



Today's Program

Pat Neuman, The Presidential Address

Topic

Making A Difference

Location

National Club, 303 Bay Street



Pat became a Rotarian in February 2002 on invitation from Pauline Hill, the first female member of The Rotary Club of Toronto. Pat was Chair of Fellowship and Entertainment,

participated in the One on One mentoring program, served as Chair of Youth and Children Services twice, Chair of the Youth Exchange Program providing mentorship to students hosted by our club, from Germany, Japan, Belgium, and Brazil, RCT Board member from 2006 to 2009, Fundraising Chair and co-lead for the "cards" night at Steam Whistle Brewery for several years, Co-ordinator for the Etobicoke Ribfest Entrance program for 4 years, Chair of the Christmas party for physically challenged Children for 7 years. Pat served as a member of the Golf Committee and Scholarship Committee and was one of the organizers of the Argos 50/50 program. She has been Chair of Strategic Planning Committee, Executive Committee, Honors and Awards committee and a member of Research and Appeals Committee and member of the Foundation Board.

Pat recently returned from attending her fourth International Convention, which was held in Atlanta, Georgia and currently serves on the HOC for Toronto RI Convention 2018 as Co-Chair of Events and Entertainment. She also is ex-officio on the 2017 District Conference team, assisting as needed.

Pat is Chairman and CEO of Welcome Wagon Ltd, an Advertising and Marketing company best known as a welcoming service for newcomers in their new community. This 87 year-old company, with 350 Representatives from coast to coast across Canada, is proudly Canadian owned, operated and managed by Canadian women. Pat celebrates 40 years with Welcome Wagon this year, following a very successful career as a Registered Nurse.

President's Message

July 1st brings a new theme for the 2017-18 RI year..."Rotary: Making a Difference".

The Rotary Club of Toronto has been making a difference in the lives of Torontonians and others around the world for over 100 years, and we will continue to do so! This year we will observe our 105th year of transforming lives and making a difference to the many disadvantaged and challenged people in our local community. Our club has been and will continue to be rich in tradition and expertise to make a difference to people's lives for many more years. Our forefathers saw the potential to build this great club; we must continue to enrich the club with our vision of the future and what it holds. We have much to be proud of, and, much to look forward to.

Over the past 4 years the Strategic Planning Committee has worked diligently on the six core drivers: Engaged Membership, Sustained Finance and Operations, Effective Committees, Inspired Communications, Sound Governance, and Strong Foundation and Philanthropy. The committee has recently done an evaluation as to where we are and what now needs to be done to move into 2020. The Club Assembly team will be developing a program this summer to move this process along consistently. In 2017-18 the Club Board will work closely with the Strategic Planning Committee to create action. We will do what needs to be done to encourage membership and insure that all members are engaged and involved. Each member wants to feel a purpose in being a part of this great club. Many of us have been Rotarians for many years, because Rotary adds something to our lives and makes a difference! Through Rotary we make a difference every day in the lives of others, and we will continue to do so. We enjoy fun and fellowship, enriching our own lives, while we work together to "Make a Difference" to others.

This year, we will continue the work that has been done by the Board this past year in "Making a Difference" to our club. Change is good and is not always accepted. However, change is what makes life interesting and keeps our club current and alive. We will embrace the different demographics of our club members and find a happy medium. It takes time but my favorite saying is "Where there's a will, there's a way".

As you are all aware, the RI Convention in June 2018 is coming fast and we will be very involved. Not only involved, but also registered for the convention! Yet, we still have our Club commitments to work on. If we work together, we will achieve. It will be a very busy year but I know we will make a difference.

To start things off, on a great year, filled with good times and fellowship, we have some key events coming up – so mark your calendar, get registered and be a part of the action: **Golf Tournament August 17; Wine Tasting and Tour of wineries in the Twenty Valley area of Niagara, August 27; District Foundation Walk, September 10; Fundraising Food Truck Festival; District Conference, November 3 & 4; Club Assembly in November**, to name a few...

I am looking forward to and welcome the opportunity to work with the Directors and Board in "Rotary: Making a Difference" this year! I am honoured to be your President and lead this wonderful club - together we will achieve our goal of making a difference to others and the world!

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Ribfest Thank You - by Dawn-Marie King



Another great year!

Thanks to everyone who was able to volunteer at the Ribfest on Canada Day weekend. We had sun and rain, slow periods and crazy periods to contend with, but it was always done with a smile and great enthusiasm. One of the highlights was Michele Guy giving out free hugs to the people coming in. Not sure if this was the reason but we had many people donating on the way out of the Park who said they didn't have change on the way in.

We had die-hards who help every year and many new faces from the Rotary Clubs of Toronto and Toronto Sunrise, and the three Rotaractor Clubs - U of T, Ryerson and Toronto. We even had a volunteer from the Markham-Sunrise club.



President Pat and Melinda Kromme, Ryerson enthusiastically ready for anything.



Ross Amos & Tattoo "booboo".

A special thanks to Pat Neuman and Susan Hunter who were there all day, every day.

I haven't seen the final totals yet as to how much money was brought in but I know every penny will go to wonderful philanthropic projects sponsored by the various clubs. That's why we do what we do!

RI President

Ian Riseley

District Governor

Neil Phillips, Toronto

The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

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Lorna Johnson

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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?

The Rotary Club of Toronto 69TH Annual Golf Tournament

on
Thursday, August 17, 2017

at the
Richmond Hill Golf Club

8755 Bathurst Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

\$175 Per Player Enjoy a complete program of events, BBQ lunch, 18 holes of Golf, including power cart, steak dinner and a warm-up bucket of balls.

Early Bird Draw at the Club meeting on Friday, July 14th. Winner receives a round of golf and lunch hosted by Ross Amos at Mississauga Golf and Country Club.

Non golfers are welcome to join us for cocktails, dinner and silent auction for \$60, followed by prizes and raffle draws.

Prizes for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Closest to the Beer Barrel, Putting Contest and "Burgundy Ball" competition during the tournament.

REGISTER TODAY AS SINGLES, TWOSOMES, THREESOMES, FOURSOMES AND NON GOLFERS.

**Register Online at www.rotarytoronto.com or
Contact the Rotary Office at 416.363.0604**

Donation of silent auction, raffle and prize items are appreciated. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Tax receipts will be provided. Please contact Karl Kremer, Committee Chair at 416-445-5084 or kjkremer64@gmail.com



Net Proceeds go to:

The Blanket for Burn Kids

Rotary golf proceeds will be used to give children blankets at summer camp and the six burn units in Ontario. Burn children are often ostracized, shunned and bullied because of their scars and the blankets are a special way the kids can wrap themselves in love.

This limited edition blanket says "You are Loved, Needed and Wanted." was designed by Kelly Falardeau, who got burnt to 75% of her body when she was only two-years-old.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

July 2017

- 21 Michael Cochrane, Olympic Lyon
- 28 Linda Coghlin & Jim Theaker, Loving Arms

August 2017

- 4 NO MEETING, Civic Holiday
- 11 National Club, Roof Top Lunch
- 17 Golf and Dinner meeting
- 18 NO MEETING, Join the golfers for dinner
- 25 Christian Jaehn-Kreibaum, The Berlin Wall

September 2017

- 1 NO MEETING, Labour Day
- 8 RI 2018 Update, Michele Guy

Events

August 17 Annual Golf Tournament

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Significant Achievement Award – Rotary International



From left to right, Past Foundation President David Hetherington, Susan Hunter, WIC Marg Stanowski, Foundation President Peter Love, Past District Governor Jim Louttit.

The Significant Achievement Award recognizes a club whose project has addressed a significant problem or need in the community. There are a maximum of 50 awarded worldwide each year, with a limit of one per district.

In this instance, Rotary International is recognizing the work done by The Rotary Club of Toronto for our Covenant House project, a safe house for victims of human trafficking.

The Women’s Initiatives Committee of the club started discussing this project in 2011 and established a partnership with Covenant House. The partnership consisted of developing a new transitional housing program for young, female victims of sex trafficking and provided critical needed support for them to rebuild their lives. The Rotary Toronto Charitable Foundation also provided approximately \$300,000 towards renovations and furnishings for the house.

This award was presented to The Rotary Club of Toronto as the project represents the very best of work in District 7070 and the Rotary World.

What You Missed July 7th 2017

- by Maureen Bird



Wow, what a great meeting! And so jam-packed! You missed a Phillips Report with comments ranging from a south of the border train wreck to Brexit – Prime Minister Boris!?. France’s Macron “Make the World Great Again”, through the resurgence of microbreweries “Make Beer Great Again” to a book that may be prescient – The Second Civil War, and his favourite Elvis restaurant in Atlanta, Love me Tandoor.

The Special Achievement award is very special. Thank you Jim Louttit for nominating this great project and thank you Marg Stanowski for making it happen. We can be very proud of our club’s involvement and initiative. Jim then presented Neil Phillips with his District Governor pin. Past President David Hetherington gave President Susan guidelines for her next year – don’t answer the phone, ignore emails and move so they can’t find you. In other words, enjoy. Stay calm, cool and collected. Glenn and Brigitte serenaded Susan with a very special tribute song as she transitions to Past President.

Susan then rose to thank so many, starting with husband Hedley for putting up with so many rubber chicken dinners, her board for their very capable involvement, many club members and office staff – Carol knows everything including where the dead bodies are buried.

She felt humbled to serve and highlighted our accomplishments, awarding over \$800,000 to so many worthy projects – Covenant House, Sherbourne Health Bus, CAMH dental clinic, St. Mike’s Transition Centre improvements, Homes First and two major donations to ShelterBox for Haiti and Somaliland.

She said that she enjoyed attending our committee meetings, that we should be proud, and told us what we do matters.

We are faced with the challenge of making a difference. Is practical or entrenched thinking healthy or a hindrance? Susan encouraged us all to ensure that The Rotary Club of Toronto strives to be relevant, impactful, and sustainable. Why not have a female RI President? We all need to make it easier to DO Rotary. Change is a necessity. We are blessed with a strong foundation with members who are creative and innovative, with energy and passion. Let’s do it together!

David Hetherington then presented Susan with a travel certificate, a gavel plaque and her Past President pin. President Susan then administered the

Presidential Oath to Pat Neuman and handed over the meeting to her.

Our newest member John Platts emerged the winner of the 50/50 draw. With only 3 cards left, he drew the Ace of Clubs, walking away with more than \$5000!



Past President Susan Hunter handing over to 2017-2018 President Pat Neuman.



Past District Governor Jim Louttit pins 2017-2018 District Governor, Neil Phillips.




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