

Speaker

William F. Empey

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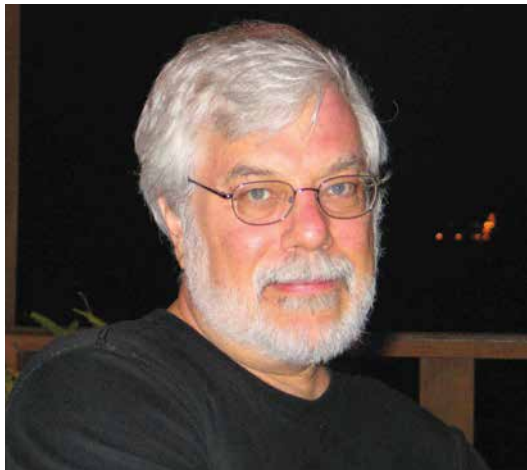
Susan Hunter

Topic

Living Economics or Why Rotary is Great!

Location

Fairmont Royal York



Bill Empey was born in Montreal and studied Economics at Concordia University. Travelling to Boston in the early 1970s Bill completed a Ph.D. in Economics at Boston College and joined Data Resources Inc. (DRI, now IHS Economics & Country Risk) in 1975. Bill moved to Toronto with DRI in 1977 to head up the Canadian Economic Forecasting Service and was promoted to Vice President and General Manager in Canada in 1980. DRI was purchased by McGraw Hill in the early 1985. Bill joined the economics practice at Coopers and Lybrand in the late 1980s and moved to ARA Consulting as a Partner in the 1990s. ARA Consulting was acquired by KPMG in 2000 and Bill joined the KPMG as a Partner. In 2001 Bill and colleagues left KPMG to found Prism Economics and Analysis.

Bill has two children and three grandchildren. He is recently retired and enjoying the opportunity to renew his role with the Rotary Club of Toronto as well as building a new career as a grandfather and photographer.

Kids Against Hunger Food Packing Day, Saturday, April 30

Dina Rashid organized our second annual food packing day with Kids Against Hunger at the Info-Tech Research Group office at the Masonic Temple. We packed the food in the concert hall which was a great venue that featured legendary artists like Led Zeppelin and The Rolling Stones.

President David Hetherington refined his skills on the plastic sealing machine working alongside Dawn-Marie King. His wife Kathie was teamed up with Lorraine Lloyd, Lori Brazier and Anny-Sandra Hamel on one of the three food packing lines. They were joined by many Rotarians including Past Presidents John Carr and Jack Robertson, Saleem Kassum, Binoy Luckoo, Prince Kumar, Brent Thomas, Abdel Toukan, Krystyna Benyak, Anna Koneva, Becky Jones, Susan Hunter, Pat Neuman, and many friends and family. We packed over 20,000 meals headed for the Atawapiskat northern community. Great day for everyone; Brent Thomas said he never scooped so much rice before! #ServiceAboveSelf



All thumbs up on their packing skills



President David and Dawn-Marie King sealing it up

LinkedIn Report

– by Jeff Dobson

On Tuesday fourteen Rotarians and one Rotaractor attended a special session on LinkedIn. Member Marcy Berg arranged for Leslie Hughes, a social media expert, to present. Interest was piqued among members following a fascinating presentation by Perry Monaco a couple of weeks ago. Ms. Hughes noted that while LinkedIn may not be the sexiest social media channel it may be the most powerful and should not be ignored.

She tailored her presentation to individuals wanting to make better use of the network and also the group as members of the Rotary Club of Toronto who could and should use the network to share the message of Rotary.

Whether we embrace social media networks for their excitement and potential or shun them for their impersonality and invasiveness, we must accept that they are now part of society. Groups and individuals can't really chose whether to be part of the networks, however they do have some control over how they are presented.

Hughes suggested that ensuring your photo is appropriate, your title statement is effective, and your personal summary engaging will put interested LinkedIn members ahead of the crowd. If you're interested in learning more contact this author.



Marcy Berg



Leslie Hughes

New Member – Tim Liang



Born in southwestern China, Tim Liang moved to North America when he was 15. He first attended high schools in Los Angeles, California and then in Tampa, Florida. Upon graduation, Tim opted to enroll at University of Florida where he grew his support for the Gators football team. Nonetheless, due to family reason, he subsequently transferred to University of Waterloo after freshman, where he eventually earned a degree in Honours Bachelor of Computing and Financial Management.

Following his passion for capital markets and the financial industry, Tim currently works for CIBC as a treasury analyst responsible for funding and liquidity management. He oversees the funding and liquidity stress test models for the bank, particularly for the U.S. region. In addition, he helps rest of the team with regulatory requirements, funding plan, and balance sheet management for the bank. Prior to holding his role at CIBC, Tim has also worked at TD Securities, Scotia Capital, and RBC Financial Group.

Tim was fortunate enough to live and witness different parts of the world and experience a variety of distinct cultures. From the earthquake zones to the remote mountain areas and from the city community projects to animal shelters, Tim has seen many lives that desperately need help. Although growing up as an only child, he was raised to have compassions to contribute his part to the society. That's why he chose to join Rotary. Being a big brother for the Big Brother Big Sister initiative, Tim always wants to focus on promoting child education. He is also currently working on a project to provide students in his home province with educational resources. In addition, as a proud owner of a pug, Tim is also dedicated to protect our environment and animal welfare.

When Tim is not busy working or studying, he enjoys reading, playing soccer, travelling, playing the piano, walking his dog and spending time with his family and friends. He is also an avidly loud and proud fan of Toronto Raptors, AC Milan and Florida Gators. His sponsor, Peter Stevenson, gave him the Rotary pin. We welcome you to the Club Tim!

Returning Member – Jacqueline Davies



We welcome Jackie back after a brief departure to the Scarborough Rotary Club. She was a member with us from 1992 – 2015 and is the Director of Development for the City of Toronto Mission, but is a member in the retired category. Jackie received a ClubBuilder award in 1989 and a Paul Harris and William Peace Award in 1997/1998. She is a Past-Chair of the Heathy Beginnings Committee.



The Rotaract Club of Toronto will be holding its Changeover Dinner & Celebration on Friday, June 24th at 6:30pm at The National Club.

We will be giving out club awards and celebrating the accomplishments of the past year and introducing the incoming board for the upcoming year.

At this event, we will also have our 6 International Rotaractors from Turkey, Taiwan, Poland, Ecuador, Mexico and Italy who we invited as part of our Rotaract T.O. Trip.

We welcome Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Toronto to attend and we just ask that you RSVP to Katherine at k.kirkpatrickwahl@gmail.com before June 20th so that we can provide final numbers to The National Club.

Please note that you can pay \$40 at the door.

David's Farewell

Come celebrate David's presidency and congratulate him for a job well done. All Rotarians are invited to attend this annual event to socialize and send-off our President.

A light supper will be provided.

When: Tuesday June 17, 5:00pm
Where: Duke of Westminster, First Cdn Place,
77 Adelaide St. West
Cost: \$30, cash bar

Please RSVP to the Rotary office.



Scugog Helpers Needed May 27-29

You've heard the tales... now it's time to sign up for another weekend of hard work, great food and abundant fellowship.

If you can't join us consider a donation to help cover the cost of the paint, lumber, nails etc.

If you're a newer member or someone who has not yet made it up – we strongly encourage you to ask someone who's been to tell you about the weekend. Members repeatedly say it's a highlight of their Rotary year, and a weekend not to be missed.

What exactly is Camp Scugog? In simple terms, we head up for a weekend of hard work fixing up a camp (located near Port Perry) for 278 campers. What does this entail? Generally we're painting cabins, fixing things. No special skills are required. You work in teams with an assigned friendly – if demanding – foreman. The work we do saves the Camp money. The result is the Camp can sponsor more children who would never have the chance of experiencing overnight camp.

In exchange for your time and work efforts, the "Camp Chefs" (fellow Rotarians) work long hours to prepare a meal extravaganza. We've never heard of anyone going home hungry. Our Club President drives the drinks cart around the campgrounds to ensure no one goes thirsty.

Most people come up Friday and kick the weekend off with a social evening. Trust us – it's worth getting there Friday to enjoy the barbecue. Saturday is full-on work, and we try to get a half-day in Sunday as well.

We can only plan for those we know are coming; we need to put supplies and food orders in, so it is truly important that you register as soon as possible. You can also make a donation at the link below if you cannot attend.

Register today at: <https://goo.gl/QGt00J>

Once you register, you will be sent a full information package. This will outline the weekend schedule in detail, provide directions and include a quick survey re dietary requirements or project specialties.

If you have additional questions before registering, please contact Susan Howson showson@mackieresearch.com

Your \$100.00 cost covers two dinners and breakfasts plus one lunch. At that price you cannot afford to stay home.



Rotarians at work



Saturday dessert

RI President
Ravi Ravindran

District Governor
Michael Bell, Etobicoke

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Club 55 – 1912

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What You Missed Reporter:

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

May

- 20 No Meeting due to Victoria Day Weekend
- 27 No Meeting due to Camp Scugog

June

- 3 Dr. Robert Inman, University Health Network
- 10 Dave Dryden, Sleeping Children Around the World

Events

- May 26 – President David Cocktails
- May 27-29 – Camp Scugog

Propose a Speaker – Contact

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What You Missed May 6, 2016

– by Shelley McIntyre



Rotarians and eleven guests joined together in the Ballroom at the Fairmont Royal York to enjoy learning about the vibrant city they live in from Rahul Bhardwaj, President & CEO of the Toronto Foundation.

President David welcomed a new member, Tim Lian, to our Club and also welcomed back Jacqueline Davies, who is returning to the Club. The Club extends congratulations to Belli who is Grandfather to a new baby boy! A reminder went out that the R@R event on May 10 has been cancelled as the LinkedIn seminar will proceed at 5:30 on that day instead; there may be a few spaces left for the event if anyone is interested. The Club will be hosting President David for the end of term Cocktail Party on May 26th, and everyone was reminded to sign up for Camp Scugog which is coming soon on May 27-29th. Chef extraordinaire Geoffrey gave members a sneak peek at the menu for Camp Scugog with an Island theme where Rotarians will get to enjoy suckling pig and jumbo Shrimp sautéed in vermouth as a main course after a long day of work so sign up now as you don't want to miss out! Brian Porter reminded us of the Ribfest event and put a call out for volunteers. If you are a new member and have not yet joined a Committee, the Fellowship and Entertainment Committee, more briefly known as the "FnE", needs new members so consider joining.

After a welcoming introduction by host, Tony Houghton, which highlighted Rahul Bhardwaj's accomplishments and role as the President and CEO of the Toronto Foundation, which is the largest foundation with \$400 Million in fund balance, with 191 member foundations, Mr. Bhardwaj kindly spoke to us.

Mr. Bhardwaj exuded a jubilant sense of pride and excitement about our City of Toronto. It is obvious from his involvement in our City's 2008 Olympic bid, the 2012 Summer games, his role as Co-Chair for 2015 Ignite Pan am Para-Pan games, his role on the Board for Radio Hall and Metro Links, as a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal,

and recently as CEO of The Institute of Corporate Directors, and being noted as one of the top 50 most influential people in Toronto, that he cares deeply for the city we call home.

He spoke to us about the results of the Vital Signs Report and of what is working, not working and identified solutions our city should consider. The Report creates a narrative and provides a snap shot. The 2015 Report tells us that of the 500 cities on the planet, we are the 4th top rated for the 6th year in a row. In fact, 3/5 of the top cities identified in the report are in Canada: Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary. We are a safe city: in 2014 we had 57 homicides compared to Chicago with 435. We have a good economy: we are 21% down in bankruptcy declarations and there are 20,000 new jobs. Tourism is on the rise, we have recently opened the 100th Library branch, 8 of 11 beaches in Toronto are "blue flag" (International designation for water quality) ... meaning you can swim in them! 50% of Torontonians live within 500 meters to one of 1600 parks, 'who knew!' Overall, Toronto is a magnet for talent from all around the world! In fact, 51% of Torontonian's are foreign born, with two thirds arriving within the last 30 years. By 2025, 63% of people will be visible minorities; a petri dish for globalization says Bhardwaj.

Bhardwaj does point out the deficiencies with poverty topping the list as the biggest issue for our City. However, the issue was not identified as one of a lack of money, but rather a lack of opportunities for leadership; a lack of network opportunities preventing a reach through the glass ceiling. Thus a poverty of opportunity exists that Mr. Bhardwaj challenges us to overcome. The other issue is employment in part-time, contract work with no benefits for 52% of the workers in the GTA. Traffic and transit also pose a difficulty with many travelling

1.5 hours to and from work missing out on the ability to take their kids to Hockey, with a consequence that finds 1/3rd of the people more obese in the suburbs. Youth unemployment is at 22% and we have the 13% least affordable housing on the planet! 29% of our children live in poverty.

So the solutions identified are these:

- 1) For affordable housing, the developers want an even playing field
- 2) For transit, there is a 50 billion dollar plan "Big Move" to have regional rail in 20 years
- 3) For youth employment, we need to be mindful of the pilot project and European approach

What can we do? Leverage social capital and connect communities through play. The summer Pan Am games was an example of this where the city trained over 100,000 ambassadors; but the message is we can do more to continue to make our city the incredible place it is to live in.

Paul Truelove drew the 2 of Clubs and missed out on the \$917.00 pot, but received a lovely bottle of wine. Lorna Johnson did a great job on the keyboard covering for Glenn Davis.



Rahul Bhardwaj

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