



### Today's Program

Wendy Jones and Pan Fantasy

### Topic

A Musical Taste of the Caribbean

### Host

Dauna Jones-Simmonds, *member since 2008*

### Location

Imperial Room, Fairmont Royal York



Wendy Jones is the quintessential ambassador of the Steel Pan. She has received numerous awards for her exceptional skills as a pannist as her work in pan is being recognized Internationally.

She deserves the highest praise for using the Steel Pan as a Cultural tool to draw families into the Steel Pan Fraternity: to Inspire Youth, to Ignite Leadership Skills and to affect social change. She is a co-founder and bandleader of the award winning steel band, Pan Fantasy Steel Orchestra, which is celebrating it 32nd Anniversary.

Some of the Band's major accomplishments:

- Presently Award –2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 Pan Alive Steelpan Champions
- 2013, People's First Choice Award Winning Band in New York Panorama
- 2012, Official Opening Pan Am Games
- 2012, 2013, and 2015, 2016 & 2017 Caribbean Steel Band Music Award Winners
- Annual Harbourfront Centre Hot & Spicy/ Educational workshops (for past 9 yrs)
- Celebrate Canada @ Downsview Park / Funded by Toronto Arts Council
- Mayor's Arts Award
- Annual Scotia Bank Toronto Carnival Celebration /Parade (26 yrs)
- Rotary International Convention, Toronto 2018



**The Rotary Club of Toronto**  
**71<sup>ST</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**  
on  
**Thursday August 22, 2019**  
at the  
**Cherry Downs Golf Club**  
2110 Concession Rd 7, Pickering Ontario

**Register Online at [www.rotarytoronto.com](http://www.rotarytoronto.com) or  
Contact the Rotary Office at 416.363.0604**

**\$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.

**Non golfers** are welcome to join us for cocktails, dinner and silent auction for \$60.

**Early Bird Draw** at the Club meeting on Friday, July 19th. Winner receives a round of golf and lunch hosted by Ross Amos at Mississauga Golf and Country Club.

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

### Strategic Plan Update

In our Club's strategic plan, the Vision for 2020 is for our Club to "be the organization of choice to achieve ones philanthropic life goals among friends".

Our strategic plan comprises 8 grouped initiatives, one of which is Committee Enhancements.

The Committee Enhancement initiatives include:

- Matching philanthropic committees with members to achieve their philanthropic goals.
- Revising the committee structure.
- Ensuring the right tools and skills are provided to committees to set them up for success

The first group brainstorming session was held on July 9, and the second will be held on July 29. All Committee Chairs, Liaison Directors, the Club Executive Director and Club and Foundation Executives have been invited. The discussion at these meetings is focused on 3 specific areas for all our Committees...Structure, Engagement and Format.

Save the date: Our Club Assembly will be on Nov 4, 2019 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm

### Condolences

Our Member Carolyn Purden's Mother, Irene Purden, passed away on Monday, July 15, 2019, on the anniversary of her wedding to Carolyn's Dad 80 years ago. A nice symmetry isn't it! Irene Purden was 105 and was born July 2, 1914 in England and moved here with Carolyn's Dad in 1952. She died of pneumonia - the only illness she'd ever had! The family will be having a private family funeral service.

**Let's Be Personal** - by Kevin Power



I was born and raised in Niagara Falls, Ontario. I obtained my undergraduate degree from McMaster University in Economics and my law degree from Osgoode Hall Law School. I work at Coutts Crane, a small general practice law firm in downtown Toronto. The firm culture has a small town feel and community focus. My legal practice is primarily in the areas of civil and estate litigation and family law, including collaborative and alternative dispute resolution.

The firm has a long history in The Rotary Club of Toronto. There have been four members of the firm who previously served as President of this Club. Elgin Coutts joined The Rotary Club of Toronto in 1964 and was President of the Club in 1973-74. Ronald Crane was President of the Club in 1983-84 and subsequently

was President of The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation. Robert O'Brien was President in 1998-99 and Michele Guy in 2001-2002.

At the end of June, Coutts Crane celebrated its 70th anniversary. The firm's long history in The Rotary Club of Toronto made it easy for me to join and become involved in Rotary and the firm remains very supportive of my involvement. This allowed me to get involved in activities that I enjoyed, the Children's Christmas party, the Argos 50/50, camp weekends, starting at Blue Mountain, attending RI Conventions and at the district level with Rotary Foundation scholarships.



*The president's sons Michael and Chris came to cheer Dad on!*

**Upcoming Speakers & Events**

**July 2019**

- 26 New District Governor Beth Selby
- 31 Evening meeting, Mark Brown, Service through Social Finance

**August 2019**

- 2 NO LUNCH Civic Holiday
- 9 Jeremiah Brown, former Olympian
- 16 Pierre-Henri Chuet, jet fighter pilot
- 23 Tim Speed, Canadian Warplane Museum
- 30 NO LUNCH Labour Day

**Events**

- August 22 Rotary Annual Golf Tournament
- Sept. 8 Foundation Walk, Humber College Lakeshore
- Sept. 25 A Night of Sake
- Oct 25-27 Rotary District Conference (Muskoka)

**Editor of the week**

Don Bell

**Editor for July 26, 2019**

Pauline Lyons

**What You Missed Reporter for July 19, 2019**

Lorna Johnson.

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**LET'S BE PERSONAL**

July 19<sup>th</sup> - Saleem Kassum  
August 9<sup>th</sup> -Randy Gunn

**What You Missed July 12, 2019** - by Annelise Taylor



For the first meeting with Kevin Power as President, sitting at a table in the back, being entertained by my fellow Rotarians, I felt very lucky to be a member of this club.

President Kevin thanked the Board Members in advance for their upcoming service, we sang Happy Birthday to Anny-Sandra, a new Director, and he thanked Anisa Nazir, the new Toronto Rotaract President for her attendance today.

The golf tournament will be on August 22nd and there will be an Early Bird draw at our meeting next week.

President Kevin definitely went over his allotted three minutes in his Let's be Personal segment, but it was informative, enjoyable and helped us get to know him, his family and his law firm a little better.

The growth of Rotary is the primary focus of Rotary International, with their "Rotary Connects the World" focus. Our Club Membership has declined significantly over the years, down to 160 members from 230 when President Kevin first joined. With an increase in membership we may grow our service, increase the impact of our projects and serve more. Dawn-Marie King has stepped up to Chair the Membership Committee and is actively looking for committee members to support our collective endeavour. President Kevin reminded all of us that collectively we are all on the membership committee.

President Kevin encourages new members to become involved, with the international conference, the district conference, sweat equity trips and committees. This year we will embrace change to take on and resolve challenges we face internally with our club and externally with Rotary throughout the world. President Kevin told us that his sons Michael and Chris really enjoyed Hamburg

this year and they are already looking forward to Hawaii in 2020.

To honour President Kevin, Brigitte Bogar sang a lovely rendition of "You'd Be Surprised", accompanied by Glenn Davis, which we all enjoyed thoroughly.

With the meeting drawing to a close, a ticket was drawn for the Ace-of-Clubs, and the winner, after some debate was Harold Hetherington. Harold, an accountant by trade, joked that he wasn't sure it was the correct ticket because he isn't good with numbers. The nine of spades was drawn, Harold left with a bottle of wine and the pot continues to grow. President Kevin has big plans for our club in the upcoming year and wished us all a great summer weekend!



*Luzita Kennedy, Lorna Johnson and Anny-Sandra Hamel, our new members of the board were at our head table.*

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