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Today's Program Prince Kumar **Location** National Club, 303 Bay St.

Topic

Google for non-profits (G4NP) – Our future today – welcome to the launch!



Blessed with some great mentors and influencers early in his life, Prince is driven by 3 journeys: Ever Learning Ever Growing, Empower and Enable to Achieve, and Quest for Peace. These help define his philanthropic life goals and pursuit within Rotary and elsewhere.

With 20 years of management advisory experience, across Canada, US and internationally, Prince has led projects in numerous sectors including Utilities, Finance, Municipalities and Cities, Crown Corporations, Oil & Gas, Logistics, IT, Service, Health Care, Public Transportation, Manufacturing, Automotive, Construction, Not-profits, Nuclear Power, Food & Beverage, Aviation and Retail. While his service above has varied within the 5 offerings of the firm he founded - StraNexus, be it entire organizational transformation or gradual improvements, the consistent 3 ingredients for success have been: organizational 'buy-in', knowledge transfer and tangible results.

When a non-profit organization, such as The Rotary Club of Toronto, aims to reach new heights in making an impact with its Vision 2020, it needs to have the right tools to enable it to succeed. Our Roadmap to 2020 was developed with the members and their 'buy-in'. A team of Rotarians, with diverse backgrounds and a common thread that binds them together to find simple solutions for improving the way Rotary does its work, was set to task. In addition, as one of the tools chosen to help make our Club more efficient and effective, Google for non-profits (G4NP) has been adopted. It will expand our reach to fundraise, collaborate more efficiently and to raise awareness about the causes and stories that drive Rotarians and add impact on the communities we serve, thus ensuring for us a receptive, wider audience.

Welcome to the launch of G4NP! Get a glimpse of our future today, in being able to reach these goals. G4NP offers many tools to enable our Club to make a greater impact. It is up to us how much or how little we want to use it, at our own pace.

We can help each other get there with knowledge transfer. This includes frequent communications (like our Roadmap to 2020 Updates you may have been enjoying in Voice), training as and when required, and supporting each other at ground roots level.

Barbara Thomson has been instrumental in helping us lead the communications. You can help by letting us know if you are familiar with the G Suite products and are willing to be a training buddy for another Rotarian or if you need help getting there. Fill out a brief 'G4NP' form on survey.rotarytoronto.com

Your G4NP Rotary task force members are here to help:



Brent Thomas, Corporate Security & IS Architecture, Bell Canada Sharing the same haplogroup as Leonid Tolstoy, Jimmy Buffett and Warren Buffett, genetically speaking Brent will consume a little bit more caffeine than our average Rotarian. Did you know he also

plays trumpet, trombone and piano – watch out Camp Scugog! Professionally he is accredited with 7 designations and is regarded as an expert in information security and risk management. Brent is driven by the need to give back to the community and he wants to ensure that his efforts are making a tangible difference locally and globally. He is the mastermind behind our IT infrastructure including the creation of our digital Club Feedback form – check it out at survey.rotarytoronto.com.



Dawn-Marie King, Director, Medical Imaging and Laboratory Medicine, St. Michael's Hospital

Dawn-Marie is the Chair of Youth and Children's Services Committee and a member of the Fundraising Committee. In her spare time she is Co-Chair of the Host Organizing Committee Volunteer Ambassadors

for the 2018 RI Convention. She joined our Club in 2014 and is loving every minute of it. She is known to be a go-getter and has put together numerous successful teams of volunteers in various projects in our club. She brilliantly took on the challenge to create the G4NP form – so help her by filling it out on survey.rotarytoronto.com. She can help share her new knowledge with your committee, so you can set up similar forms / sign-up sheets for events online.



Jonathan Wu, Tax and Economic Development, Bank of Montreal

Did you know Jonathan can type over 90 words a minute, which of course makes him the perfect candidate to be the secretary of the Community Services Committee, but also fits in perfectly with the

need to come up with an efficient template for minutes on Google Docs. This also helps Jonathan conserve his valuable typing speed and not waste time on formatting. He is taking on many other projects at G4NP and is also helping to provide one-on-one guidance, if needed, to help you get started on your @rotarytoronto.com account.



Maureen Bird, Rotarian Extraordinaire

Maureen was the only woman in the math program in her university. She went into computer programming in the 60s, then taught high school math, and later became a financial planner. She joined Rotary in 1986 – her fourth career! No project in Rotary is too small or

too big for Maureen and her work in service has spanned all aspects of our club. In the G4NP team, she has put together the best practices to set up a google video call for our members and like Jonathan is helping provide one-on-one guidance, if needed, to help you get started on your @rotarytoronto. com account.



Sandy Boucher, Forensic Investigations & Dispute Resolution, Grant Thornton LLP

Sandy has a full time job as father of five including three small boys, the youngest of whom is two. In his spare time he works in the forensic group of a large accounting firm. It was his vision in 2012 that helped create the Strategic Planning Committee in our Club.

He is a pioneer for ideas that are simple and save time. In G4NP he has helped setup a much needed Rotary calendar to keep us and potential members informed and organized in the great projects we are all involved in.

Other team members include Chantelle McDonald and Heather Gordon. Join us!

Youth Day - Lunch Ticket Donations Needed Please!

We need your help to celebrate Youth Civic Leadership on May 4, 2018. Please donate a lunch ticket to bring a Youth and their guests on May 4. Write down your name on the back and give the ticket to either Brent Thomas, Jeff Dobson, Mary Bennett, Edvard Ryder, Prince Kumar or one of Rotaractors collecting tickets during lunches. Thank you!

April Birthdays!

- 1 Caroline Sneath
- 2 Andrea Tirone
- 3 Heather Hetherington
- 4 Geoffrey Cobham
- 6 Lloyd Barbara
- 7 Susan Hunter
- 10 Karl Kremer
- 11 Neda Pajooman
- 17 Alan Crawford
- 18 Pat Neuman
- 22 Vlad Kagramanov
- 25 Carol Hutchinson
- 28 David Higgins

Upcoming Speakers & Events

March 2018

30 NO MEETING, Good Friday

April 2018

- Fair Trade Canada
- 13 Wellington Brewery
- 20 Mark Cullen, Earth Day
- 27 Michele Fisher, Life After the Armed Forces

Events

District Curling Event

March 25 March 29 Club Fundraiser, Steam Whistle Brewery

April 7 Brunch at La Vecchia

Tree Planting – Sunnybrook Park Rotary Walk for AIDS April 22

April 28

Historic Walking Tour, June Brown May 5

May 25-27

Camp Scugog WIC, Walk A Mile in Her Shoes

June 23-26 RI Convention

Editor of the week

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Editor for April 6

What You Missed Reporter for March 23

Propose a Speaker - Contact Mario Voltolina, Chair - mario.voltolina@gmail.com

Submit an article to the Voice Newsletter therotaryvoice@gmail.com

Editor-in-chief: Maureen Bird



Our newest Rotarian: Pauline Lyons



Pauline is a very proud Torontonian. She lives and works in this beautiful city. The abundance of parks and green spaces are a perfect fit for her love of the outdoors. Her dad was an amateur athlete and he encouraged Pauline to participate in all types of sports. Today, she still enjoys yoga, cycling and hiking.

As a teen in high school, Pauline volunteered with local community organizations. Those activities ended due to time constraints brought on by career and family.

After attending York University Pauline decided to follow her dream of business ownership as a franchise partner in the food industry. She gained valuable business experience, which led to corporate opportunities in marketing, communications and sales. Presently, she holds the position Director of Marketing and Community Relations for an established senior home care agency - Living Assistance Services.

A colleague (Brian Porter) recommended The Rotary Club of Toronto. He suggested that it was a great way to develop relationships with other business people while providing service to the community.

At the urging of Brian, she attended a lunch and had a chance to meet some of the Rotary members. She is looking forward to becoming an active member of the community again and would like to do so as a member of The Rotary Club of Toronto.

What You Missed March 16th

- by Bert Steenburgh



Approaching the Roval York's beautifully ornate grand Ballroom, we were greeted by none other than wise Past President (1989/90) Brian

Westlake who was not taking names for our guests as we were expecting a gaggle of them. It turns out that our expectations were well founded. In addition to our guests, there was a table full of Rotaractors plus visiting Rotarians, including Ron Denham, who spearheads Water and Sanitation efforts around the world for Rotary International.

Andrea Tirone graced us with a wonderful report about the work of the Club's International Service Committee. Andrea paid tribute to our member Peter Naylor who had made a significant contribution to ensure that solar panels could be shipped to Ghana for a vocational school and will ensure a low-cost, sustainable form of power to the school. The committee is also at work with a Global Grant for toilets for girls in rural Mumbai India and is working on another global grant for business enterprise projects for female Syrian refugees in Jordan. This is in partnership with CARE.

President Pat then introduced Pauline Lyons, Director of Marketing and Community Service at Living Assistance Services, which provides for seniors where they want to be—at home, as a new member to the Club. Her sponsor Brian Porter appropriately was there to put on her Rotary pin.

John Andras provided a poignant introduction to our guest speaker, the recently elected Leader of the Federal New Democratic Party, Jagmeet Singh. Jagmeet started by paying tribute to his Mother who had taught him early in life that every person's life is powerful in its own way. He also paid tribute to Canadian NDP trailblazer Tommy Douglas. Jagmeet went on to put forward the notion that, although Canadians can be justly proud of our social support systems, it still is not "as good as it gets" especially in health care and in caring for and integrating our indigenous nations.

One of our guests won the Ace of Clubs draw – and, alas, she did win the wine.

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