



International Women's Day

Today's Program

Barbara Gosse, CEO Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking

Host

WIC Chair Jane FitzGerald and the Women's Initiatives Committee

Topic

Launch of the National Hotline

Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street



Back in 2011, a partnership was initiated between The Rotary Club of Toronto Women's Initiatives Committee (WIC) and Wendy Leaver, a former Toronto Police Sex Crimes Unit Detective. Under the leadership of

Marg Stanowski of our WIC Committee, there was research and consultation carried out both in our community and across the country over a 4-year period on the issue of human trafficking. This study led to the conclusion that a SAFE House would be an ongoing solution to assist sex trafficking victims in their recovery. The Covenant House, the Women's Initiatives Committee, Toronto Community Housing and the City of Toronto worked together to open this facility and we can all be very proud of our Club and this Committee for its hard work to see this project through to its completion.

Based on our past commitment in this area we are very pleased to have Barbara Gosse as our speaker today, who has been a key person in working to end human trafficking. Barbara will discuss her current project being the development of a National Hotline for trafficking victims.

Barbara Gosse is the Chief Executive Officer at The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking where she provides leadership designed to enhance collaboration, coordination and efforts to end human trafficking in Canada with community based practitioners, relevant experts, law enforcement, members of the public and government representatives. Barbara is also working to advance federal, provincial and municipal policy and programs through evidence based measures and research and is assisting to establish a national hotline/textline for all forms of human trafficking.

Prior to joining the Centre, Barbara was the Senior Director of Research, Policy and Innovation with the Canadian Women's Foundation where she played an instrumental role assisting the National Task Force on Trafficking of Women and Girls in Canada. Prior to this Barbara held management positions with a non-profit, a large Toronto Law Firm, Provincial and Municipal governments. Barbara has an undergraduate degree from Ryerson University in Urban and Regional Planning and a Master of Science in Planning from the University of Toronto.

Barbara is a recipient of the 2018 Ontario Premier's Women Building Communities Award. She has also served as Director of Saving and Asset-Building with Prosper Canada (formerly SEDI), a national charity dedicated to finding solutions to assist Canada's low-income individuals and families become economically self-sufficient.

Women, Canada and Rotary

Canadian women received the right to vote in 1916 in Manitoba, 1917 in Ontario and British Columbia and, in 1918, except for Quebec, this was extended federally to all women – if they were Caucasian. These rights for other women were not granted until after WWII.

Rotary International fought Female Membership until they lost in the US Supreme Court in 1988 and extended the right to all countries by 1989.

Our club currently has a 33% female membership. We have had five female presidents. Women are chairs of a majority of our philanthropic committees.

Our club, under the guidance of Sylvia Milne, founded the first ever Rotary Women's Initiatives Committee with Sylvia Geist serving as its first chair in 2004-05. Like other philanthropic committees it works with agencies throughout the Toronto core to answer women's specific needs. It was instrumental in our Foundation granting the YWCA \$500,000 to jumpstart the Elm Street Centre, providing homes to senior women.

Its most recent major donation in partnership with our Foundation was \$275,000 to Covenant House to assist in a safe house for victims of sex trafficking.

New member Neisely Eugene



Neisely Eugene was born and raised in the archipelagic nation of The Bahamas. She graduated from Saint Mary's University in Halifax with a Bachelors Degree in Finance and received a Masters in Finance from the Smith School of Business, Queen's University in Kingston.

She currently works at TD Bank as a Management Associate within the Treasury Balance Sheet Management Pension Investment Management team.

She enjoys travelling, hiking, playing volleyball and dancing. Neisely and her partner, Richard are proud parents of 2 ½ year old Nylah and their unit is growing. From an early age Neisely enjoyed being involved in her community. She moved to Toronto nearly 9 years ago and she is a Past President of the Rotaract Club of Toronto. She was drawn to The Rotary Club of Toronto because it is a natural progression and she plans to continue to give back to her community through the club.

New Member Chialing Ku



Chialing Ku is a Taiwanese born Canadian, who grew up in Ottawa before moving to Toronto in 2002. She holds an Honours degree in Finance and International Business from Ryerson University.

Chialing is a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). She has over 10 years of experience working in the areas of information security, technology projects, risk management and governance for retail and large financial institutions. She is currently self-

employed providing consulting services.

Chialing and her husband Bryant adore their mischievous dog, Kobi. Together, they enjoy travelling to new places for hiking adventures and good food.

The Rotary values of Service Above Self has been instilled in her from an early age as her father, Tim is Past-President and a Paul Harris Fellow of the Taichung Rotary Club. Chialing also served as Past President of the Rotaract Club of Toronto and grew the club membership exponentially by creating an inclusive social environment while leading meaningful service projects within the community and internationally. She is excited to continue her work in community service through the Rotary family.



President Jeff Dobson with new members Chialing Ku, Neisely Eugene and Sponsor Rohit Tamhane



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The Rotary Club of Toronto's
Annual Fundraiser at
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Camp Scugog May 24-26

Don't miss out on our club members' event of the year. We have been working at Children's Camps since 1942. They have all been for special children whether it be cerebral palsy, polio, deafness, diabetes or just inner-city needs, we have been there to Make a Difference.

Camp Lake Scugog has been assisting city children and families since 1931. It was closed from 1990 to 1997 while funding was sought for basic improvements.

The Rotary Club of Toronto arrived in May 2007 and we expect to be there for many more years. We paint, repair, build and try to leave the camp just a little better every year.

Sign up now! Where else will you get five meals prepared by our master chef members and two nights accommodation for only \$120? (Rotaractors are \$90) – and don't forget fun and friendship!



Kids just LOVE mud!



End Polio Now

- by Stella Roy, Rotary International

After an inspiring two days of meetings **three Talking Points have come to light:**

1. **It is possible that Africa will come off the Endemic list in 2019** (leaving just Pakistan and Afghanistan)
2. **It is possible that Type 3 Virus will also come off the list** (leaving just Type 1 virus out of Type 2 and Type 3)
3. **We have been under 100 cases for the last 4 years** and under 50 cases for the last three.

I am full of optimism that Rotary's dream in 1985 will be realized. (looking at 2023 for the last case)

I thank you all for your continued support of this Essential Program. We see all too readily with the reintroduction of Measles the importance of completing the job. We must vaccinate all our children.

Our new District Governor Nominee Designate Ron Dick



I am pleased to confirm that Ron Dick of the Rotary Club of Oshawa will serve as District Governor for the Rotary Year 2021-22.

Please join me in congratulating our new District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND), Ron, on his new role!

Yours in Rotary,
Mary Lou Harrison
District Governor 2018-19

Learn more about Ron on our district website:

<https://rotary7070.org/stories/ron-dick-of-the-rotary-club-of-oshawa-will-serve-as-district-governor-for-the-rotary-year-2021-22/>

O CANADA

The music for this anthem was written by Calixa Lavallée, with French lyrics by Adolphe-Basile Routhier for Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day in June 1880. The most popular English version was written by Robert Stanley Weir in 1908.

It included the lines "True Patriot love thou dost in us command". Some time during World War I the line was changed to "True patriot love in all our sons command". Our formal National Anthem continued to be "God Save the Queen".

Some word changes were made when O Canada became our National Anthem in 1980. Despite many groups championing more gender-neutral wording since 1950, this didn't happen. In 2016 MP Mauril Bélanger introduced a private members bill to change the words to "True patriot love in all of us command". It passed the house unanimously in June 2016 and the senate in January 2018.

So sing with us - "True patriot love in all of us command!"

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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?

Upcoming Speakers & Events

March 2019

- 15 Sandy Boucher, Cybersecurity Risk
- 22 Stephan Dani, Running the Gobi Desert
- 29 Rahul Bhardwaj, Corporate Governance

EVENTS

- March 21, R2R National Club
- March 24, District Curling Event
- March 28, Steam Whistle Fundraiser
- May 24-26, Camp Scugog weekend

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LET'S BE PERSONAL

March 8th - Michele Guy
March 15th - Jane FitzGerald

Let's Be Personal

- by Jay Littlejohn



I had the pleasure of meeting the fine people of Rotary 10 years ago through my friends Michele Guy and Sandy Boucher. My first lunch was with several of our veterans for Remembrance Day. It was a heart-warming event and I was hooked with Rotary right away.

My favourite events include the wonderful work we do as a club at Camp Scugog preparing the camp in May for disadvantaged mothers and children. I have always been impressed by the Rotaractors selflessly giving back their time and efforts to the community in their early years long before many others learn to recognize the benefit and power of service above self.

My other highlight is the Children's Christmas Party. Every year 200+ disadvantaged children are treated by the Rotary to a day of

fun, crafts, food, dancing and best of all their favourite – a snowball fight with the police. My role as Santa Claus allows me to share the delight and excitement of Christmas with these children and their wonderful parents and families.

As a career I have spent 30 years in the commercial real estate field, first as a landlord representative with Brookfield and Manulife, and over the last 20 years as an agent representing people and businesses to find, strategize and negotiate the right office space solution; whether that be to renew, relocate or sublet their space.

Rotary has surrounded me with great people with great values, which has led to great friendships. I look forward to becoming more involved over the coming years to continue the feeling of warmth generated by service above self.

What You Missed March 1, 2019

- by Robert O'Brien



Today's meeting on the 1st day of the new month of March, Rotary, like the old proverb, came in like a lion and went out with a lamb. The Imperial Room was filled.

President Jeff welcomed two new members: Chialing Ku and Neisely Eugene. Both are Past Presidents of the Rotaract Club of Toronto which remind us that Rotaract is not only a strong partner with our Club in joint projects but it is an important source of recruitment for future Rotarians. Thanks to Rohit Tamhane for sponsoring both of these wonderful new members.

Jay Littlejohn delivered the "Let's Be Personal" feature. Jay is a third generation Rotarian and with his tremendous enthusiasm he reminded us why being a member of The Rotary Club of Toronto is so fulfilling and enriching.

Past President Bill Morari promoted our Club's Annual Fundraiser at the Steam Whistle on March 28th. Saleem Kassam encouraged members to attend our Rotary meeting on March 8th for an important address by Barbara Gosse on Human Trafficking. While Saleem was speaking, Bob Rae noted that he is on the Board of Directors of her Centre and that Barbara is indeed a powerful speaker with a powerful message.

Today's powerful speaker was the Honourable Bob Rae and he was introduced by Past President Robert O'Brien. Robert noted that Mr. Rae first spoke to our Club on February 8, 1991 early in his term as Ontario's 21st Premier and in the 28 years since he has spoken to us five times. Each time Mr. Rae has had an important message to share and today was no exception.

Today was about the Genocide and Refugee Crisis in Myanmar for which he was appointed the Prime Minister's Special Envoy and he has travelled to the region, interviewed the victims, is an eyewitness to the horrors taking place there and has rendered a report on the crisis. There are a million Rohingya refugees living in enclosed camps who have fled to Bangladesh to avoid ethnic and religious persecution by

Myanmar's security forces and at least 10,000 who have been brutally and systematically murdered in the genocide. Mr. Rae spoke about how the refugee situation in Myanmar is representative of major transformative changes in the world in the 21st century and how the architecture created at the end of World War II has broken down or is not equipped to deal with the important new challenges in the world today. He summarized how we have reached the point we have by a lack of understanding and a lack of leadership in dealing with the changes in the world and what needs to be done in the future. Mr. Rae has visited to the refugee camps in Bangladesh including two weeks on his 39th anniversary with his wife Arlene and he described the systematic problems of crime, drugs, lack of education, lack of funding and hopelessness in those camps. He tackled the notion that what is happening in far-off Bangladesh and Myanmar is not our business and is far away. He noted that no country is too far away and that the current reality is that the world is here in Toronto, that the conflicts come to us and more and more the world will encroach on us. He commended the extraordinary and dedicated volunteers in the refugee camps but that is not enough. We are not immune and we must recognize the problem and engage. Today's address coming from a respected world statesman was sobering and a serious message that we in our comfortable world need to hear, pay attention to and take action. Mr. Rae, like the month of March, is indeed "a Lion in Winter".



Speaker Bob Rae

Now on the subject of lambs—our sacrificial lamb for the Ace of Clubs draw—was Harold Hetherington who took home the wine. The pot builds and survives to another day.

Happy March everyone!

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