

Today's Program

Andy Byford, CEO, TTC

Topic

Our Transit System

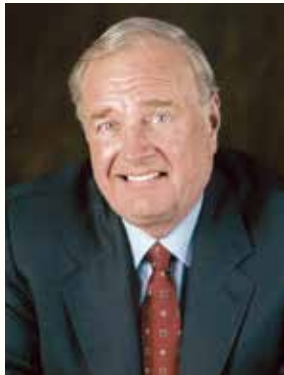
Host

Brian Westlake

Brian is on the board of The Rotary Foundation (Canada)

Location

Upper Canada Room – Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Friday, October 21, 2016

The Right Honourable Paul Martin
Former Prime Minister of Canada

Topic: A Conversation On Indigenous Education

Location: King Edward Hotel, 37 King Street East
At 12:00 pm sharp

Cost: \$55 for guests

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Andy Byford was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto Transit Commission in March, 2012. As such, he leads the largest transit agency in Canada, and the third largest in North America, carrying over

540 million riders on an annual basis. Mr. Byford initially joined the TTC as Chief Operating Officer in November 2011 and was responsible for the delivery of safe, punctual, reliable bus, streetcar, SRT, subway and Wheel-Trans services.

From 2009 to 2011, as Chief Operating Officer of Rail Corporation, Sydney, Australia, Mr. Byford delivered service to a million customers a day on Australia's largest transit network. From 2003 to 2009, he held the positions of Operations Director and Operations and Safety Director with Southern Railway and South Eastern Trains Limited, UK.

During his tenure with London Underground from 1989 to 2003, he held a variety of managerial positions including Group Station Manager, Kings Cross and General Manager – Customer Service for three of the busiest subway lines.

Mr. Byford is a graduate of the University of Leicester from which he was awarded a B.A. joint honours degree in French and German. He also holds a Diploma in Transport from the University of London.

Mr. Byford is from Plymouth in the United Kingdom. A member of the Institute of Railway Operators, he is married and lives in Toronto.

Paul Harris Fellowship and William A. Peace Award winner Peter Stephenson

Our Club is now into its 104th year and in our midst are those quietly successful high-achieving members who, year in and year out, have dedicated themselves to our Club over the course of their entire professional lives and have grown up within the Club. Out of the Club's 104 years this member has been part of our Club for 31 years. That is 30% of the history of the Club and Peter has been an important part of our Club's history. He brought with him quiet professionalism, consistency and a dedication to results.

He was an active in the Club's Program Committee. He lent his organizational skills to leading the Power of Rotary Luncheon series with Stephen Lewis, General Romeo D'Allaire and Craig and Marc Kielburger. These were big showpiece events that attracted huge turnouts and attention for our Club.

In our Centennial Year we had a Special Committee for the President Tanaka Visit. The Committee spent 1½ years quietly organizing the official visit of RI President Tanaka. The plans encompassed a Breakfast Assembly, a gala lunch at the Royal York complete with entertainment from spectacular Japanese drummers and the presentation of \$100,000 to the End Polio Now campaign followed by a tour of Rotary project sites and an evening Youth reception on the top floor of the Royal York. A month before the visit, Peter quietly stepped forward to lead the Committee across the finishing line after a year and a half of work.

He has been a special advisor on Club governance with his expertise in organization and this past June he led the new Board in its training sessions.

Whenever there was an important job to be done you could always count on Peter and his steady hand and his perfectionist sense of organization and how to bring out the best in people.

When he joined the Club on May 29, 1985, Peter was twenty-something and one of the youngest members of our Club, which was at that time exclusively male and predominantly a club of captains of industry. He had received his Bachelors Degree from Trent, then his Masters from the University of Toronto and then his PhD from U of T in organizational psychology and had worked with Imperial Oil then RHR International with the classification of Corporate Psychology.

In the space of his membership with the Club he has welcomed three children and has just become a grandfather. His sweetheart of 36 years, Noelle, joined us for this event.



Peter Stephenson receives his Paul Harris Fellowship and William A Peace Award from President Susan Hunter

City Cider

– by Alanna Scott



Approximately 1.5 million pounds of fruit are produced from Toronto's urban canopy each year, and yet most of this goes unpicked. Not Far From The Tree is a hopeful solution to this surplus of local fruit and the Rotary club of Toronto's Environment Committee has funded picking equipment for volunteers to use.

To date Not Far From The Tree volunteers have:

- harvested over 113,000 pounds of fruit;
- donated more than 37,000 pounds of fruit to over 30 local social service agencies;
- registered over 1,800 trees for our fruit picking program; and
- rallied more than 1,800 volunteers to help with the harvest.

City Cider is the organization's annual awareness, fundraising and environment festival. I attended the event on Sunday September 18, pressed some cider, sampled many more ciders, participated in a potato sack race, and enjoyed live music while sitting on a hay bale in the orchard at the Spadina Museum.



Thanksgiving Meals for Seniors

– by Anny-Sandra Hamel



On Thursday, October 6th, 20 Rotarians rallied at the Second Mile Club. In teams of two, routes in hands, meals in the coolers, we took to the street to deliver Thanksgiving meals to about 150 disadvantaged seniors in the city.

With Don Brooks as a helper and me at the wheel, we headed towards Bloor Street for our first deliveries. While I waited in the car, Don walked, climbed stairs, buzzed attendants and made some calls to ensure each of the 15 seniors on our list received their meals. He would get back in the car sharing the thank you and the smiles he was greeted by when doors opened. What a great feeling!

The Seniors Citizen Committee has been delivering meals to seniors twice a year, at Thanksgiving and Easter, for over 20 years. These meals are provided from the kitchens at St. Michael's Hospital and include a hot turkey dinner with cranberry sauce and chocolate pudding for dessert. From our Club's viewpoint, it is also a lovely opportunity to get to know a fellow Rotarian along the way. Don Brooks shared some of his Irish background as well as how his grandmother was influential in choosing his name. Did you know that a Donnybrook is actually an Irish expression meaning a fight/argument?



One of our Seniors...Over 100 Years old!

R2R Last Week

Our first R2R for fall took place on Oct. 4th at Bill's place, a.k.a. The National Club. With over 25 Rotarians in attendance, the room was filled with the buzz of people making new friends as well as old friends greeting one another. We had the pleasure of a Rotarian from Beijing introducing her son to Rotaractors from the Toronto Club - a mother knows what's best for her children.

The abundance of hors d'oeuvres, thanks to the amazing staff, helped prepare us for an incredible presentation by Annie Chu. Annie spoke about digital branding. Along with sharing some rules that we should govern ourselves by in a digital era, she shared how ephemeral this area of marketing has become. But what was most unique is her specialization as a food blogger, chuonthis.ca, that was born out of her passion and blossomed into her being recognized as a centre of influence. Annie's training as a lawyer has empowered her with insight in avoiding what potentially could be future nightmares in the digital marketing world. Thanks to one and all for making the time and effort to attend. Looking forward to seeing you the next one in November. Photo thanks to John Fortney.



The R2R presentation



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING!

– by Don Bell



In only a few short weeks on Sunday, December 11th we will be hosting our annual Christmas party for disabled children. As most of you know, after their visit with Santa, we give each child a bag full of toys candy, books, DVDs, or whatever we are able to get donated. The contents change every year, but what doesn't change is our need to source these types of items. We need help in finding companies who are able to make a donation, whether it be one of their products, a promotional item, or funding to help. All of you have contacts in the corporate world. Could you please put your 'Christmas elf hat' on and think of who you know who might be of assistance. Time is of the essence so please let me know ASAP if you can. Thanks for your support. HOHOHO.



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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?



Sweat Equity to Sri Lanka

In two weeks member Errol Paulicpulli will be making his fifth trip to Sri Lanka since the tsunami in 2004. The plight of orphans from the tsunami and the civil war has left thousands of orphans in desperate straits.

You can help him with funds to buy clothing, shoes, food and books. These are all sourced locally, helping not only the orphans but also local businesses. He works with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Mid-Colombo. Contributions can be done online through our club website rotarytoronto.on.ca – Site Pages on the left. Be sure to designate to Sri Lanka Orphans 2016. Cheques are payable to The Rotary Club of Toronto Philanthropic Fund, Sri Lanka Orphans.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

October

- 21 The Rt. Hon. Paul Martin: A Conversation with Paul Martin
- 28 Truong Ta, Sonofi-Pasteur: World End Polio Day

November

- 2 Club Assembly
- 4 Ian Wood, former ambassador
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 18 Shaneen Bruder and Ron Crane, Pine River Institute
- 25 Mark Saunders, Toronto Chief of Police

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REV UP ROTARY!

Re-Ignite
Re-Charge
Re-Imagine



7070 District Conference '16

October 21 & 22, 2016

Choose Your Own Adventure activities: October 23

District Conferences are great opportunities to gather with Rotarians and learn about what various Clubs are doing, share stories – and have a fun time. This year's theme is REV UP ROTARY. Here's your chance to Re-Ignite, Re-Charge and Re-Imagine, with a series of TED-style talks. More details on the agenda, registration, and discount hotel registration can all be found here:

<http://rotary7070conference.org/>

The Rotary Club of Toronto is also hosting a Hospitality Suite, to promote the 2017 District Conference, which our Club is hosting as a lead-in to the 2018 International Convention. Come say hi and show your support over drinks and late-night nibbles! (If you'd like to help, contact Neil Phillips at nphillips@dgn-marketing.com or Shannon Lundquist at slundquist@deloitte.ca)

What You Missed September 30, 2016

– by Mary Lach



Today's meeting was held at the King Edward Hotel, where President Susan Hunter called the meeting to order and Past President John Lloyd introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.

Past President Jack Robertson announced that the Senior Citizens Committee was looking for volunteer drivers and helpers in the delivery of "Thanksgiving Meals for Seniors" on Thu Oct 6th and Rohit Tamhane, announced the R2R meeting to be held at the National Club on Oct 4th - 6pm.

Then Past President Brian Westlake introduced Professor Muhammad Yunus, a Bangladeshi social entrepreneur, banker, economist and civil society leader who founded the Grameen Bank and pioneered the concepts of microcredit and microfinance.

He began his professional career as a teacher of economics. In 1974 many people in Bangladesh were dying of hunger. While visiting many villages, he saw the despair and helplessness of many who took usurious loans just to take care of their families. Traditional banks did not want to make tiny loans to the poor due to high risk of default.

Reflecting on these visits, Professor Yunus felt that what he was teaching in the classroom was not realistic outside the classroom. He believed that given the chance, the poor would repay the money. He first lent his money to a group of women in a village who made bamboo furniture and each made a profit on the loan. He believed that the poorest households would repay the money. Hence, micro-credit was created.

In 1976 he secured a loan from the government to lend to the poor. He continued to operate in this fashion until

1983, when this project began its operation as a full-fledged bank to the poor and was named the Grameen Bank. 97% of its clients are women who disproportionately suffer from poverty and are more likely than men to devote their earnings to support their families. He has shown that the poorest of the poor can work to bring about their own development given the chance. Grameen's Social Business Model is to harness entrepreneurial spirit to empower women and alleviate their poverty.

Loans to the poor without any financial security had appeared to be an impossible idea. From modest beginnings over three decades ago Prof. Yunus through Grameen Bank developed micro-credit into a very important instrument against the struggle against poverty.

Today the success of the Grameen microfinance model has inspired similar efforts in about 100 countries, including the US. Since then he has received 132 international awards, 58 honorary doctoral degrees, a Nobel Prize for Peace, US

Congressional Medal and US Presidential Medal for Freedom just to name a few. He is a global visionary leader who has managed to translate his vision into practical action for the benefit of the poor.

There was no Ace of Clubs draw and there will not be a meeting on Friday October 7th due to the Thanksgiving Weekend. We will meet again at the Royal York Hotel on Friday October 14th.



Prof. Muhammad Yunus with President Susan



Carol Hutchison, host Brian Westlake, Prof. Mohammad Yunus, President Susan Hunter, PP John Lloyd and ISC Chair John Farrell

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