

### Today's Program

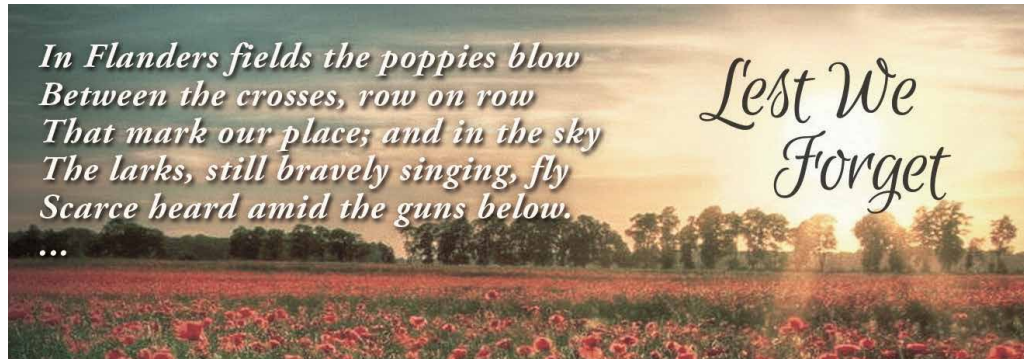
Journalist Katie Daubs and photographer Richard Lautens, The Toronto Star

### Topic

Remembrance Day Lunch - Honouring Our Veterans

### Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street



Katie Daubs is part of the features team at the Toronto Star. In 2014, she and photographer Richard Lautens spent two months walking across Belgium and France, following the footsteps of Canadian soldiers of the First World War and filing daily stories for their series 'Walking the Western Front.' Daubs is currently on leave from the Star, as a Southam Journalism fellow at Massey College.

Richard Lautens has been a staff photographer at the Toronto Star since 1987. In that time he has covered news and events all over the world including politics, fashion, sports, civil strife and features. He has won local and international awards for his work.

In addition to photojournalism, Richard has produced hundreds of videos, blogs and other alternate stories for the web. Richard speaks regularly on photojournalism at colleges and universities and all over Ontario to a variety of clubs and organizations. He lives in Toronto with his wife, two children and two big, hairy dogs.

## Our Rotary Club of Toronto Veterans



### John Austin

In May 1945, at the age of 18, John entered the Canadian Armed Forces in Toronto. When he was in advanced training at Camp Borden, his father, a veteran of the First World War, passed away. After the war ended, John stayed on to achieve his active service, and left the Armed Forces in October 1945 as a Private.



### Jim Bell

Jim enlisted in the army in August 1960 to fight in the Korean War. Jim was in the Fox Battery of the Second Regiment of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, eventually becoming a bombardier, where he plotted gunfire and signalled.



### Elgin Coutts

Elgin formally joined the Royal Canadian Air Force on August 28, 1940, as an airplane mechanic after training in Cambridge, Ontario. Elgin served at Flight Training Centres and Repair Depots. He got his wings and became a Pilot Officer, then a Flying Officer and finally a Flight Lieutenant, eventually travelling to Iceland.



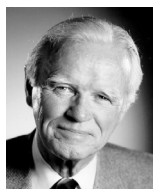
### John Gregory

John enlisted in the Royal Canadian Artillery in 1940. With a desire to be a pilot he moved to the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942. After qualifying on several aircraft he was responsible for delivering these planes to bases from Scotland to India. After the war he completed university then spent many years with the Transport Squadron in Hamilton.



### George Richardson

George joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1943 and trained in Toronto, Oshawa, and Ottawa, where he got his wings. He continued training in Ontario and Quebec until 1944, when he was posted to a fighter squadron on the West Coast, doing patrol flights to spot Japanese until September 1945. He was discharged as a Warrant Officer with 135 Squadron.



### Jack Robertson

Jack left high school to enlist in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1943. After training as a pilot he then went through further training as a navigator, becoming a Pilot Officer in February 1945. He remained in Canada working as a navigator until demobilization after VE Day.

## Our Newest Club Builder Award Winner, Mario Voltolina



It takes a dedicated group of members to help build the Club. Appropriately enough, we acknowledge those individuals by bestowing on them the Club Builder Award. Each year, the Honours & Awards Committee convenes to discuss who has earned such distinction.

Our newest recipient has been a member of our Club for almost 9 years. He has served as Member and then Chair of the Fellowship & Entertainment Committee for over three years. Appointed to the Board in 2013, he served as the Liaison Director to the Youth & Children Committee, the Seniors Citizens Committee and then the Program Committee. This year, he is our Chair of the Program Committee. He is also working to get us to use technology more effectively. He actively participates in many of our Club activities and has become our go-to Photographer at lunch and at many of our Club events — and even our presidential portraits. He goes about doing his service in a quiet way and is a solid member of our Club.

Outside of Rotary, he is passionate about movies and can tell you everything there is to know about the movie-making process (the history, the technical side of things, film vs digital, etc...). He is a voracious reader and especially enjoys reading when on holiday and on the beach. He loves to cook and he LOVES to eat and so he taught himself how to cook and he's really, really good. Aviation was one of his first passions and for some time, he had his private and commercial pilot's licenses in the U.S. I also found out that he loves motorcycles and is the proud owner of an Indian motorcycle. He is a dedicated father and his wife Tatiana calls him the love of her life.

### What You Missed November 4, 2016

With President Susan back at the podium, Past President Michele Guy introduced a few Rotarians and guests. Darryl Patterson from the East York Rotary Club was there in his role as a member of the RI Convention 2018 team. Glenn Davis and Brigitte Bogar serenaded us with a new tune to highlight our convention. More verses to follow!

Susan thanked Jeff Dobson for his turn at the podium last week and also for a very well-received Club Assembly. In addition our foundation has made a donation of \$15,000 to ShelterBox for the Haiti Hurricane Matthew disaster.

We miss John Spragge and his news terribly. Neil Phillips is bravely offering to fill the void and presented his first "News According to Neil". No, Geoffrey, it was not a culinary moment. Some excerpts: Every once in a while John littered his "news" with a film review. I've been flying a fair bit the last month, and recently (re)watched The Red Violin. This was a favourite of John's, and if you haven't seen this bit of Canadiana, it's highly recommended. It was just as powerful as two decades ago. John was a notable jazz fanatic, and led us on more than a few Festival outings. But I am sure he would be as bereft as me with the death of David Bowie earlier this year. What a way to make a political statement on assisted suicide? The homage of Space Oddity by "Choir! Choir! Choir! Toronto" at the AGO just days after his passing was spine tingling. Even Eardley and Brigitte would be speechless. If you have not seen it – click here (<https://goo.gl/MqnajI>)

It was President Susan's great pleasure to present the "Club Builder Award" to Mario Voltolina.

Harold Hetherington introduced his friend and guest speaker Ian Wood who spent most of his working life with our Diplomatic Corps and Trade Ministries. He talked about finding himself posted around the world but never got the plum position of his desire – Australia. Still, many postings were very interesting and he regaled us with interesting tidbits. Susan presented him with a certificate for 416 Community Support for Women.

As we approach the determination of our club president for 2019-20, the following were elected to represent the members on the Nomination Committee: Ken Andras, John Farrell, Doug Hughes, Alanna Scott and Peter Stephenson.

The 50-50 continues to grow.

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### November 2016

- 18 Shaneen 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

### Editor of the Week

Lorna Johnson

### Editor November 18, 2016

Brian Porter

### What You Missed Reporter for November 11, 2016

John Andras

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