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Today's Program

Hazelle Palmer, CEO Sherbourne Health Centre

Topic

Celebrating International Women's Day

Host

Women's Initiatives Committee

Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street



Hazelle is a seasoned senior executive with more than 20 years experience in the non-profit sector. Before joining Sherbourne she was Executive Director of

the AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT) and previously Executive Director of Planned Parenthood of Toronto. Hazelle holds a Master's Certificate in Health Care Management as well as a Bachelor in Communications from Carleton University. She is former Managing Editor of Health Care Magazine and worked as a Television producer for WTN and Upfront Entertainment. She has also held Board positions with various non-profit organizations, including Women's College Hospital.

Register Online Now: Camp Scugog Weekend

By – Susan Howson



The online registration is now open:

<https://goo.gl/QGt00J>

When: May 26 to 28, 2017

Where: Camp Scugog is outside Port Perry just over an hour from Toronto

Who is Lake Scugog Camp: A fresh air camp for children, teens and mothers so that they can gain new knowledge, attitudes and skills in a safe environment.

Why them: Because they are a non-profit camp focused on needy children in the centre of Toronto. They have little funding and need us very much.

For more information, please contact Susan Howson:
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Youth Leadership Expo – April 4th at the Daniels Spectrum – Call for Volunteers...

For the 5th year, The Rotary Club of Toronto, the Rotaract Club of Toronto and the Rotaract Club University of Toronto are organizing the Youth Leadership Expo.

Students from Grades 8 to Grade 12 from the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board participate in the event, during which we have guest speakers, Not for Profit organizations helping Toronto Youth in community services, Rotarians and Rotaractors talk to the young students, educate them about Community Services and get them motivated to participate in Community service.

The Youth Initiatives sub-committee of the Rotary Club of Toronto has many activities planned for April 4th. We are calling upon you to help us during the 5th Youth Expo. We need volunteers to help usher students, talk to the young students about community service and other activities for the event. We will need your help from 8:30 am till 3:00 p.m. - broken in two shifts, 8:30 am till 12:30 pm and 12:30 p.m till 3:30 p.m on April 4th.

We also need Rotarians to join our sub-committee to help with the many events planned for this year and future years. These events include the Youth Expo, the Youth Civic Leadership Awards and the Youth Day Lunch.

If you are interested in participating in great initiatives to help promote Youth Leadership and involvement in Community Service, please contact any of the following:

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The Rotary Club of Toronto's
Annual Fundraiser at
The Steam Whistle Brewery
Thursday, March 30th 2017 6:30 pm

The Steam Whistle Brewery
255 Bremner Blvd. (South East Of Rogers Centre)

Donations can be made online
For those not attending.

All donations made will go towards Rotary's
many charitable activities.

Enjoying the Larger World of Rotary

Rotary is not just our club or our district. Reach out and mix with Rotarians around the world.

**Rotary International Convention 2017,
Atlanta Georgia, June 10-14**



Register online at www.riconvention.org. Join the 118 members and guests from our club who are already registered. Volunteer to help out at our booth to publicize the RI Convention 2018 in Toronto. All volunteers will receive a free T-shirt. We will have people at this booth in the House of Friendship for the entire conference so your help is needed. We will send the link through clubrunner soon.

We are also celebrating the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation, a fund of over \$1 billion which is recognized as one of largest and most prestigious international programs in the world. It has been a leading contributor to Polio Eradication with donations of over \$1 billion. Each year it contributes matching funds to projects led by Rotary Clubs around the world. It has funded scholarships, Rotary Peace Fellowships, and Group Study Exchange.

Peace Fellow - from District 7080 – Marie-Paule Attema

– by Kurt Kroesen

From Ian Riseley, RI President

First off, I'd like to thank you all again for supporting the Polos for Peace initiative, which raised a total of \$90,000, enabling us to fund our own Peace Fellow, in the name of the 2017-18 Rotary leadership team.

As I announced during the International Assembly, our Rotary Peace Fellow is Marie-Paule Attema. Sponsored by District 7080 Canada, she will be attending the University of Queensland in Australia for a 16-month long program, beginning this month. I'd like to share her thank you letter with you, which you can read at <https://goo.gl/VwZDkl>.



Photo credit: Drew Schmidt

Marie-Paule is a survivor of the Rwandan genocide and is now living in Canada, where she completed her Masters of Social Work degree while doing a great deal of impressive volunteer work. Her career goal, in her own words, is to contribute to recovery and mental health in the aftermath of armed conflict, and in the long term, to promote peace and equality through global policymaking.

In addition to regular reports on her fellowship, you can keep up with her progress through quarterly updates that will be released from my office. She will also write blog posts, where she shares her impressions of the program, her applied field experience, and later her post-fellowship reflections.

I will be staying in touch with Marie-Paule in the months ahead, including visiting with her at the University of Queensland in March 2018, where we will sit down for an interview.

Through Marie-Paule you will all be able to see the very concrete ways in which your contributions will be Making A Difference in one young person's life, and many other lives in the future.

Rotary Uncorked - District 7070 Conference – November 3-4, 2017



Join our own Neil Phillips who will be our District Governor in 2017-18. The conference will be at the beautiful White Oaks Conference Resort & Spa in Niagara Falls. The first block of rooms is already booked so don't wait - go online at www.rotary7070conference.org/ to register and book your room.

And of Course! Rotary International Conference 2018 – Toronto



get ready. Contact Michele if you want to join one of the planning teams but be ready to sign up as soon as the 2018 website is up.

Mark your calendars for the event of your lifetime on June 23-27, 2018. Toronto has hosted more RI conferences than any other city and we expect numbers to be YUGE! Don't miss your opportunity to participate or serve. Our own Michele Guy is co-chair with Michael Cooksey and the planning committee is hard at work. This will be a fantastic event so



Red Stripe Ceremony – Annie Chu

Annie joined The Rotary Club of Toronto on November 20, 2015. She felt that as a former Rotaractor and someone who had greatly benefited from the support and mentorship of this club in the past, she should choose to join the Youth & Children's Service Committee as her primary service commitment so that she could continue to bridge and strengthen the ties we have with our various and exciting youth initiatives.

She has also participated in the Children's Christmas Party, attended a few R2Rs (and given a spirited presentation at one of them) and volunteers as Assistant Sgt. and Sgt. at Arms. This year she is taking on a bigger role as vice chair of the Y&C Service Committee and has also signed on to being the new Rotary Youth Exchange Liaison and Counsellor. Annie is really looking forward to supporting our first Youth Exchange student in quite a few years and the new Ryerson Rotaract Club.

Rotary Walk for HIV/AIDS



April 29th 2017 will mark our 8th Walk for HIV/AIDS in Toronto. The website is up and we welcome you to join our team Toronto High Flyers. Sign up and walk with us at the Beach Boardwalk. There are 17,000 people who are HIV+ in Toronto and almost 30 million in Africa alone. In Africa it is mainly women and children who are suffering. But treatment is helping them lead productive lives. Cures are in the works.

Go to www.toronto.rotaryaidswalk.ca to register or donate.

The Phillips Report

– by Neil Phillips



This report is one where you have to attend the lunch to get the Full Monty. You were lucky to get a report at all considering the great social event the night before.

So I was locked out of the office last week.... And Bert is back with us, how great. We should send Harvey to Los Angeles to keep the presenters and PwC in line for the envelopes next year and Jackie to run a 50-50 to make money. Any other comments about happenings south of the border are strictly on a no tweeting order. On our side we need to keep a sane head with PC leaderships votes coming up.

So go to Atlanta, attend our conference in Niagara Falls in November and continue to root for the Leafs.

RI President
John Germ

District Governor
Jim Louttit, Toronto Sunrise

The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

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What You Missed Reporter for March 10th:
Brigitte Bogar

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 2017

- 17 no meeting, March Break
- 24 Mark Saunders, Chief of Police
- 31 Ted Barris, 100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge

April 2017

- 7 Bob Rae, former MPP, Ontario Premier and MP
- 21 David Miller, CEO, WWF, Earth Day
- 28 Hugh Segal, Master of Massey College

Events

- March 15 President's Cocktails, 6 PM The National Club
- March 18 Games Afternoon. Café de Melbourne
- March 30 Club Fundraiser. Steam Whistle
- April 4 Youth Expo
- April 12 President's Cocktails, 6 PM The National Club
- April 29 Rotary Walk for HIV/AIDS
- May 4 en Ville Dinner
- May 26-28 Camp Scugog weekend
- June 10-14 RI Convention, Atlanta

Propose a Speaker – Contact

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Another Great Social Event!

- by Brigitte Bogar



A perfect evening of Armagnac, Cognac and Calvados at the National Club!

The food was gorgeous, including the pan-seared scallops, the wine poached pears with Roquefort and walnuts, foie gras terrine, rabbit paté and braised Alberta beef short ribs among other delicacies. The extraordinary and amazing selection of spirits were superbly chosen with my favourite being the Domaine les Remparts Armagnac from 1975. While I do sometimes find wine talks a little dry, the introduction was captivating, entertaining and well thought through. It was simply a great evening. To those of you who missed the event I wouldn't say that you missed one of the best Fellowship and Entertainment events of the event of the year, because Neil might just surprise me again in the fall and we have some other amazing events coming up. You did however miss the most spectacular event I have ever attended at The National Club.



Caption Director Peter Simmie enjoying the nibbles and special samples

What You Missed, March 3, 2017

- by Lorna Johnson



Friday's luncheon at the National Club started with a rousing pre-lunch rendition of musical numbers by our own Brigitte and Glenn, serenading the attendees.

After the march-in of the head table, an invocation singing of O Canada and toast to the Queen, Past President, Bill Morari apologized for the "big heads" of those who enjoyed the finest cognacs and Armagnacs the previous night during the FnE tasting event held at the National Club. Bill then presented 4 Visiting Rotarians and 6 Guests who were welcomed by President Susan and the members. A Rotary Banner was exchanged with the Rotary Club of Nomt, Mongolia.

President Susan thanked President Elect Pat Neuman for chairing the previous Friday's meeting. During the past week, President Susan was invited by John Andras and Chris Snyder to attend a reception hosted by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario to celebrate the success of HIP's (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) in-kind collection campaigns. John Andras gave a rousing and inspiring speech.

John Fortney answered the question of "How can we help our Club?" by asking that every member donate the cost of one ticket, \$135, for our one-and-only annual fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Toronto's Charitable Foundation. There are still spaces for volunteers to work on the night. Contact Dawn-Marie King.

Brent Thomas announced a "SAVE THE DATE" for the Youth Day expo (April 4th) and Youth Day lunch (June 9th).

President Susan led the Red Stripe ceremony along with New Member mentor, Rohit Tamhane, and re-introduced Annie Chiu to the Club.

Past President and District Governor Elect, Neil Phillips presented The "Phillips Report," followed by his introduction of the guest speaker, Mitty Chang. Neil has met Mitty at a number of Rotary Conferences and shares the love of both Rotary and Scotch. Mitty has a 15-year history with Interact, Rotaract, and now Rotary, based in the U.S.

Mitty started with some sobering statistics. Although globally, RI membership is flat, the growth is in Asia and the trend in North America is downward, with the average age of a Rotarian being 55 years. Only 5% of Rotaractors become Rotarians.

Mitty led us through an inspiring "Dragon Slayer Ceremony," and presented the 5 key lessons to attract new people to Rotary:

1. *Psychographics not Demographics - as long as you are like-minded, it doesn't matter what age you are - you can still have the conversation*
2. *First impressions are critical - make prospective members feel welcome*
3. *Build a "Yes and" culture - saying "No" to new ideas can result in people leaving Rotary*
4. *Build value to membership - approach it from the young person's life stage*
5. *Get off the couch and outreach - in person, digital, social media - do whatever you can*

The next generations want to join Rotary- they just don't know it yet.

President Susan thanked Mitty with a gift in his name to PAC H2O Water Backpacks in conjunction with the Club's International Service Committee.

Lorraine Lloyd vied for a chance to win the 50/50 pot of \$3,628 and walked away with wine.



Our happy (and active) head table



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