



Today's Program

Dr. Ernie Seaquist

Topic

The Search for New Worlds Like Earth

Host

Suzanne Seaquist

Location

Imperial Room, Royal York Hotel



Ernie Seaquist is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, University of Toronto.

His career of research and teaching spans a period of 50 years, working in the specialty area of the birth of new stars and the resulting impact upon their environment. He has published approximately 200 research papers and graduated 14 PhD and 12 MSc students.

Ernie is a long-standing supporter of Canada's engagement in astronomical research, and has served in many senior capacities in this role. He served for 11 years as the Chair of the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, and Director of its David Dunlap Observatory.

He served as President of the Canadian Astronomical Society (CASA) and on numerous national and international committees planning major facilities for research. These include two terms on CASA's Long Range Planning Panel outlining priorities for Canadian astronomy, and one term as Chair of its review panel.

He also served on and chaired many panels and boards associated with multiple agencies, including the National

Research Council of Canada, the international James Clerk Maxwell Telescope, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the Canadian Space Agency and the U.S. Associated Universities Inc.

His interest in Canada's engagement in large radio astronomy projects led to membership on the site selection panel for the international Square Kilometre Array, which will be the largest radio telescope ever built when completed in the next decade.

His most recent activity includes a term of four years as Director General of the Association of Canadian Universities for Research in Astronomy (ACURA), which supports the acquisition of major research facilities for its 20 member universities.

ACURA was successful in obtaining federal funding (\$243M) for Canadian participation in the Thirty Meter Telescope, an international giant optical telescope project with many international partners. If completed today it would be the largest of its kind in the world.

Roadmap to 2020, Update # 11 Google for Non-profits (G4NP)

- by Barbara Thomson



The Vision 2020 statement is a paradigm shift to inspire us to act and create focus over the next three years.

VISION 2020 To be the organization of choice to achieve one's philanthropic goals among friends, with annual funding of \$2 million.

Google for Nonprofits (G4NP) will help us fundraise more easily, collaborate more efficiently, and share our story with a wider audience.

G Suite is one of the components of G4NP. G Suite is a set of tools that allows us to schedule meetings with automatic email invites, video conference from any camera-enabled computer and share work as a team. We will stay connected with video conference calls that host up to 25 participants.

G Suite allows a committee to communicate more efficiently, to stay in touch with volunteers, supporters, and others with unlimited email addresses at our custom domain via Gmail.

G Suite allows us to collaborate from anywhere, to keep everyone on the same page with Google Docs simplifying our ability to create and edit documents and meeting agendas in real time, from anywhere.

With 30GB of storage space per user across Gmail and Google Drive, our Google Docs, Sheets, Forms, and Slides will be accessible from any device, anytime.

Google Calendar will give us the capacity to update and view the Rotary Club of Toronto Calendar of Events, at a glance. This will keep us organized and eliminate the potential to schedule conflicting meetings and events.

COME JOIN THE FUN! We need your help to implement these tools. Please reach out to Prince Kumar or Barbara Thomson, if you are interested.

International Service Committee Donation from Shorcan



Maureen Bird, President Pat and Cijay Shah at Shorcan Charity



Eva's Alanna Scott and Faith Feingold with Shorcan leaders

On Thursday January 18th Shorcan Brokers Limited held its 20th Annual Charity Day. Each year they donate the revenue from one day's commissions to 30 charities. This year the amount was over \$700,000.

President Pat Neuman, Maureen Bird and Cijay Shah were in attendance to accept an award of over \$7,000. The funds will be going towards the ISC's current project of providing Toilets for Girls in schools located in Rural Villages, 100km north of Mumbai, India. This is being done as a Global Grant with Bombay Airport Rotary Club with funding also coming from The Rotary Foundation. A donation to a global grant from an outside party gets a 50% match from TRF.

The Mumbai clubs and District 3141 in India developed a Hygiene and Sanitation project to build 500 toilets through Global Grants, partnering with other clubs around the world. Some are completed and Cijay Shah visited them in March 2017.

We are delighted to be working on this in partnership with others. Last year Cijay Shah received an award of \$13,280 from Shorcan towards his Ebenezer Home for Orphans in Kenya, specifically to assist the vulnerable mentally and physically challenged children.

Our newest Board Member Alanna Scott was also there to receive an award on behalf of Eva's Initiatives for Homeless Youth of which she is Development & Campaign Director. This is Eva's third award from Shorcan

R2R – your social night

A quick reminder of our upcoming R2R on Wed, Feb 7 - 5:30 at the National Club. Thanks to the handful of you who have confirmed. For the rest of you, please let me know if you can attend so that we have enough hors d'oeuvres. Nourishment is important... and the National Club can be counted on to feed us well!

This R2R aims to deliver on 2 of our club's newly-defined core values: friendship and philanthropy. Come out to enjoy each other's company and share some laughs. And come listen to a few updates on work happening in our club.

So far we have confirmed the following updates:

1. Roadmap to 2020 (Strategic Planning)
2. Women's Initiatives
3. International Services
4. Indigenous

Hope you can join us!

Lori Brazier
For the Membership Development Committee

Lodging Request from Australian Rotarian for RI2018

My wife and I are taking a trip prior to the Rotary International Convention. I am reaching out to your club to see if there was a possibility of staying with one of your club members or if you have any recommendations for accommodation/places to visit. We will be in Toronto from the 21st-27th of June.

I am currently the youth director and president-elect for the Calliope Rotary Club in Central Queensland, Australia. I am a charter member and RYLA alumnus. I will also be the RYLA and MUNA Chair for D9570 and very heavily involved in the district's other youth programs.

Thank you so much
Nathan Fletcher
nathjdfletcher@hotmail.com

Fun, Food and Fellowship

- by Krystyna Benyak

Thirty Rotarians and guests attended a "Polish" dinner at Cafe Polonez on Jan. 16, which included our District Governor, a prospective new member and our exchange student.

The food was delicious, the plates were generously filled and everyone left with a satiated smile on their face. My only regret was being so stuffed that I did not have room in my tummy to enjoy the "Polish" apple pie. Next time - dessert first! Thanks to Mary and the F&E Committee for another great event.



Rotarians and Guests enjoy a Polish Feast



IMPORTANT JUNE DATES RI2018

Lorraine Lloyd, Co-Chair Ambassadors & Volunteers' Toronto 2018 Host Organizing Committee (HOC) lorrainenelson5@gmail.com

SATURDAY, June 23rd (start of RI Convention), TWO ticketed event options:

- Jazz at the Aquarium, 7 to 11 p.m. OR
- Rock At The Distillery District, 6 to 10 p.m.

Your on-line ticket includes food and entertainment.

The direct link to purchase your tickets is: www.rotary2018.org/events/hoc/2

MONDAY, June 25th (start of RI Convention), TWO ticketed event options:

- Home or Host Hospitality, 4 to 10 p.m.

If you haven't already registered to host, sign up at: www.rotary2018.org/host

TUESDAY, June 26th (our largest & final evening event)

- ROTARYFEST, 4 to 10 p.m.

Your ticket includes an extravaganza with international food, complimentary drink, entertainment and buses to & from MTCC to CNE. This will be a 'rain or shine' event and will be a huge celebration, ending with fireworks. To purchase your tickets, go to: www.rotary2018.org/events/hoc/2

VOLUNTEERING and interacting with people from around the world:

Dawn-Marie King and I are looking for more volunteers to help. Our direct sign-up link is: www.rotary2018.org/volunteer

We already have 500 volunteers signed up but need another 1,000. Our Leaders will give volunteers instructions, prior to going on duty. We are also able to sign-up groups too.

Actual shifts / venue options will be posted in March. As a reminder, we need ambassadorial volunteers at:

- 10 downtown Hotels
- Union Station
- Airports
- Evening Events
- Bus loading at MTCC
- MTCC - House of Friendship
- MTCC - 2 Information Booths
- MTCC - Volunteer Desk

Polio Update!

The good news is that Nigeria has now gone a full year without a case of polio. This is not long enough to say it is now polio-free but is a great step in the right direction. Next stop – Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Our work to date has resulted in the prevention of an estimated 1.5 million deaths and 18 million children not becoming paralyzed. Rotary can be proud of our involvement since the beginning and our continued fund-raising assisted so much by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

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Ian Riseley

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What You Missed Reporter for January 26, 2018:

Don Bell

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

February

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

March

- 2 Stella Roy, End Polio Now
- 9 Women's Initiatives Committee
- 23 Barbara Thomson, Google Suite for Non Profits
- 30 NO MEETING, Good Friday

Events

February 7 R2R at National Club

February 22 Rotaract Fundraiser for Anishnawbe Health

March 29 Club Fundraiser, Steam Whistle Brewery

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Large Clubs Conference

- by Jeff Dobson

Every year The Rotary Club of Toronto sends our President Elect (PE) and Executive Director (ED) to the Rotary Large Clubs Conference. There are some 75 large clubs in North America and our Club along with RC Calgary are the two Canadian clubs that qualify. It's a great opportunity for the PE and ED to connect and establish their working relationship for the coming Rotary year. It's also a great opportunity to network with executive members of other large clubs to compare best practices and brainstorm solutions to common issues.

This year the event was held in Little Rock, Arkansas. Winter storms and air travel don't mix well and last week's storm was no exception. For northern cities like Toronto it's an inconvenience to be sure, but for southern cities like Little Rock it's a disaster. Less than one inch of snow brought virtually all business and government functions to a grinding halt, at least for a day or so.

Weather notwithstanding, the conference was a great success with many great sessions held and insights gleaned. By coincidence, the conference was partially held on Martin Luther King Day in a city known for its contribution to the civil rights movement in the United States. Perhaps the most profound moment of the conference occurred when Elizabeth Eckford appeared at the back of the room by surprise and shared a few words with us. If you're interested, google her name and you'll see why it was such a special moment.



Jeff Dobson and Carol Hutchinson in Little Rock

February Birthdays!

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| 1 Andrew Krawczyk | 18 Chris Snyder |
| 5 Graeme Imrie | 21 Glenn Davis |
| 7 Frank Garcea | 27 Michael Morgan |
| 8 Paul Westlake | 27 Suzanne Seaquist |
| 14 Sandy Boucher | 28 Bill Morari |
| 15 David Libby | |

What You Missed January 19, 2018

- by Maureen Bird



Today we met at the historical King Edward Hotel. Past President Sandy Boucher introduced two visiting Rotarians, one from Finland, and 2 guests. President Pat reminded us of R2R on February 7th and Rotaract's fundraiser for Anishnawbe Health on February 22. Our major fundraiser at the Steam Whistle Brewery is on March 29th. She also mentioned a donation from Shorcan Brokers Limited -more info elsewhere.

Robert O'Brien in his introduction of our guest speaker reminded us of the "golden age of politics" where good men and women who had developed a breadth of experience and success in private and business life would step forward and contribute to the well-being of the nation and the care of people in the nation in need. In that context there was a nobility of service with Canada playing a respected role on the international stage.

Patrick Boyer talked about how happy he was to be with Rotarians. His female cousin joined the Etobicoke club in the 80s and he helped make women in Rotary legal. Seven members resigned but another said that they had joined Rotary for the wrong reasons.



Patrick Boyer and President Pat

His topic was Foreign Voices in Parliament, a compendium of speeches he researched and gathered into his newest book. The first foreign leaders to speak to our House of Commons were French Prime Minister and Minister of Justice René Viviani and Foreign Secretary and Prime Minister Arthur Balfour both acknowledging Canada's role in World War I in 1917. At the time we had 26 members of Parliament serving in the war effort with one a POW. The first live broadcast from the House of Commons was December 30, 1941 when Winston Churchill travelled up from Washington to address us. This was the famous "Some Chicken! Some Neck!" speech. At every step he was greeted by enthusiastic crowds. Patrick's most memorable speaker was Nelson Mandela who spoke to us just five weeks after his release from his 27-year imprisonment in Robben Island. He referred to the speeches as a book of revelations. He marveled at Canada as a model of governance formed without bloodshed on common law. He has optimistic realism about our future with goals of justice for all.

Andrea Tirone drew the Ace of Spades, leaving \$1,551 in the 50-50 pot.

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