 25,000 new refugees for Canada by the end of February and was able to keep this promise. The total was a mixture of 15,000 fully funded by the government, 9,000 fully funded by private sponsors and 2,000 with blended funding, partially by the government and the rest from private sources. There are 2,200 more government funded and privately funded refugees who have been approved and are waiting for transport to Canada. There are also over 13,000 applications in process, going through information gathering and security checks.

Because we were one of about 800 groups looking for blended funding and, because so

few have been processed, we have not received a family yet. At this point, the Government has withdrawn the 500 personnel sent overseas to work on this project. We believe there will be a major delay before new cases are processed. Because of the generosity of our donors, both individuals and foundations, we believe we have sufficient funds to support a family for a year without government funds and, now, we are also seeking a privately sponsored family. We continue to work with Rosedale United Church and the United Church Conference to make this happen. When the situation changes we will let you know. Thank you for your continued support.

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### March

- 22 President David's cocktails, The National Club
- 25 No lunch meeting, Good Friday

### April

- 1 New Member's Lunch Program
- 8 Chief Mark Saunders, Toronto Police Services
- 15 Deb Doncaster, Earth Day Canada
- 22 Jeremy Diamond, Vimy Foundation
- 29 Perry Monaco, LinkedIn

### May 2016

- 20 No meeting due to Victoria Day Holiday
- 27 Camp Scugog Fellowship Lunch

### Events

- March 31 - Annual Fundraiser, Steam Whistle Brewery
- April 9 - Macaroon at Aphrodite Cooks
- May 27-29 - Camp Scugog

### Editor of the Week

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