



Today's Program

Ian Wood, former Canadian Ambassador

Topic

Reflections on a Career in Canada's Foreign Service

Host

Harold Hetherington

Location

Fairmont Royal York, Upper Canada Room 18th floor



Ian Wood is an outstanding Canadian who, within the Department of External Affairs, has served his country well. His work included many international appointments with a number of years as Canada's ambassador to several countries in the Middle East.

Ian was born in Quebec City and attended school in Quebec and later at Ridley College and then to the University of Western Ontario studying History and Political Science. He joined the Canadian Officers Training Corps and later served in Germany. He was nominated by the university as a Rhodes Scholar candidate for Ontario. Following competitive Public Service exams and interviews Ian accepted an offer in 1957 to join Canada's Trade Commissioner Service.

His marriage to Barbara came shortly after and this was followed by special permission from Ottawa to take up a year's Graduate Fellowship awarded by the Commonwealth Studies Center at Duke University in North Carolina.

Returning to Ottawa in 1958, Ian completed an accelerated in-house training program and was posted to the Canadian Consulate General in New York City. This was the first of eight offshore assignments with the Trade Commissioner Service and later the Department of External Affairs (now Global Affairs Canada). This found him travelling and working in more than 25 countries over the next 33 years.

District Conference 2016 AND District Conference 2017!!

One of the most extraordinary speakers at the conference on October 22nd was 18 year-old Ashley Murphy. This young woman contracted AIDS from her mother at birth. Her adoptive family of 10 kids got her through some very tough times medically but her strength through adversity is amazing. She has found herself, her community and her voice. As an advocate fighting the stigma of HIV/AIDS she raises her voice to inform and educate.



Amazing Ashley Murphy

While you are still all Revved Up from this past conference it is the perfect time to sign up for 2017. This is Neil's year as District Governor and his theme -



ROTARY UNCORKED - in wine country of course. Mark your calendars now for November 3-4, 2017 at White Oaks Resort & Spa, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Shivers Up Your Spine

- by Brigitte Bogar



The Scavenger Hunters

On Saturday October 29 a number of Rotarians met up at Café de Melbourne for a new treat - the Fellowship and Entertainment Committee's Halloween Event. On this beautifully warm fall day dressed in our most scary costumes we ventured out into the city for a well-planned scavenger hunt. Not only did we learn a lot about Toronto, but we had great fun trying to find the witch, a cat and a tombstone in downtown Toronto. When the final team made it back we had treats and coffee and a very scary story by our in house Halloween Witch June. A lovely time was had by all and when the last people finally departed an hour after the scheduled end time we vowed to repeat the event next year.

PlanetGeek Event – from the Environment Committee

– by Kurt Kroesen



Are you like me and have all manner of electronic equipment that is no longer being used or is even operable?

I have old printers, cables, cell phones, computers and a host of other electronic “stuff” that I really don’t know what to do with. I want to dispose of it safely but I also would like to be able to donate it to someone who may be able to use it because some of it is perfectly serviceable.

So who do you call? PlanetGeek, that’s who. But lucky you, you don’t even have to call them. Our Environment Committee is organizing a collection drive in partnership with PlanetGeek. We will coordinate delivery to

PlanetGeek. They will determine which computers can be repaired and restored to working condition. These are donated to shelters, food banks, etc. In 2015 it refurbished and donated 60 computers to organizations which could not afford them but had a need for them. Planet Geek works to keep e-waste (computers and related gear) out of landfill, putting it into the hands of those who can (re)use it. Anything that cannot be repaired and reused will be stripped for parts and ultimately recycled. Very little e-waste here!

PlanetGeek will take desktop computers and laptops, fax machines, routers, printers and related equipment. cell phones or smartphones, wires/cables, LCD monitors, keyboards, mice. They can take flat screen TVs but not the old cathode ray ones.

For the security minded, and I am one of them, you will be pleased to know that PlanetGeek will wipe the hard drive using the Department of Defence short method. This method consists of writing over all data bits of the drive 3 times in 3 passes. They will also provide a letter to Rotary certifying this process has been performed for a specific hard drive and identifies it by Model # and Serial #. For added security you may also remove the hard drive(s); however, they do need them for refurbishing computers so please consider leaving them in.

Please email Kurt Kroesen kroesen_richardson@sympatico.ca or Kevin Power kpower@coutts Crane.com if you are able to donate or have any questions.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

November 2016

- 11 Katie Daubs & Richard Lautens, Remembrance Day
- 18 Shanean Bruder and Ron Crane, Pine River Institute
- 25 Mark Saunders, Toronto Chief of Police

December 2016

- 2 Patricia Keeney, Author
- 9 Senior’s Christmas Lunch
- 11 Annual Children’s Christmas Party
- 16 Club Christmas Lunch

Events

- Nov 12 Fidelio, a night at the opera 7:30 pm
- Nov 15 R2R 6:00 pm
- Nov 29 Whiskey Tasting at Feathers 7:00 pm
- Dec 6 Christmas Caroling 5:30 pm

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What You Missed Reporter for November 4, 2016

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What You Missed October 28, 2016

– by Brigitte Bogar



The room was filled with Rotarians wearing End Polio Now stickers and buzzing with energy. VP Jeff Dobson guided us through a busy lunch, with Andrea Tirone and Rick Williams as our volunteering sergeant and assistant sergeant-at-arms. Many members of our board and club got Reved Up at the 2016 District Conference lead by Jim Louttit, the biker dude, and Jeff encouraged us to sign up for our 2017 District Conference and attend this week’s Annual Club Assembly.

Our speaker Dr. Truong Ta, head of Immunization Policy Canada for Sanofi Pasteur Limited, started by informing us that polio vaccine is being produced in Toronto. He gave us a short historic overview stating the virus has been known since approximately 1580 B.C. He then illustrated how far we have come since the beginning medical battle at University of Toronto in 1914. In the 1950s, Toronto scientists enabled Jonas Salk to develop a safe inactivated polio vaccine. Their new synthetic Medium 199 provided a safe base, while the “Toronto Method” of producing rocked-bottle cultures allowed enough poliovirus fluids to be produced for an unprecedented US field trial of Salk’s vaccine in 1954. Today we have two different vaccines, an oral live vaccine and an inactive vaccine.

The speaker ended early so there was ample time for questions. As the Ace of Clubs draw was about to take the place our in house Halloween Witch June stood up to make a confession. She had cast a spell on one of the tickets. Kurt Kroesen was the lucky winner of a bottle of wine. VP Jeff ended the meeting with a “have a good weekend”.



John Fortney, District End Polio Chair
Jennifer Boyd and Dr. Truong Ta.

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