

# ROTARY VOICE



The Rotary Club of Toronto

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## Today's Program

Pat Neuman, President 2017/18

## Topic

Rotary Changeover

## Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street



## Vision 2020:

Be the Organization of Choice to achieve one's philanthropic life goals among friends, with annual funding of \$2,000,000.

## Mission:

To provide opportunities for like-minded people to improve our communities through the Rotary platform.

Where has this past year gone? It doesn't seem possible our year of "Making a Difference" has passed so quickly. Such a fitting way to describe a year of much activity, and ending with the 2018 Rotary International Convention! Many of you were deeply involved with Convention tasks but you still were actively involved in our club. The year started with Incoming President **Jeff Dobson** "at the reins" of the Strategic Planning Committee and Vice President **Kevin Power** for getting the new Board members actively engaged in Roadmap 2020. Sessions for discussion and input started in July and went on to mid-September, with a high percentage of all members involved. That is what makes this club so viable - the involvement and interest of everyone! For those of you who missed being in one of the discussion sessions, you still got your say at the Club Assembly, with everyone engaged on phones, laptops, computers answering the questions put forward. Following the Assembly, the Roadmap 2020 Committee worked through answers to create initiatives, and designate them to each year from 2017-18 to 2020. We now have a solid strategic plan to lead us into 2020!!! Thank you, **Prince Kumar** for your unwavering enthusiasm in directing this. Thank you **Brent Thomas** for your integral work on the survey - you are amazing!!

Out of this Strategic Plan, we worked on a new website which is amazing but there is still work to be done on that. Thank you **Heather Gordon**, a brand new member who threw herself into the project. We took on Google 4 Non Profits and changed our emails to @rotarytoronto.com. Thank you **Prince Kumar** for researching this and bringing it to fruition. Our Social Media Buzz group of **John Fortney**, **Marcy Berg** and **Rudy Haddad** aptly recorded chatter here and there to promote our club's business. Thank you!

Thank you to **Maureen Bird** who very capably handled the Voice, leading the team each week, no matter where you are - we can always depend on you! A very special Thank You Maureen for leading your committee in resettling our Syrian family to Toronto and Canada. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. You and your family have dedicated a huge amount of time in getting our family comfortable in their new surroundings.

Thank you **Don Brooks** and your great team on the Scholarship Committee in awarding Lorenzo Penate our 2017- 18 Scholarship.

Thank you **Brent Thomas** and your great committee for the work you and your team did on the Youth Civic Awards this year. Well done!

Membership Committee's Member Orientation took on a whole new look this year, under the leadership of **Lori Brazier** - great work Lori, in providing mentors, and getting our new members engaged.

When the devastating floods hit Houston and other parts of the United States, our Foundation, immediately assisted with a donation of \$15,000 to **ShelterBox**. We then matched all member donations to the tune of approximately \$38,000...total donation of \$53,000. I am so proud of our member commitment to those in need.

We were pleased to attend the unveiling of the new **Sherbourne Health Bus** to which our Foundation donated \$300,000

last year. It is exciting to see the bus on the downtown streets, well in service!! The Health Bus was prominent at our RotaryFest during the Convention - so many Rotarians had an opportunity to see what we are doing!!

We continued having the President's Cocktail Parties before some long weekends and a special lunch on the Rooftop at the National Club in the summer. We were able to hold at least two lunches per month at the National Club ... a favorite for us!! Thank you **Bill Morari** for hosting us! Our final cocktail party "Welcome to Toronto" Launch to Convention was very exciting as we had John Howard of **Megalomaniac Wines**, a Convention sponsor, provide us with wine. It was our honour to have **RI President Ian Riseley** and **Juliet** attend along with many RI people, HOC Committee members and other Rotarians. It was a wonderful evening for our Club - so proud we are!!!

**Susan Howson**, your leadership at Camp Scugog was so appreciated. Lots of fun, late nights and great food - thank you chefs! The work done at camp each year is second to none and I thank the Members and Rotaractors for their work in maintaining the camp for the kids every year.

**Michele Guy**, thank you for all your hard work on the Rotary Convention, held here in Toronto. It has been a few years work; and we at The Rotary Club of Toronto are so appreciative and proud of you!!

**Neil Phillips**, our 7070 District Governor, thank you for always being there, if only in spirit some weeks. It has been a year of much activity for you and we appreciated every time you could be with us.

Special thanks go to **Bill Morari** and **Fabio Ventolini** for a fantastic Fundraising event this year - we raised almost \$100,000 for our efforts. Our tenth year of the Steam Whistle fundraiser!! Well done! Our new fundraising plan with a Food Truck Festival didn't have the crowd we wished for but gave us some new ideas to build

on – thank you **John Joseph Mastandrea!**

What can I say about the beautiful music filling our room as members gathered for each luncheon. Thank you **Brigitte Bogar** and **Glenn Davis** for such lovely musical selections each Friday.

A special thank you goes to **Anny-Sandra Hamel**, assisted by **Catherine Lloyd** for hosting our exchange student Antoine Rys. Anny-Sandra's daughter Arianne Wilson has just returned from her exchange year.

I want to express my thanks to everyone who has been so supportive and co-operative this year. Thank you **Jeff Dobson** for your work heading up the Strategic Planning and **Kevin Power**

for your support and assistance with Fundraising, but most of all for your friendship. I must extend my thanks to all the Past Presidents who have given sage advice and assisted me whenever I called. Special thanks to Past President, **Richard White** whose advice always made good sense!!

Special thanks to my Board who always made our meetings interesting and fun - we love the discussions that everyone participated in: **Jeff Dobson, Incoming President; Kevin Power, Vice President; Don Brooks, Alex Brown, John Farrell, Mary Lach, Glenn Davis, Bill Empey, John Fortney, Prince Kumar, Binoy Luckoo, John Joseph Mastandrea, and Barbara Thomson.** Your tireless efforts and hard work have ensured

our club affairs are in order. Thank you **Rick Goldsmith** for coming on as our Treasurer. It has been a pleasure. Finally let me thank **Susan Howson**, Foundation President who I have enjoyed working with in a most cooperative effort this year. I also will thank our Office staff - **Carol and Belli** – you have been the BEST and I treasure our friendship.

To all the Club members, thank you - for everything you do to make this the best Club ever. It has been a privilege to be your President this year. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me the opportunity to lead this wonderful club.

“If you meet someone today without a smile, give them one of yours.”



Thank you to the RI 2018 Host Organizing Committee. From our own Michele Guy as co-chair to every member and spouse who had a role, whether volunteering or home hosting - Thank you for making this party great! We had help from Rotarians from 7070 and several other districts. It was a wonderful joint project!

From the registration on Friday to the closing on Wednesday our members were everywhere. We will be publishing more photos and stories about the general sessions, the breakout sessions, evening parties and home hospitality. All submissions can be sent to [maureen.bird@rotarytoronto.com](mailto:maureen.bird@rotarytoronto.com). Our website has a great link to events.

We were busy! Fortunately the breakout sessions we missed while working are available on the APP Rotary Events. Check them out.



*Michele Guy,  
Our great leader*



*President Pat Neuman,  
Entertainment*



*Dawn-Marie King,  
Volunteers*



*Lorraine Lloyd,  
Volunteers*



*Don Bell, Home Hospitality*



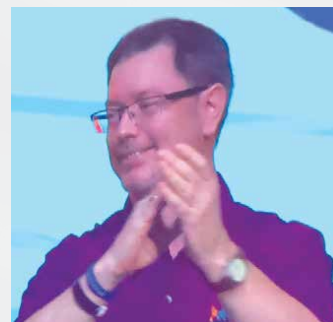
*Jackie Davies,  
Home Hospitality*



*Ross Amos,  
Sponsorship*



*Alanna Scott,  
Sponsorship*



*Neil Phillips,  
District Governor*





## Farewell to President Pat!

She is finishing up her year but she will not be forgotten. Thursday May 14th was a tribute to Pat's western roots in Alberta/Saskatchewan. With cowboy food (beans and chilli) and cowboy desserts (the cowpies were to die for!) we celebrated with her on the National Club's Rooftop Patio. With MC John Fortney and members Jeff Dobson, Kevin Power, Susan Hunter, Mary Lach and Krystyna Benyak providing tributes we had a delightful evening. John Joseph Mastandrea brought a song as well as a stack of the red cowboy hats for us. The Birds saw the dress code and arrived in jeans, hats and boots.



President Pat's "Red Hat" Party

Thank you Pat for a great year!

**RI President**  
Ian Riseley

**District Governor**  
Neil Phillips, Toronto

## The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

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Maureen Bird

**What You Missed Reporter for July 6, 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?



## Congratulation to Heather Gordon!

Tavish Barry Campbell Gordon arrived June 26 at 6:51am weighing in at 7lbs. 9oz. Mother and baby are both home and doing well. This is the third child for Heather and Adam, with Tavish joining two sisters.

Heather did so much work this year as Chair of the Communications Committee and was instrumental in the updating of the website. The experience she brought to the Club has been such a valuable asset. Enjoy your leave and we hope to welcome you back soon.

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### July

- 6 Changeover, Pat Neuman's final address
- 13 New President Jeff Dobson's Vision for 2018-19
- 20 TBD
- 27 Mary Lou Harrison, District Governor 2018-19

### August

- 3 NO MEETING Civic Holiday
- 10 TBD
- 17 Sarah Waxman
- 24 TBD
- 31 NO Meeting Labour Day holiday

### Events

September 20 Golf Tournament

**Propose a Speaker – Contact**  
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**Editor-in-chief:** Maureen Bird



Happy  
Birthday!

## July Birthdays!

1 Jennifer Whincup	19 Kurt Kroesen
3 John Berton	21 Arash Shahi
5 Mary Bennett	22 Lorna Johnson
10 Morrigan Wolf	24 Werner Gruenwald
12 Anny-Sandra Hamel	28 Luzita Kennedy
16 Shannon Lundquist	30 Catherine Lloyd



## Obituary for Frank Charles Strickland



Frank passed away at home after a long illness on Sunday, June 17th, 2018 at the age of 94. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Olive Pauline and is survived by two children and three grandchildren.

Frank was born on February 24th, 1924 in Tottenham, England. He lived through the Blitz and worked as a scout for the Air Raid Precautions at the age of 15. He joined the Air Force in November 1942 and trained as a technician, eventually joining the Second Tactical Air Force, which sent him to Germany. Frank and Olive emigrated to Canada after the war and settled in Etobicoke to raise their family.

One of the great joys of his life was being a member of The Rotary Club of Toronto since 1966. He looked forward to his Friday meetings at the Royal York Hotel and participating in a great number of charitable activities carried out by the Rotary Club. He participated yearly at the Blue Mountain Camp, mixing paints and helping to paint the facilities for the children. He was very privileged to receive the Paul Harris Fellowship and William Peace Awards.

In retirement his great passions were painting for which he had a remarkable talent, playing bridge with groups of friends and devoting countless hours working in his magnificent backyard garden. He was the ultimate English gentleman, always entertaining and socializing with his friends and family.

A private cremation and interment took place at Riverside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Dorothy Ley Hospice or The Rotary Club of Toronto Philanthropic Fund would be appreciated.

## What You Missed June 15, 2018

- by Maureen Bird



President Pat welcomed us to the National Club with our traditional Indigenous greeting, then read a special memorial for our long-term member George Richardson.

With directors Don Brooks, Mary Lach and Prince Kumar at the head table, Past President Susan Hunter introduced 8 visiting Rotarians and many guests. President Pat then reminded us of the Welcome Party for the Convention to be held at the National Club on the 20th with wine from our Convention sponsor Megalomaniac Wine. She also thanked the club, especially John Fortney and Bill Morari for the great Farewell party held the night before. John Andras gave an update on the Indigenous Service Committee. His report will be in an upcoming issue.

Knud Westergaard gave a great introduction to our guest speaker Takako Ito, Consul General of Japan. He said she was no wallflower and mentioned her range of hobbies and interests. Their lives have some parallels, with Ms Takako studying in Canada then marrying a Canadian while Knud was working in Japan and married a Japanese.

She did have some interesting figures and comparisons. With Canada's population at 36 million and Japan's at 126 million, they have 27 times our density but our GDPs and life expectancies are similar. She had a picture of the first Japanese immigrant to Canada from 1877, a consulate was set up in Vancouver in 1889 and full diplomatic relations were established in 1928, to be suspended from 1941 to 1945.

In 1959 they planted 2000 trees in High Park and opened the Japanese Cultural Centre in 1963. We have had sister cities since 1969 and are major trading partners. There is a major Japanese Film Festival in Mississauga August 25-26. Pat expressed thanks for a refreshing talk in light of the current discourse.

John Joseph Mastandrea drew the wrong club so went home with wine while the 50/50 pot grows.



*Host Knud Westergaard with speaker Takako Ito*

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