



Today's Program

J. Patrick Boyer, Q.C.

Topic

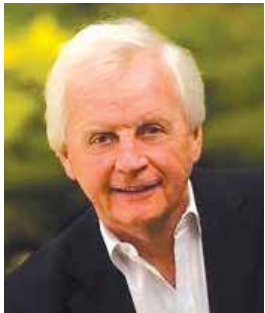
Foreign Voices in the House of Commons: Reflections on Canada's Stature in its 150th Year

Host

Robert O'Brien, *our club's "official" historical buff*

Location

King Edward Hotel,
37 King Street East



Patrick Boyer has led a most interesting and multi-faceted life as a university professor, journalist, authority, policy activist, publisher and former Member of Parliament (1984 -1993). Patrick was born in Bracebridge and his father was a Member of the Legislative Assembly at Queen's Park in the late 1950s. Mr. Boyer earned a

Master's Degree in Canadian history, a Doctor of Laws from the University of Toronto and an honours degree in economics and political science from Carleton University. He studied French-Canadian literature at the University of Montreal and studied law at the International Court of Justice in the Netherlands. Before entering politics our speaker was a partner in the Fraser and Beatty law firm in Toronto where he specialized in communications law and electoral law. He practised in the Western Arctic as a member of the Northwest Territories Bar. Mr. Boyer was elected Member of Parliament in 1984, representing Toronto's Etobicoke-Lakeshore Riding. As a Member of Parliament for the next nine years he chaired three committees; on election law reform, equality rights and the status of disabled persons. He served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of External Affairs, National Defence, Industry, Science and Technology and Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Following his career in politics he taught law, political science and history at the University of Toronto, Wilfred Laurier University and the University of Guelph. He has continued to be an advocate for public policy issues including proportional representation, democratic development in Asia, Central and South American and founded the Corinne Boyer Fund for Ovarian Cancer Research and Treatment. He has authored twenty-three books on Canadian history, law, politics and governance including 'Foreign Voices in the House of Commons' which celebrate famous world leaders who have visited Canada and spoken in the House of Commons. Mr. Boyer resides in both Bracebridge and Toronto.

Roadmap to 2020, Update # 10

- We are making progress!

We have our core values:

- 1. Integrity** – including our Rotary 4 way test.
- 2. Philanthropy** – donating our time, expertise or money for human welfare and advancement, locally and worldwide.
- 3. Leadership** – be it in our personal, professional or community lives, each one of us are leaders in our own right, achieving great things together.
- 4. Diversity** – we respect, welcome, represent and include people and ideas of a diverse Toronto – leading to greater innovation and creativity.
- 5. Friendship** – need we say more? We certainly enjoy a good laugh and company of our club members – yes that includes you!

In addition, we have identified goals, objectives, measures, targets and initiatives. So far, there have been an unprecedented 103 Rotarians participate in this process and we have already accomplished a lot with your input and feedback.

The Google for Non Profit (G4NP) Task Force have started piloting some of these initiatives with the following committees: Fundraising, Women's Initiatives, Strategic Planning, as well as Program and Fellowship. They have begun accessing and utilizing the following components of G4NP:

- 1) The standardized and easy to use/share template for online meeting minutes
- 2) Google Forms to sign up volunteers
- 3) Google Meet to do video conference calls

We will be gathering and assessing the feedback from the pilot committees. Then template development, training club members and suggestions on streamlining our processes will be the next steps.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED; with a variety of skills to assist with these next steps. Interested? Please contact Prince Kumar or Barbara Thomson.

Condolences to member John Farrell and his sisters Patti and Jane on the passing of their mother, Vera Farrell, of Belleville on December 29th. A service was held in Belleville on January 6th.

Our Incoming Executive and Board 2018-21



President Pat with John Fortney

Congratulation to John Fortney on being elected as Vice-President 2018-19, President-Elect 2019-20 and President 2020-21

John joined the club on June 4, 1999, sponsored by Julie Andras. He immediately took on the task of revitalizing the IceBreaker Fundraiser, doing so successfully for several years. He received his Club Builder Award in 2003. He has served on Fellowship and Entertainment, Fundraising and Youth & Children's Committees, serving 2 years as chair of Y&C. He is currently on his third term as a member of our Club Board. He received his Paul Harris / William Peace Award in 2006. He has organized fundraisers for the Toronto Food Bank and Project Warmth and after a scare with cancer he has had several fundraisers for Princess Margaret Foundation with his partner Garren Anthony. He is a favourite Master of Ceremonies for many events, has received the Queen's Jubilee Medal and has received the rare honour of two Community Service Awards from TREB. We are fortunate to have his energy and spirit working with us.



Marg Stanowski

Alanna Scott, Fabio Ventolini, Jayson Phelps and Marg Stanowski will be serving three years on our Board.

Marg Stanowski joined the club on May 22, 2001, nominated by longtime friend and Springboard supporter Bert Steenburgh. She has been involved in Women's Initiatives, Healthy Beginnings, Membership Development, Program and Governance Committees acting as chair in many of them. She is a worthy recipient of our Club Builder Award (2006), the Paul Harris and William Peace Award (2012) and the Pauline Hill Award (2017). She has chaired with great effectiveness several club forums and information sessions and was a driving force behind our Foundation's recent commitment to Covenant House which recently won a Special Achievement Award from Rotary International. Her skills have been well recognized by our members, as this will be her third term on our Board.



President Pat with Alanna, Jayson and Fabio

Jayson Phelps joined our club in May 2003 sponsored by John Fortney. He has been on Fellowship & Entertainment and Indigenous, Youth & Children's Committees. He has chaired the Youth Day several times and received his Club Builder Award in 2010. He audited the International Service Committee for several months prior to his Sweat Equity trip to Tanzania. This will be his second term on our Board.

Fabio Ventolini was sponsored into our club in January 2005 by Chris Snyder. He has served on the International Service, Program and Fundraising Committees, was involved with R2R and since 2008 has run the very successful Steam Whistle Poker Night, raising over \$450,000. He received his Club Builder Award in 2010 and has previously served on our Board.

Alanna Scott joined Rotary in January 2013. She has chaired both the Club and District Environmental Committees and is currently working on the tree planting program for the "Highway of Heroes" Day on April 22nd. This is her first term on our Board.



Rick Goldsmith

Rick Goldsmith has been confirmed in his role of Treasurer, which he assumed earlier this fall. Rick joined our club in July 1994, sponsored by our former treasurer Harold Fisher. He has served on our Senior Citizens Committee, was vice-president of the Charitable Foundation in 2004 as well as chair of the Finance committee and member of the Investment Committee. He received the Club Builder Award in 2004 and the Paul Harris / William Peace Award in 2011.



2018 Rotary International Convention June 23-27, 2018

Sunday June 24 – HOME HOSPITALITY

Entertain Rotarians in your home for a dinner. For long-time convention attendees this has always been a highlight. Partner with others to create a larger event. Stand-up hors d'oeuvres can work extremely well. Contact Don Bell or Jackie Davies to sign up. You will be assigned your guests. You can also ask to assist another host.

PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP AS AN ATTENDEE AS WE ARE HOSTING.

HOC TICKETED EVENTS

The Host Organizing Committee at every Rotary International Convention puts on a number of events beyond the Convention sessions. These events give Rotarians a chance to experience the culture and diversity of the host city and engage in fellowship with members from around the world.

Saturday Night – June 24th

Two events are planned for this night and require signup at www.rotary2018.org



ROCK AT THE DISTILLERY - June 24th

A fun filled evening of entertainment and partying in Toronto's Historical Distillery District.



JAZZ AT THE AQUARIUM - June 24th

A wondrous evening of Music, Food and Entertainment at Toronto's renowned Ripley's Aquarium.



ROTARYFEST - June 26th

The Toronto 2018 HOC invites you along with your Rotary family and friends to experience the diversity and multiculturalism of our host city at our ultimate ticketed event.

Tickets at www.rotary2018.org

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What You Missed Reporter for January 19th:

Maureen Bird

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 2018

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 3 Yorkville Brunch

February 7 R2R at National Club

February 22 Rotaract Fundraiser for Anishnawbe Health

March 29 Club Fundraiser, Steam Whistle Brewery

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R2R - February 7, 2018

Happy New Year everyone from your Membership Development Committee!

Our first R2R for 2018 is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7th at 5:30 PM, at the National Club.

This R2R will feature some updates on committee work in addition to the usual hors d'oeuvres, drinks and fellowship. Of note, we will provide a quick update on our Roadmap to 2020.

Please plan to join us. Kindly RSVP to lori.brazier@rotarytoronto.com to confirm attendance.

Fundraiser Cocktail Party February 22, 2018



The Rotaract Club of Toronto is holding a fundraiser cocktail party on February 22nd, 2018 at La Maquette located at 111 King Street East, Toronto. The event will start at 7:00 p.m.

All the proceeds will go towards Anishnawbe Health Toronto, a charitable organization that offers healthcare services to the Toronto Urban Aboriginal community and whose mission is to improve the health and well-being of Aboriginal People in spirit, mind, emotion and body by providing Traditional Healing within a multi-disciplinary health care model.

Tickets include hors-d'oeuvres, welcome beverage, DJ, photo booth, silent auction and more, all inside a beautiful venue! Additional drink tickets will be available for purchase at the event.

Tickets will be available for \$45 until February 16th. Prices will increase to \$55 on February 17th.

Please come out and support this great cause. To get your ticket please use this link. Note that you need to use as internet browsers either Google Chrome or Safari. Please, do NOT use Internet Explorer when purchasing tickets,

Anishnawbe Health Toronto has three clinics across Toronto, and they offer services such as: Diabetic Education and Management, Aboriginal Mental Health, Addiction Services, Psychiatric Services, Traditional Counselling Services, etc. The goal of this organization is to remove barriers faced by the Urban Aboriginal community when accessing care. You can read more about them at: www.aht.ca

What You Missed January 12, 2018

- by Richard White



President Pat opened the meeting at the Imperial Room of the Fairmont Royal York. Past President Steve Smith introduced 1 visiting Rotarian, 2 Rotaractors and 2 guests.

President Pat reminded us of a number of upcoming fellowship events - Polish dinner on January 16th and brunch in Yorkville on February 3rd. The Steam Whistle annual fundraiser is on Thursday March 29th and we are looking for participants and volunteers.

President Elect Jeff Dobson and Executive Director Carol Hutchinson will be attending the Large Clubs Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas on January 12-17th.

President Pat also announced that the first \$100 rebate cheques for the early registrants for the 2018 RI Convention in Toronto were ready to be picked up.

There was considerable excitement around the second part of the Annual General Meeting of the Club, when President Pat announced the following new appointments:

- Club Treasurer 2018-2019 Rick Goldsmith,
- Four new Club Directors for a three a year term starting July 2018 Alanna Scott, Marg Stanowski, Jayson Phelps and Fabio Ventolini
- Vice-President in July 2018 is (drum roll!!!) John Fortney.

Harold Hetherington introduced our guest speaker, Angie Draskovic, President and CEO of the Yonge Street Mission. The Yonge Street Mission has been helping the less fortunate in Toronto for over 120 years and offers 100 programs from 8 locations.

Angie gave us an overview of the poverty situation in downtown Toronto, pointing out that Toronto is one of the richest cities but has huge income inequality. There are 150,000 children living in poverty. Shifts in income are hurting people who are taking part time jobs with no benefits. There is an 11-year waiting list for social housing.



Speaker Angie Draskovic

However, Angie feels that we have the resources to fix the problems, that people can change and with enough will we can deal with these urgent problems. She challenged us to be the generation to turn this situation around.

Jeff Dobson won the first draw for 4 tickets to the Boat Show. The Ace of Clubs draw pot was \$1,474, Eckhart Mehler drew the winning 50/50 ticket and took home the wine.

The January 19th meeting will be at the King Edward Hotel with guest speaker former MP Patrick Boyer, QC.

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