

Today's Program

Rocco Rossi, CEO Ont. Chamber of Commerce

Topic

Ontario Skills Challenge

Host

Marg Stanowski, *Executive Director, Operation Springboard*

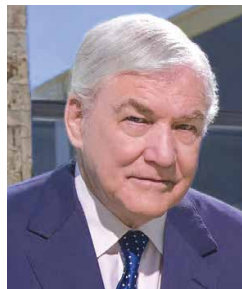
Location

The National Club, 303 Bay St.



A successful entrepreneur and business executive, champion fundraiser, and dedicated public servant, Rocco Rossi joined the Ontario Chamber of Commerce in 2018 as President and CEO. Coming from his role as President and CEO of Prostate Cancer Canada and earlier as the CEO of the Heart and Stroke Foundation – one of Canada's largest non-profit organizations – Rossi has overseen consecutive years of record fundraising combining for over \$600 million in total and launching many new, life-saving initiatives. His passion for public policy has led him to stand for election both for the position of Mayor of Toronto and for MPP. Mr. Rossi has held senior positions at the Boston Consulting Group, TORSTAR, Labatt/Interbrew and MGI Software. Rossi currently serves as a member of the Board and Audit Committee of TerraVest Industries. A past board member of United Way of Greater Toronto and other charities, Mr. Rossi has been an active community builder. In fact, in 2012 he was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for his Philanthropic and Community service. A dedicated adventurer, Rocco has walked the legendary Camino de Santiago several times, cycled the 1900 km length of Yonge Street from Rainy River to Toronto, kayaked the 500 km from Toronto to Ottawa, and climbed to Everest Base Camp. Mr. Rossi has a BA (Hons) in political science from McGill University and a Masters of Arts in politics from Princeton University. He is married to his wife of 30 years, Rhonnie, and they have a 28-year-old son, Domenic John, who is a teacher.

DON'T MISS THE ROTARY LUNCHESES FEBRUARY 1st AND MARCH 1st



Friday, February 1, 2019 - Lord Conrad Black
Fairmont Royal York, Imperial Room, 100 Front St. W.

Topic: Trump: "A President Like No Other"

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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.

Cocktails for Care

St. Michael's Transition Centre



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

Saturday Night
Superstars live band

• Silent auction • Door prizes • Cash bar

Let's Be Personal

- by Lorna Johnson



I am Managing Director, North America for Cubane Consulting, an Australian firm which provides the UniForum benchmarking and collaborative conference program to more than 40 universities including University of Melbourne, Oxford, Cambridge, University of Toronto and UBC. We are beginning to offer the service to American universities, so one of my major activities right now is business development. Leveraging my experience in banking, wealth management, fintech, and board governance, I am also a member of the Independent Review Committees for the Bristol Gate Concentrated US Equity ETF and the First Block Capital Distributed Ledger Technology Adopters

ETF, providing governance on potential fund manager conflicts of interest.

I have been a Rotarian for almost 10 years, first with the Rotary Club of Melbourne Australia in 2009. Even 20 years after Rotary accepted women members, the Chair of the New Members Committee felt compelled to ask me if I had received my husband's permission to join Rotary. In 2011, I moved to the U.S. and joined the Rotary Club of Freeport Maine, which was the textbook small town U.S. Rotary experience with the town business people such as the Fire Chief, Banker, Chamber of Commerce GM and the owner of the local chocolate factory making up membership. That club's focus was on youth and sponsored exchanges on a regular basis.

Since 2013, I have been a member of The Rotary Club of Toronto. I enjoy this club because it is large enough that I can flex my involvement based on how busy I am at different times of the year. Almost weekly, I am in awe of a member's knowledge and what they and their committees have accomplished. I am currently the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee which suits my passion for combatting Nature Deficit Disorder in the GTA, and I volunteer when I can to be one of the workers at Camp Scugog, the children's Christmas party and the Voice. I look forward to joining the Club's Board.

My message – find your passion within the Club and know that we are happy for you to flex your involvement as you need to.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

February 2019

8 TBD
15 NO MEETING – Family Day

March 2019

1 The Honourable Bob Rae, PC CC O. Ont QC
8 Barb Gosse, Ending Human Trafficking

EVENTS

January 2019

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

Editor of the week

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Editor for February 1, 2019

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What You Missed Reporter for January 25, 2019

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What You Missed January 18, 2019

- by Jackie Davies



A warm welcome from President Jeff was extended on a cold January Friday from the Imperial Room. He introduced our head table including Katherine Kirkpatrick-Wahl who was our Sergeant-at-arms. Katherine is the co-President of the Rotaract Club of Toronto and she spoke about their upcoming fundraiser on Feb. 22nd, in support of Camp Scugog. The head table included three of our incoming board members - Anny-Sandra Hamel, Dawn-Marie King and Lorna Johnson. Lorna was our "Let's be Personal" presenter and details of her talk are included in this Voice. Jeff reminded us that luncheon tickets are now \$40, and about our upcoming events, including John Fortney's Cocktails for Care, the President's Cocktail Party at the National Club and the Steam Whistle Fundraiser. Our speaker, Bern Grush, was introduced by Kevin Power. Mr. Grush presented us with a slide presentation "An Adult Conversation About Autonomous Vehicles". The first slide showed a level 0 vehicle... a model T type of vehicle that our great grandfathers drove. Level 5 showed a futuristic self-driving vehicle that our great grandchildren would ride in. The key point that will matter to transportation and urban planners, is whether most people buy cars or if they use automated taxis and shuttles. If people continue to own their cars, then gridlock will continue. And, if there are a lot of Robo taxis we will lose our bus systems...either way, cities are not

prepared. The congestion problem caused by passengers getting in and out of taxi/ubers/shuttles (automated or not) will continue to block traffic flow and will get much worse. Robo-taxi companies will find many ways to monetize your attention during your ride, as you will be a captive audience. They will profit from congestion and they will not help to curb it. Bern referred us to an article in the Economist January 31, 2018 edition for more information.

One of the reasons why I attend Rotary is that I learn something new every meeting and from the comments during the Q&As so did many other members. The ACE of Clubs draw was won for the second time in 2 weeks by David Hetherington who was the lucky recipient of a bottle of wine to everybody's delight. Jeff closed with a reminder to attend "30 Years of Women in Rotary" on January 23.



P.P. David Hetherington ...on a winning streak! Ask him for his stock picks!

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LET'S BE PERSONAL

January 25th - Lori Brazier

February 1st - Mary Lach