

Today's Program

Stella Roy

Topic

Our Centennial \$100,000 donation to PolioPlus – How Did it Make a Difference?

Host

Neil Phillips, *proud to be our District Governor*

Location

Fairmont Royal York, Tudor Rooms, 7 & 8



Born in England, Stella graduated from St Thomas' Hospital in physiotherapy in 1978, moved to Penticton, BC in 1980 to do a locum and to learn to ski. She moved to Nova Scotia in 1985 to upgrade to a degree and sail her laser.

Stella began her Rotary journey with the Bedford Sackville and District Rotary Club in 1994 and could not

imagine the impact that Rotary would have on her life. Her club now is The Rotary Club of Halifax Harbourside, and she served as Club President in 1996-97.

Stella served as District Governor for D7820 in 2014-2015, which covers Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador, Prince Edward Island and St Pierre et Miquelon (French Overseas Territory). She loved learning that each community and club is unique and all the different ways that Rotarians are working in their communities, especially up in the north of Labrador and the small communities in rural Nova Scotia.

Stella is honoured to be working as the current End Polio Now Zone Coordinator for 24E. Or, in true Rotary acronym fashion: EPNZC! She is also trainer for the Rotary Foundation Grant program for District 7820.

Stella has been on NID (National Immunization Day) trips to Nigeria led by Ann Lee in 2013-2015 and recently returned in November of 2017 so is uniquely positioned to share the amazing changes that have led to Nigeria being polio free for the second time for over a year.

She has also been to India, and then Madagascar in 2015. She saw the three stages of polio eradication, India being more than three years polio free, Madagascar in turmoil because of 10 cases of vaccine derived polio because of lax vaccination programs and Nigeria at 1 year polio free.

Stella is a Paul Harris Society Member, a Bequest Society Member and has received the regional Service Award for a Polio Free World.

She works as a physiotherapist in the area of Women's Health in Bedford and her hobbies include sailing, hiking and paddle boarding with her dog Sailor.



OUR CLUB HAS BEEN THERE SINCE 1963. TO CELEBRATE OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY OUR CLUB DONATED 3,000 DOSES OF THE VACCINE TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF MITHAPUR, INDIA.

From the Voice of September 5, 1963:

The following is an excerpt from a letter of Dr. R.B. McClure in India in connection with the gift of the Toronto Club of 3,000 doses of Polio Vaccine to mark the 50th anniversary of the club.

"Thank you very much for your letter of June 27. Please convey to the Rotary Club of Toronto our sincere thanks for their cooperation for carrying on this international service project. We feel that there is much to talk about international friendship. Yet for so many clubs the channels for expressing international friendship in a suitable manner are often very limited. This polio project, we feel, is an international project that is not subject to any misunderstanding. We are grateful, therefore to your club, for its interest in this project, and you have shown that interest in the usual practical Rotarian manner.

In closing could I ask the individual members of your Club and particularly the officers, as they go around and visit other clubs in the district, to talk up this Polio Vaccination Project and to urge other clubs to help in this worthwhile effort."

In 1985, Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$7.2 billion to the effort.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of our club we donated \$100,000 to PolioPlus.

Today, there are only two countries that have never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus; Afghanistan and Pakistan. Nigeria has been polio free for more than a year now. Two more years and the country can be declared polio-free. Just 17 polio cases were confirmed worldwide in 2017, which is a reduction of more than 99.9 percent since the 1980s, when the world saw about 1,000 cases per day.

**TOGETHER WITH YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT
WE CAN GET THERE.**

The Work of Foundations

Our foundation (RCTCF) contributed \$100,000 to PolioPlus in our Centennial year. PolioPlus is part of the global fund, The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Our club is currently contributing at least \$40,000 a year to TRF. With assets of over \$400 million TRF is able to “do good in the world”.

How do we benefit from our donation? All annual contributions are invested for three years and the earnings go to expenses of grant approvals. After three years 50% of our district’s contributions are earmarked as District Designated Funds (DDF) for use by club projects in 7070.

Global Grants are the major use of these funds. A club determines a project which falls into TRF’s six areas of focus in partnership with an overseas club. We currently are working on one with the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport to build Toilets for Girls at rural schools.

A club contribution of \$3,000 can receive \$3,000 in matching DDF. Then this \$6,000 receives \$4,500 from TRF. We are working with 5 other clubs in our district to bring the grant to a total of \$38,000. Your money in action!



Cijay Shah inspecting completed toilet

Member Engagement: A Key Component of our Roadmap to 2020

- by Lori Brazier



The top 6 initiatives on our Roadmap to 2020 were outlined in the February 23rd issue. Number 2 on the list is all about member engagement...and ensuring we help our members meet their philanthropic goals among friends (our Vision as we make our way to 2020). Our club would not survive without members to contribute ideas and devote time to club activities... and without the passion that comes from everyone believing that collectively we can make a real difference in the community.

Initiative #2 reads “continue to build on best practices for member engagement” and, more specifically,

1. Check in with non-active members periodically;
2. Arrange follow-up meetings after initial new member interview;
3. Invite new members to help with a specific club task/initiative; and
4. Grow the buddy system.

We do these things right ...and we fuel that required passion!

A lot has been in place for a while, and we shall continually seek to ensure that what we do is relevant and useful. Here’s what we have in place:

- Some of our members are currently not active in committee or other work, and don’t often make it out to lunch or other events. If that is you, John Lloyd will be in touch just to see how things are, and explore whether there is some way of getting you back into activities, assuming no health or other barriers stand in the way. We certainly have lots to do in connection with Roadmap to 2020 and even just a little time here and there can make a big difference!
- The tours of Rotary projects that many will remember fondly from years back will resume shortly
- We will also stay in touch with members who might be facing health or other personal challenges – to ensure we maintain the connection to all of our Rotary family.
- New members are assigned coaches/mentors whose role is to welcome, facilitate introductions and help the new member find a way to contribute and achieve those goals that are the foundation of our Vision for 2020. Joining a new group is not always easy. Coaches are there to help get the ball rolling. Our current coach roster includes Krystyna Benyak, Jane FitzGerald, Bert Steenburgh, John Lloyd, Annie Chu, Bill Empey and me.
- In particular, coaches will guide new members toward tasks and activities that align with their individual interests and talents – win/win for all us!
- Growing the buddy system: we will continue to provide coaches with tools and ideas to improve the mentoring process. We also can provide “buddies” to members who have been in the club for a while, but want to get re-integrated or re-energized...or just want some extra support. Contact me (Lori) if interested!

The Member Engagement stream includes over 20 initiatives that will be actioned across the next 3 years. Watch for more news in future issues and through our new website when it is up and running. We also welcome further ideas and help. Please contact Lori Brazier.



Only 16 Weeks till the start of RI Toronto Convention June 23-27, 2018

Can you spare 3 or 4 hours to be a Volunteer Ambassador when the world comes to visit us?

WEB SITE

Go to: rotary2018.org/volunteer

Once you set up your personal Vroom password, all the shifts will be shown. Choose the day(s) you can help and where you'd like to be.

WHO

Jobs inside MTCC – you must be registered for the Convention to work inside the Metro Convention Centre.

Jobs outside MTCC – you, your family members (over 17 years of age) and friends do not need to be registered for the Convention, however, you must have a Rotarian vouch for you, when signing up.

WHERE

We'll need a limited number of volunteers at the Evening Events, both on Saturday, June 23rd. Rock at the Distillery OR Jazz at the Aquarium and we'll need about 90 volunteers at our final Evening Event on Tuesday, June 26th at ROTARYFEST. Buses will run from MTCC from 4 p.m. onwards to / from the CNE.

We'll need volunteers at Pearson Terminals 1 & 3 and Billy Bishop Airports.

We'll need volunteers at 10 Downtown Hotels.

We'll need volunteers at Union Station.

Inside MTCC, we'll need volunteers for many jobs such as volunteers in the House of Friendship, MTCC Directional Guides and Transportation Guides, HOC Evening Ticket Event Sales, etc.

Volunteer LEADERS will give you on-site training, you'll have lots of fun and welcome people from around the world. Don't you want to be part of the excitement when over 30,000 visit us in June?

Lorraine Lloyd

Co Chair Ambassadors & Volunteers

Toronto 2018 Host Organizing Committee ('HOC')

Mark Your Calendars!



District 7070 Curling Bonspiel

Date: Sunday Mar 25, 2018 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fee: \$200 per team (\$50 per person)

Location: Oshawa Golf and Curling Club

160 Alexander Street

Oshawa, ON L1G 2C4

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM - [Click Here to register](#)



And our BIGGIE! - Camp Scugog May 25-27

If you haven't been you have no idea what you are missing. Fun, fellowship and food. And satisfaction at good work done. We make a difference in the lives of so many children by what we can do to keep this camp running.

Mark your calendars and watch for the link to register on our website and in emails.

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Ian Riseley

District Governor

Neil Phillips, Toronto

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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

9 Paulette Senior, Canadian Women's Foundation

16 Jagmeet Singh, Federal NDP leader

23 Barbara Thomson, Google Suite 4 Non-Profits

30 NO MEETING, Good Friday

Events

March 25 District Curling Event

March 29 Club Fundraiser, Steam Whistle Brewery

April 22 Highway of Heroes – Tree Planting

April 28 Rotary Walk for AIDS

May 25-27 Camp Scugog

June 23-26 RI Convention

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 The Health Bus makes regular stops at community locations (shelters, drop-ins and specialized community agencies) so individuals can come aboard to receive services targeted to their needs.
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What You Missed February 23, 2018

- by Bert Steenburgh



On this 113th anniversary of Rotary's birth, things started off so nicely. The National Club was a-buzz with the fellowship of Rotarians and guests welcoming each other. The inimitable Harvey Sullivan was holding-court to ensure all was in order and National Club CEO Bill Morari was seated at a desk signing-in visiting Rotarians and guests. Rudy Haddad was selling 50/50 tickets like hotcakes and Belli was ensuring the money flowed from our pockets into the club's coffers as appropriate. The RCT world was in perfect order. What could go wrong?

Well President Pat gave the nod for the bell to ring bringing this soiree to order. The Head Table group awaited the march-in music. Alas, we had a keyboard, but no musician. Stark clapping would have to do. Then, we awaited what I surmise was to be a special Rotary birthday invocation on the video screen. We waited - to no avail. So, we skipped that and moved-on to the National Anthem – sung a-capella which started off pretty roughly but we did end on the same note.

You might think I have reported all of this from a disparaging perspective. You would be wrong. The smiles around the room as all of this unfolded and the good-hearted humour with which we faced these adversities actually was a wonderful celebration of this movement called Rotary. It occurs to me that Rotary has survived and flourished around the world as wars have come and gone; storms of the climatic type and those caused by humans have raged and all manner of challenges have presented themselves to thwart order in the world. Rotary continues to be a formidable force for peace, fellowship and good works notwithstanding the challenges to the order of things.

We welcomed visiting Rotarians from Calgary and Dryden, 2 Rotaracters from Toronto and one from Oslo, Norway. Bill Morari made a pitch for all members to get behind our March 29th Fundraiser at The Steam Whistle Brewery. We have a lofty goal of \$100,000.00 and we truly need every member engaged on this one.

Karen Scott, standing-in for Host Luba Rascheff, introduced us to our guest speaker Mona Lancaster who told us about a wonderful program which places women with dementia in homes where they live in a non-medical, cooperative home staffed primarily by volunteers. The program stems from a European model which strives to “normalize dementia” treating each person as an individual and helping them to continue using the faculties they have in a creative and humane way. A memorable phrase from Mona for me was “people may not remember what you say to them, but they will never forget how you made them feel”. This grassroots program fits right in with so many things Rotary has promoted around the world.

Krystyna Benyak won the Ace of Clubs draw but drew a 5 of Hearts. The pot continues to grow.

A great day at Rotary. If you were not there, you missed a wonderful meeting.

Only 4 weeks to go to the major fundraiser of our Rotary club. In this, our 10th year we want to go big! Our previous events have raised over \$450,000.

President Pat has set a target of \$100,000 for 2018! That's a tall order but we can do it with your help. Buy a ticket, or a table or If you can't attend, we ask you to make a donation for the price of a ticket.

If you can be a sponsor, contact Fabio Ventolini or Bill Morari. If you have an idea for a prize, let Pat Neuman know. Great food by En Ville, best beer in town by Steam Whistle and fabulous prizes! As always, it will be one of the Best Nights in Toronto!! We are asking every member to fully support this Fundraiser and help make our goal of \$100,000!!! Register or donate online at <https://goo.gl/pwnX1w> or call the office.

March Birthdays!

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| 3 | Winz Casagrande | 16 | Brinda Luckoo |
| | Jackie Davies | | Eardley Samuels |
| 9 | Ross Amos | 22 | John Talman |
| 10 | Annie Chu | 25 | James Macdonald |
| 12 | Bill Hepburn | 31 | John Fortney |
| 14 | Geoffrey Johnson | | Prince Kumar |
| 15 | John Gregory | | |

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