

Today's Program

Frank O'Dea

Topic

CUSO and Rotary

Host

Chris Snyder, *member since 1984 and CUSO Board Member*

Location

Imperial Room, Fairmont Royal York



From "Street Kid to Biz Wiz" Frank O'Dea's career is a reminder for people to never give up. A charmed childhood in Montreal was no salvo for what was to come, but Frank did overcome being a drunk and panhandler on the streets and became a successful serial entrepreneur.

As co-founder of one of Canada's first coffee chains, The Second Cup, he demonstrated his business ingenuity and went on to co-found Proshred Security, and to lead a variety of businesses as CEO and Chairman.

He soon learned that his real calling was in giving back to his community and co-founded several not-for-profit organizations including The Canadian Landmine Foundation. Frank O'Dea currently serves as the Chair of CUSO International, a not for profit organization operating in 20+ countries around the globe.

His avocational work was recognized when Frank became an Officer in the Order of Canada, one of the highest civilian honours in the country. Frank has also been awarded Rotary International's prestigious Paul Harris award four times.

What's Happening?!

June 7, 14 and 21

Donations to make kits for Indigenous Youth heading off to high school – contact Bill Empey for details

June 10

Showing of "First Contact" – Changing the Narrative 6:00 to 8:00 pm. EST
Native Child and Family Services Toronto
30 College Street (in the Bistro Room)
Event is limited to 50 attendees - RSVP to Bill Empey of Indigenous Service

June 15

Go Scugog, biking to raise funds for camper fees
Join or Donate to our team leader Bill Morari
<https://bit.ly/2MwFZTm>

June 23

Rotary Walks With Pride. Signup at <https://bit.ly/2JZaNdp>
Join President Jeff and Casey with DG Mary Lou Harrison and many more

June 26

Farewell for President Jeff Dobson, National Club, 5:30
RSVP to office

Camp Scugog – even more work done



Dock Team



Decorating Team

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes



Thanks to WIC and Brian's heels

June Birthdays!

- 3 Bert Steenburgh
- 5 Lori Brazier
- 6 Jim Norwood
- 10 Frank Jordan
- 15 Andris Pone
- 18 Chand Chandaria
- 19 Ric Williams
- 21 Tatiana Naimounchine
- 22 John Joseph Mastandrea
- 28 Mitra Goodarzi

Congratulations!



Andy Bush and Shanon welcomed a lovely daughter, Ellie Rosanne Bush, on May 23rd. Everyone is happy and healthy.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

June 2019

- 14 Youth Day Awards, with the Rotaract Clubs
- 21 Chief R. Stacey LaForme, National Indigenous Peoples Day
- 26 Farewell for President Jeff Dobson, 5:30 National Club
- 28 No Rotary lunch (Canada Day Holiday)

July 2019

- 5 Changeover from Jeff to Kevin
- 12 Kevin Power's Inaugural Address

Events

- June 10 First Contact showing
- June 19 Rotaract Mentorship Dinner
- June 23 Rotary walks with PRIDE
- Sept. 25 A Night of Sake
- Oct 25-27 Rotary District Conference (Muskoka)

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Let's Be Personal – Don Brooks



I grew up in Winnipeg and graduated in 1970 from the University of Manitoba - in business. I started at Canada Life's Toronto head office in the group insurance area, where I met my future wife, Susan. My career was in employee benefits and included group insurance underwriting, sales, sales management and benefits consulting.

Before semi-retiring in 2008, I was with Johnson Inc. where I was lead consultant and overall relationship manager for a great client - the Retired Teachers of Ontario. We helped them manage a 110 million dollar group insurance plan. Our firm did consulting, communication, administration and claims in addition to providing them access to voluntary programs such as group home and auto insurance.

While working with the Retired Teachers

I started giving more thought to my own retirement planning. I concluded that I had to have a game plan, other than just financial. Another conclusion was that I would have to be part of an organization where I could be involved, help others and meet great people. That led me to Rotary.

I picked Rotary, rather than other service clubs, primarily because the father of a good friend was a long-time Rotarian who used to tell me about Rotary, international conventions, etc.

In my 14 years being part of this Club I have had many personally rewarding experiences through both philanthropic and fellowship activities. For the last five years I have been on our Club's Scholarship Committee. This has been an unbelievable opportunity to impact the current and future lives of outstanding young adults.

What You Missed May 31, 2019

- by Maureen Bird



Today was the first time in memory that we had two speakers, the father-son team of Gordon and Joe Cressy, both of whom have served as city councillors.

Gordon spoke about inequities experienced in Toronto in the past. After volunteering in Trinidad for two years he returned and invited a Trinidadian to lunch at Rosedale Golf Club. The guest was refused admission and Gordon resigned his membership. He discussed the Bathhouse Raids in the early 80s with over 300 arrests even though homosexuality had been deemed legal. It was never revealed who ordered the raids, ostensibly for money laundering. Carding and racial profiling are another unnecessary evil. One very successful businessman was stopped 50 times and a director of education 7 times. For being black. This was wrong and needs to stop.

Our poverty level is far too high. Are we caring enough for each other?

Joe gave an example of a youth arrested for gun possession who was sent to Scadding House to do community service, was hired by them and turned his life around. Joe helped argue for a suspended sentence. Prison is no alternative for new opportunities. Drugs are another issue that needs to be treated as a health problem. Closing clinics is wrong.

The city needs funds for health care. The best results are invisible. A strong vaccine program means we are not having to report a measles outbreak. Proper water testing

means we are not living through another Walkerton disaster.

The city needs more affordable housing and mixed residential areas like the new Regent Park.

The compassion of both for the city came through clearly.


Yes, the Ace of Clubs was in the deck - it fell on the floor - but Karl Kremer left with the wine.



Gordon and Joe Cressy

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