



Today's Program

Angie Draskovic, President and CEO,
The Yonge Street Mission

Topic

Poverty in Toronto

Host

Harold Hetherington

Location

Fairmont Royal York, Imperial Room



Angie's desire to help others is deeply rooted in her faith, and her compassion for people on society's margins comes from her own lived experience of growing up on social assistance.

Often described as inspiring and resilient, Angie began her career in sales and marketing and had 16 successful years as a senior executive in the telecommunications industry, where she closed multi-million dollar deals and produced unprecedented sales. Soon after her youngest child was born, Angie experienced an increasing desire to align her career with her passion to advocate for vulnerable people, which ultimately led her to found and lead ZOE Alliance Inc, a for profit social enterprise. The encouragement and support of friends and family helped Angie take the steps to fully devote her life's work to social causes.

Prior to joining The Yonge Street Mission as the president & CEO in 2013, she held other positions in the social profit sector, which included serving as the Executive Director at Muskoka Woods Foundation and Director, Campaign & Major Gifts at Rouge Valley Health System Foundation. She currently serves on the Advisory Panel to the City of Toronto for the Poverty Reduction Strategy and recently co-chaired the Executive Directors Network in Regent Park.

A passionate and engaging speaker, when Angie is not influencing systemic change or advocating for the vulnerable and broken, she is working on her masters in leadership, taking art classes with her daughter and enjoying the outdoors with both of her adult children and Holly, their rescue dog.

Roadmap to 2020, #9

- New Committee Procedures approved by the Club Board

The Strategic Planning Committee has put together a sub-committee called the Committee Review Task Force. Its mandate is to identify strategies that will support our philanthropic committees and their respective Chairs in conducting more efficient and effective meetings.

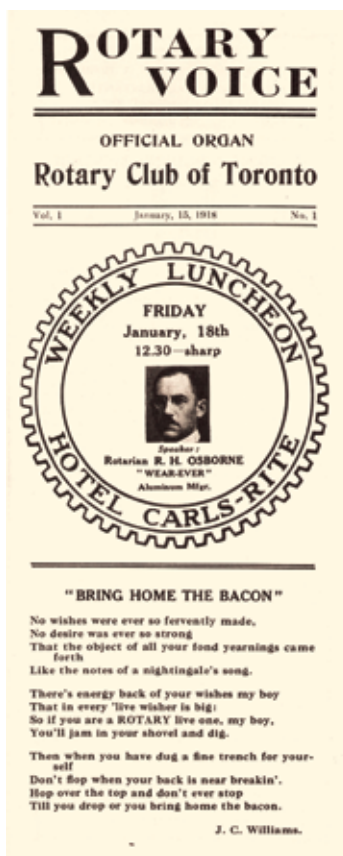
The Committee Review Task Force recommended that the Club Board approve the following procedures:

1. After 3 consecutive missed meetings by a committee member, the Chair will connect with the member to determine their voting status for future meetings
2. Philanthropic committees shall have a minimum of 5 voting members, including the Chair
3. Quorum is defined as a majority of voting members
4. Proxy voting should be allowed when submitted to the Chair or other designate in writing, prior to the vote

The Club Board unanimously approved these new procedures for implementation by the philanthropic committees.

GO FOR IT!! Please provide electronic and direct feedback on these new procedures to the Club Executives anytime you like by accessing one simple form - go to: www.survey.rotarytoronto.com or contact Barbara Thomson.

STAY TUNED!! Updates from the Pilot Committees and succession planning



100 Years of The Voice

This is the cover of the first issue of The Voice. Many thanks to the original editor, J.C. Williams, and to all the editors over the years. It is a joy to follow the more recent editors: John Spragge, Sylvia Geist, John Suk and Jeff Dobson.

I thank our current team of John Andras, Don Bell, Brigitte Bogar, Lorna Johnson, Brian Porter and Karen Scott. With two members taking a short leave - Brigitte to complete her doctoral thesis and Lorna as she assumes a new position - we are looking for a few more team members. It is a few hours every 7 weeks or so of assembling content into a Word document which then goes to our graphic designer. Please speak to any of us if this interests you.

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The Year Polio Gets to Zero

Proper recognition for Rotary was given in the Time issue December 25, page 60. To quote:

“a lot of the credit has rightly gone to Rotary International, the global service organization that made polio eradication its mission in 1979. That year the group began a five-year campaign to vaccinate up to 6 million children in the Philippines. In 1988 Rotary joined hands with UNICEF, WHO and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to form the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.”

Upcoming Speakers & Events

January 2018

- 19 Patrick Boyer, former MP, Historian
- 26 Dr. Ernie Seaquist, The Search for New Worlds Like the Earth

February 2018

- 2 Prof. Peter Russell, Canada's Odyssey
- 9 Darryl Singer
- 16 NO MEETING, Family Day
- 23 Mona Lancaster, Memory Lane Home Living

Events

- February 7 R2R, National Club
- January 16 Polish Dinner Café Polonez
- January 23 Whiskey Night at Feathers
- February 22 Rotaract Fundraiser for Anishnawbe Health Toronto

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RI 2018

Jackie Davies did a presentation on the 2018 Convention in December at the Puerto Vallarta Club Sur. She is pictured with President Gloria A. Carrillo Gomez and some of the Board members and visiting Rotarians from Santa Barbara. The meetings are held in the beautiful Marriott Hotel.



What You Missed December 15, 2017

- by Tony Houghton



After a very busy December, we were rewarded again with that wonderful event, the Club's Annual Christmas luncheon. A very seasonally colourful event it was too. We all gathered in the Fairmont Royal York's Concert Hall and were entertained with music courtesy of our harmonious team of Brigitte Bogar and Glenn Davis. Thanks to Dauna Jones-Simmonds, Chair of the Christmas Party Planning committee and Emcee John Fortney the event progressed smoothly. This is a great event for getting the Toronto Rotary families together and time to catch up socially and on all of our activities. As an added feature this year we had Ken Lewis and his one-man steel pan Electronic Island entertain while we ate and chatted.

President Elect Jeff Dobson then took over the podium, performed our usual routine, grace for the wonderful buffet banquet about to be consumed as well as toasts to the Queen and then proposed a second toast to the memories we create at our great Club and to the members and loved ones we have lost this past year. Guests received a general welcome. Jeff then recognized the most recent selection from our Foundation and charity of choice for this year, the **PACT Urban Peace Program**, David Lockett, President and co-founder of the organization and acknowledged Kevin Power who acted as host to **PACT**. Susan Howson, President of the Foundation, presented the \$5,000 cheque to David.



Our members gather for lunch

As happens every year we suspend our Ace of Clubs weekly draw and sell raffle tickets, the proceeds of which go to the Rotary Club of Toronto Foundation. The tickets were drawn throughout the lunch and the lucky holders, of which there were many, went home with a wide array of prizes. We had a couple of winners at our table and a large number of near misses of which your scribe this week was one.

The meal, as always, was spectacular with a wide array of dishes and desserts. It really was most festive!

Jeff then extended well deserved thanks to the Christmas Party planning group. We all enjoyed the results of their hard work. Acknowledgement was also extended to the two previous weeks, firstly the Children's Christmas Party, Lorraine Lloyd and her extensive help from the Youth and Children's Committee, to the Toronto Police Services who assisted as they always do at the Children's event as well as the Seniors' Party the following week, and finally to the Seniors Party Committee and Anny-Sandra Hamel for another successful event that has a long history.

Happy New Year everyone-----and what a year this is going to be!

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