

# ROTARY VOICE



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## Today's Program

Bern Grush

## Host

Kevin Power,  
President-Elect 2019-20

## Topic

An Adult Conversation  
About Autonomous  
Vehicles

## Location

Fairmont Royal York,  
Imperial Room



Bern Grush is the Chief Innovation Officer at Harmonize Mobility, Inc. and Automated Fleet Strategist at Grush Niles Strategic. He is an author, innovator and entrepreneur for autonomous vehicles, parking reform, and road pricing, and the

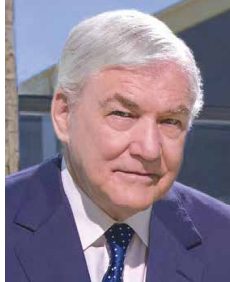
principal author of the 2018 textbook *"The End of Driving – Transportation Systems and Public Policy Planning for Autonomous Vehicles"* (Elsevier).

In 2017, Bern was named Toronto Star Wheels' Newsmaker of the Year for his research on vehicle automation — published in the 2016 RCCAO report *"Ontario Must Prepare for Vehicle Automation: Automated vehicles can influence urban form, congestion, and infrastructure delivery"*. Professor Alain Kornhauser of Princeton Autonomous Vehicle Engineering describes this report as "...excellent... probably best that I've seen". A Maclean's magazine editorial called it "...fascinating and carefully argued..." Gridlock Sam Schwartz, a past traffic commissioner of New York City, has described Bern as the top, current independent thinker on autonomous vehicle deployment.

Bern's thinking and presentations balance the hopeful potential of this new technology with the realities of our current cities and streets, human preferences and fears, current infrastructure budgets, and many elements of future uncertainty. He is working on a new book, *The Ten Percent City*, in which he asks, simply: *"What needs to be prepared in your city in order for ten percent of all person-travel to be handled in automated taxis or shuttles?"*

Bern holds degrees in Human Factors and Systems Design Engineering from the Universities of Toronto and Waterloo, and has published over 400 papers and articles on urban transportation issues.

## DON'T MISS THE ROTARY LUNCHES FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> AND MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>



### Friday, February 1, 2019 - Lord Conrad Black

Fairmont Royal York, Imperial Room, 100 Front St. W.

**Topic:** Trump: "A President Like No Other"

**Mandatory for all to RSVP:** office@rotarytoronto.com  
or call 416-363-0604

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** \$55 Cash at the door if registered or \$55 by Credit Card no later than  
Thurs, Jan. 31, 2019

Providing the most intriguing and significant analysis yet of Trump's political rise. Ambitious in intellectual scope, contrarian in many of its opinions, and admirably concise, this is surely set to be one of the most provocative political books you are likely to read this year.

As an acclaimed author and biographer, Lord Black has published comprehensive histories of both Canada and the United States, as well as authoritative biographies of Maurice Duplessis, and presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Richard Nixon and Donald Trump.

Lord Black is also a television and radio commentator and a sporadic participant in the current affairs programming of CNN, Fox News, CTV, CBC, BBC, and Radio Canada.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and introduce them to our great club.

### March 1, 2019 - Note the change of date

The Honourable Bob Rae, PC CC O.Ont QC, speaking about his recent visit to Myanmar on behalf of the Rohingas.

## Committee Training Sessions Starting Now



We are excited with the progress we have made so far with the Google for Non-Profit (G4NP) platform and thank everyone who has taken the time to start familiarizing themselves with what will soon be the key organizational tool for our Club. This new platform will give us much more flexibility and options for keeping everyone connected and informed. Our next step is to give approximately 10 training sessions to each of the Club and Foundation Committees to assist in the transition to G4NP. If you haven't already set up your Rotary email account don't hesitate to ask for assistance from the Rotary Office (office@rotarytoronto.com). If you are not on any committees, contact our Membership Committee Chair, Lori (lori.brazier@rotarytoronto.com) and she'll help you get on one.

## Let's Be Personal



Karl Kremer said he was happy to have the privilege of launching this segment where we will be spotlighting our own members.

I am a strategic business coach, helping small to medium size business owners turn their businesses into "a tool that they can use to improve the value of their lives and the lives of those around them".

We offer a 13-week foundational program that covers such topics as purpose, values, mission, and vision (longer term 5-6 years). We work on goal setting (shorter term – 1 year), and work on strategic planning. We then develop an action plan to achieve the goals which we been set.

My first Rotary meeting was the day the Women's Initiative Committee launched the Covenant House safe haven for sex workers and I was hooked. I am now chair of the Children's Christmas party and co-chair of our golf event. I have made some great friends in Rotary. My message – Join Rotary, you won't regret it.

## Women in Rotary

On Wednesday, January 23, 2019, it will be 30 years since Rotary's Council on Legislation voted to change the Constitution and By-laws to permit the admission of women into Rotary. **And we're marking the occasion with an inspirational party!**

Please join us for 30 Years of Women in Rotary - A Celebration! Please click on the link at the bottom of the email to attend or decline. You can also book family and friends. We will be at the YWCA residence at 87 Elm St, Toronto. Cost is \$35.

**Note that this is by no means a women-only event.  
It's a celebration for everyone!**

**Register Online**  
**<https://goo.gl/kP7thP>**

If you are unable to attend, please consider registering and donating your ticket so that someone else can (e.g. an Interactor, Rotaractor, or Youth Exchange student). Just write "donate my ticket" in the comments section of the registration form.

My sincere thanks, in advance, to Event Chair Raïssa Nis of the Rotaract Club of Toronto for pulling this celebration together. Please let Raïssa know if you have questions and/or if you would like to donate a raffle or door prize.

**Mary Lou Harrison,**  
2018-19 District Governor

## Shine for ShelterBox Challenge



Consider doing a Shine for ShelterBox dinner or cocktail party, suggesting a donation of \$30 - \$50 a head.

It is just like many years ago, when N1KD (Night of a Thousand Dinners) for Canadian Landmine Foundation started – and Sandy Boucher challenged a few of us to participate. It was a great success and many had fun with the dinners.

In addition guests can "purchase" solar lights for the ShelterBox kits – LuminAID samples are available. Get the kit here.

**<https://goo.gl/8k58xD>**

Make a difference in the lives of those struck by disaster.

## History of Women in Rotary

The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary.

"My fellow delegates, I would like to remind you that the world of 1989 is very different to the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world," said Frank J. Devlyn, who would go on to become RI president in 2000-01. The vote followed the decades-long efforts of men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow for the admission of women into Rotary clubs, and several close votes at previous Council meetings.

An enactment to delete the word "male" from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution was first proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 RI Convention. It didn't happen. Attempts continued to be made through the 50s, 60s, 70s and well into the 80s.

In 1977 The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admitted women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club's membership in Rotary International was terminated in March 1978. (The club was reinstated in September 1986.) In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club, the California Superior Court in 1983 ruled in favor of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reversed the lower court's decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refused to hear the case, and it was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Rotary clubs in the U.S. may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issued a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States could admit qualified women into membership. Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, became the first female Rotary club president.

In November, the RI Board of Directors issued a policy statement recognizing the right of Rotary clubs in Canada to admit female members based on a Canadian law similar to that upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

At its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation voted to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.

The Rotary Club of Toronto admitted its first female member, Pauline Hill, in 1988. Many others followed her quickly. By 2003 there were 38 women in the club. Women who have served as president of our club are Michele Guy, Sylvia Milne, Susan Howson, Susan Hunter and Pat Neuman.

Our current district governor is Mary Lou Harrison who follows Joan Hayward, Lynda Ryder and Valarie Wafer. Next in line is Beth Selby.

Valarie Wafer is a Rotary International Director Nominee for 2020-22.

Our club currently has 51 female members.

With increases in charges from the Fairmont  
the Board has approved the following:  
**\$40 NEW LUNCH RATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019**  
Visiting Rotarians and Guests are held at \$55



# Cocktails for Care

Join John Fortney and Garren Anthony for the return of their Cocktails for Care party.

The evenings proceeds will support The Rotary Club of Toronto in building a new Transition Centre at St. Michael's Hospital.

The Transition Centre is an innovative place for homeless patients, from the Emergency Department, to recuperate comfortably and with dignity.



**The National Club,**  
303 Bay Street, Toronto

**February 8, 2019**  
7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

**\$50 advanced tickets**

To purchase tickets, visit  
<https://goo.gl/bZXCnN>

**\$60 tickets at the door**

- Silent auction
- Door prizes
- Cash bar

**Saturday Night**  
**Superstars live band**

**RI President**  
Barry Nussam, East Nassau  
**District Governor**  
Mary Lou Harrison, Toronto Sunrise

**The Rotary Club of Toronto**  
**Club 55 – 1912**

**Officers:**  
President: Jeff Dobson  
President-Elect: Kevin Power  
Vice President: John Fortney  
Treasurer: Rick Goldsmith

**Executive Director:**  
Carol Hutchinson

**Rotary Club of Toronto**  
**Charitable Foundation:**  
Susan Howson, President

**Editor of the Week:**  
Maureen Bird

**Editor January 25, 2019:**  
Don Bell

**What You Missed Reporter for January 18, 2019:**  
Jackie Davies

**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

**January 2019**  
25 Rocco Rossi, CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce

**February 2019**  
1 Lord Conrad Black, A Trump Biography  
8 TBD  
15 NO MEETING – Family Day

**March 2019**  
1 The Honourable Bob Rae, PC CC O.Ont QC

**EVENTS**  
**January 2019**  
18 First Contact Screening and Panel Discussion (6-8 PM)  
23 Celebrating Women in Rotary  
31 Rotary R2R, 6 PM, The National Club

**February 2019**  
6 FnE: Come From Away, contact Kevin Power  
8 Fundraiser – St. Michael's Transition Centre  
13 President's Cocktails, The National Club  
22 Rotaract Fundraiser for Scugog  
28 Rotary R2R, 6 PM, The National Club

**March 2019**  
28 Fundraiser at the Steam Whistle

**Let's Be Personal**  
January 18 - Lorna Johnson  
January 25 - Lori Brazier

**Propose a Speaker – Contact**  
Bert Steenburgh, Chair  
BSteenburgh@oxfordproperties.com

## What You Missed January 11, 2019

- by Maureen Bird



At our first lunch of 2019, back in the Imperial Room of the Fairmont Royal York, President Jeff had the pleasure of wishing us all a Happy New Year.

Past President Steven Smith welcomed three guests, a couple of whom are prospective members. Vice-president John Fortney is livening things up with a Fundraiser on Friday February 8th. We will gather at the National Club where for only \$50 we can help raise funds for our club's St. Michael's Hospital Transition Centre renovation.

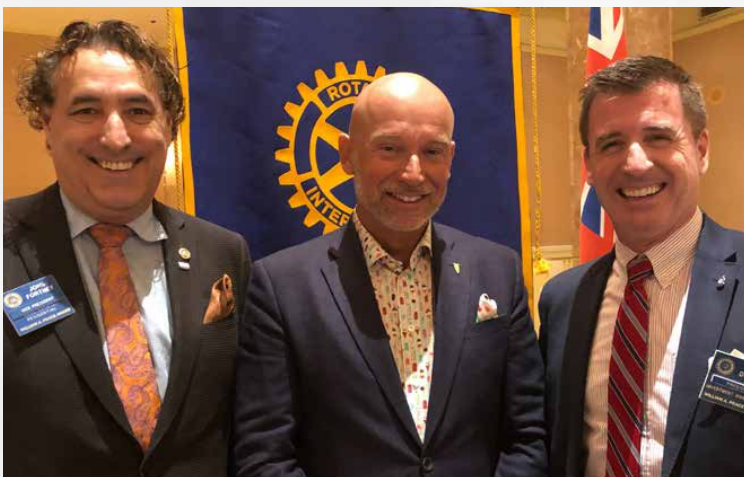
February 13th will be President's Cocktails at the National – no lunch on February 15th – and March 28th will be our big event at the Steam Whistle Brewery. Indigenous Committee chair Bill Empey invited us to the screening of "First Contact" on January 18th.

Karl Kremer launched the Let's Be Personal segment – a new addition to our lunch program. See our new box!

President Jeff then introduced our speaker Andreas Souvaliotis whom he and Casey had met a year ago beside a pool in Costa Rica, while sipping margaritas. This developed into a great friendship and the four of them just returned yesterday from a repeat trip.

Andreas has ridden a fast road from a numerical and music prodigy in Greece to Brandon Manitoba for computer studies at university where he was able to live his life as a gay man. On graduation he went very fast through a 9 to 5 environment into using his skills and creative mind to become a very successful entrepreneur. He leveraged his networking enthusiasm into the Young Presidents Organization. His most successful project was in rewards for green activities which he and like-minded out-of-the-box associates ended up selling to the AIR MILES program. He hasn't stopped – check out his new enterprise – Carrot Rewards – carrotapp.com.

Andreas gave lots of times for questions. It gave him an opportunity to talk about being a misfit, which is now becoming a norm and that diversity helps push the envelope. He left copies of his book "Misfit" on the tables for us to enjoy. President Jeff gave him a certificate for the Peer Project, which matches teens. David Hetherington missed the Ace of Clubs and took home the wine.



Party master John Fortney, speaker Andreas Souvaliotis and President Jeff Dobson

## The Rotaract Club of Toronto's Annual Fundraiser in Support of Camp Scugog has launched

We are hosting our Annual Fundraiser at the Bata Shoe Museum on Friday, February 22, 2019. Doors open at 7pm and come ready for a night filled with fun. Your \$55 ticket includes your first drink, appetizers, a silent auction, DJ for the night, and support for the kids as they start packing their bags for summer camp. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://bit.ly/2SU3yE4> or physical tickets will be sold starting next week.

Camp Scugog is one of the oldest camps in Canada, offering support and programming to disadvantaged children, youth, and mothers since 1931. For the last decade, the Rotary and Rotaract Club of Toronto has been supporting Camp Scugog. We go up every year to camp for a sweat equity weekend to help get the camp ready for the kids. We paint, we clean, we organize cloth donations and we fix the buildings. Our weekend at Camp Scugog is a highlight of the Rotaract/Rotary year, but the enjoyment we experience is nowhere near the level of enjoyment for the many kids who come to camp.

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Kids just LOVE mud!

## Our Latest Addition

Our musical duo of Brigitte Bogar and Glenn Davis are delighted to welcome into their home a daughter, Victoria. She was born in the wee hours of December 20, 2018 coming in at 2.87 kilos (6 lb. 4 oz.) She joins three dogs, a cat and fish in the home.



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