

Today's Program

Sue Mosteller

Host

Harold Hetherington

Topic

A Canadian Story of Inspiration
L'Arche Daybreak

Location

Fairmont Royal York,
Upper Canada Room



2017 is Canada's Sesquicentennial. In this significant year in the country's life, the Program Committee is inviting throughout the year a number of speakers who will address the club to inform us on matters relating to some of Canada's significant contributions to the world.

Following this theme, the first meeting of the year, normally dedicated to a time of inspiration, will inform the members of the work of L'Arche, an international organization founded by Jean Vanier, the son of a former Governor General of Canada, Georges Vanier. Our Speaker, Sue Mosteller, is a Sister of St. Joseph of Toronto. Since 1971, she has been a member of L'Arche Daybreak Community in Richmond Hill for those with developmental difficulties. She asked to be assigned to live and work with the community after hearing Jean Vanier speak at the University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto and participating in a pilgrimage to Lourdes. She described the way he spoke about people with disabilities as a turning point in her life. In 1976, she became L'Arche Daybreak's second Executive Director. Beyond living with the L'Arche Daybreak community for 40 years, she also held a leadership role within the wider L'Arche organization. She was the first person elected to hold the role of International Coordinator after Jean Vanier. Holding the position for nine years, Mosteller traveled extensively, assisting with the birth of new L'Arche communities in multiple countries. During her time in this position the L'Arche network expanded from 30 to 65 global communities. Mosteller works as a Trustee for the Henri Nouwen Legacy and continues to be a member of L'Arche Daybreak.

Additionally, Mosteller lectures and gives retreats around the world. She currently lives in Toronto, Canada. On November 5, 2011, Mosteller received an Honourary Doctorate from Tyndale University College and Seminary in Toronto in recognition of her "lifelong commitment to sharing the love of God with many of society's marginalized people".

First Nation's in-kind collection drive

-by John Andras



A significant First Nation's in-kind collection drive for Bearskin Lake FN recently occurred. Sixty-eight totes full of

donated goods were shipped by Mackie Transport to Thunder Bay, by Guardewine Transport to Pickle Lake and by Wasaya Air Cargo to Bearskin Lake FN. The transportation was arranged by HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) in partnership with Trucks for Change and Wasaya Airlines, who have established a transportation pipeline from Southern Ontario to Northern First Nation communities. To date there have been four Drives. In addition to the St Michael's School Drive:



- The Northern First Nations' Coat Drive distributed over 1500 coats, boots mitts, hats and scarves to nine fly-in first nations.
- There was a drive collecting targeted donations requested by Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninwug (KI), which delivered nine skids of goods.
- A Drive for Kasabonika delivered 14 skids of goods, including 550 winter coats.

To come are drives by Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School for Bearskin Lake FN, Lakefield College School for Neskantaga FN, the Canadian Diabetes Association and Value Village for Poplar Hill FN, Collingwood Rotarians for Long Lake #58 FN, St Luke's Catholic School for Sandy Lake FN.

A drive is being planned for Kashechewan FN.



The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation, at its annual meeting on November 25th, elected the following officers for its Board of Directors for 2017:

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What You Missed - Christmas Party...a Big Hit!

-by Luba Rascheff



Brigitte Bogar wore a silk mauve dress with a train, white plumed tiara and flashing Christmas-colored earrings. Her distinctive voice wafted through the Fairmont's Ballroom as people arrived to the sound of familiar Christmas carols. The room quickly filled and the atmosphere could only be described as festive for Rotary's 2016 Christmas Party. During lunch we were serenaded by the jazz stylings of Mark Herrera. President Susan Hunter introduced the luncheon and asked us to lift our glasses in remembrance of Rotarians whom we'd recently lost. John Andras, wearing apron and cap, was transformed into the perfect lottery ticket seller as he loudly and insistently urged us to buy the long strips of tickets he waved at the crowd.

The buffet consisted primarily of turkey and ham on one side of the room and fish and beef on the other, with accompaniments. You would not have been mistaken in choosing one over the other. Lottery winners were then announced by Master of Ceremonies Paul Truelove.

The Raffle benefited Metropolitan United Church's Out of the Cold Program which was recognized and presented with a \$5,000 donation, gratefully received from Foundation president Peter Love by the chair of the Out of the Cold Program, Marg McIntosh and John Joseph Mastandrea. Silent Auction funds will benefit the Children's Christmas Party.

Mary Lach was acknowledged for her role in organizing the Seniors' Christmas Party as were Lorraine Lloyd, Chair of the Children's Christmas Party, and Jackie Davies who organized all donations today. Much appreciation also went to Chief of Police Mark Saunders and Police Services who had snowball fights with the kids and the Marine Unit for bringing their dog to the Children's Christmas Party, always a big hit. President Hunter thanked our emcee and wished us a Merry Christmas and bright New Year.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

January 2017

- 13 Martin Luther King
- 20 Chinese New Year
- 27 Steve Paikin, Bill Davis legacy

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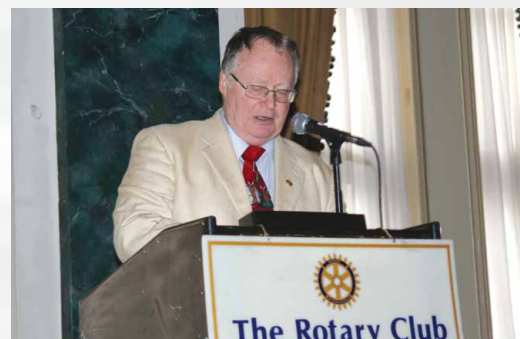
A Successful Silent Auction



Brigitte in Full Song



Peter Love, Susan Hunter, Marg McIntosh and John Joseph Mastandrea




Paul Truelove calling numbers

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