

Today's Program

Ted Barris

Host

Alex Brown,
active member since 1984

Topic

100th Anniversary of
Vimy Ridge

Location

Fairmont Royal York,
Confederation Rooms 5&6



Ted Barris is an award-winning journalist, author, and broadcaster. For more than 40 years, his writing has regularly appeared in the national press – Globe and Mail, National Post, as well as magazines as diverse as Legion, Air Force and Zoomer. He has also worked as host/contributor for most

CBC Radio network programs and on TV Ontario. He is a full-time professor of journalism at Toronto's Centennial College.

Ted Barris is the author of 18 bestselling non-fiction books, including a series on wartime Canada: *June ... Days of Victory*, *... Behind the Glory*, *... Deadlock in Korea*, *...and Victory at Vimy*. In June 2014, his bestselling book *The Great Escape: A Canadian Story* won the 2014 Libris Non-Fiction Book of the Year Award (shared with astronaut Chris Hadfield). Among the awards Ted Barris has received: the international Billboard Radio Documentary Award, the Yorkton Film Festival's Golden Sheaf, as well as numerous ACTRA nominations. In 1993, he received the Canada 125 Medal "for service to Canada and community." In 2011, he was one of 19 civilians presented with the Minister of Veterans' Affairs Commendation. In 2012, the Air Force Association of Canada selected Ted Barris to receive Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal. In 2014, during a speaking tour in the U.S., Ted addressed members of the U.S. Stalag Luft III POW Association, who recognized his work in the *Great Escape* book with a Certificate of Honor.

Marg Stanowski receives the Distinguished Service Award

– edited presentation made by President Susan



The Distinguished Service Award is only presented occasionally to individuals in our Club who have made an outstanding contribution to the work and development of our Club. With the resounding support of the Honours & Awards Committee, I am so pleased to announce that we are bestowing this award today on Marg Stanowski.

Marg has consistently demonstrated exceptional service to Rotary, our Club and our Members. She is passionate about building safe and vibrant communities, has contributed greatly to our Club in many facets, and is a model of a strong, dynamic leader in Rotary. Marg's contributions to Rotary and this Club go beyond her involvement on multiple philanthropic and service committees, as well as the club board — but let me tell about her some of her many contributions.

She served on the Healthy Beginnings Committee, Membership Committee, Program Committee, and Women's Initiatives Committee. She was appointed to the Club board in 2005 for a 3-year term, and re-appointed in 2013 for another 3-year term. She received the Club Builder award in March 2007 and the Paul Harris Fellow/William Peace Award in April 2012.

She involved Rotary with the youth justice system including introductions and appointments with Roy McMurtry and other groups/individuals, was the brainchild behind Youth Drop in Centre in Scarborough and very involved in the PACT urban peace program. She was instrumental in the development of the governance material used in the orientation of Club board directors and was also involved in revamping this material this past year — I cannot underscore how important this work is.

She was the driving force behind our Club's support of Covenant House and the development of a transitional house for female victims of sex trafficking, a significant ground-breaking project. She worked closely with members of the Women's Initiatives Committee in partnership with Wendy Leaver, a former Toronto Police sex crimes unit detective, the Toronto Police Service, and the City of Toronto.

Our Club's commitment to the project is approximately \$300,000.

She is deserving and probably way overdue for our Distinguished Service Award.

Congratulations Marg.



President Susan presents Distinguished Service Award to Marg Stanowski.



Next Week at the National Club

Bob Rae, former Premier of Ontario,

MP and Interim Liberal Leader

“We know the Truth, but Reconciliation still needs Direction”

Scugog 2017 – Do not miss it!

Our annual camp weekend of May 26-28 is the social (and sweat) event of our Rotary year. We have been doing this event at children’s camps since the early 1940s.

Camp Lake Scugog services some of the most needy families in the GTA. The camp is located just east of Port Perry, an easy drive. As we work to get the cabins in shape we also indulge – we bring at least 7 of our top club chefs.

How can we forget Don’s cinnamon buns, Catherine’s pies, Geoffrey’s eggs, Paul’s porridge, Neil’s amuse-bouches, Jim’s BBQ ribs and Bill’s meats and vegetables? All this gourmet delight (for gourmands?) for only \$100!!

What a wonderful way to forge very special enduring friendships while doing “good” for others.

Sign up here! <https://goo.gl/QGt00J>



Bert Steenburgh will be back on paint duties in May.



Our refugee Family

– by Maureen Bird



Things continue to move slowly. But progress is being made! The family had their interview at the Canadian Embassy in Amman, Jordan in October and this week received a call back saying they have the file in an active status. Maureen’s MP has received information from IRCC that the arrival date should be in May. In the meantime the two-year old is recovering from a fractured femur. The family is not in a camp but could never return to Syria under the current situation. Updates will be coming.

Makeups

In March, member Karen Scott was in Kenya with Sleeping Children Around the World. She did two makeups, with the RC of Nairobi and RC Nairobi Muthaiga North.

Member Cijay Shah came over from an orphanage across the street to meet Karen’s group in Ongata Rongai. This is really a small world. Cijay is continuing his work to complete some needed additions at Ebenezer Children’s Home in Kenya in partnership with RC Nairobi.



Karen Scott at the Nairobi Muthaiga North club.



Dr. David Githanga, President of Rotary Club of Nairobi, Martin Koigu, Executive Director of Ebenezer, C. J. Shah, and Prof. John Fisher Kanene with the Ebenezer cheque.



And on this side of the world...Don Bell and some members of the Englewood Florida Club...no Blue Jay fans here!



Welcome New Member – Jason Colbert



New Member Jason Colbert with mentor, incoming Director John Farrell

Jason was born just north of London Ontario in a farming community. Jason is a Master Electrician and has his own Electrical business. He is also in partnership with his wife Lisa in a company she started 10 years ago called MediaFace which creates digital content for companies.

Last year Jason and Lisa helped out with Malachy's Soirée, a charity that brought funds and awareness to the St. Michael's neo-natal care unit, helping them meet their goal of raising over \$500,000 for St

Michael's. They look forward to helping them out again in 2018.

Jason has two amazing ladies in his life, his wife Lisa and 7 year-old daughter Elora. When they are not in the city you can usually find them up at the cottage on Stoney Lake.

Jason likes all sorts of sports from tennis and squash to swimming, basketball and sailing and Jason and his family love to travel.

He and his family moved to Toronto just over 4 years ago and have since enjoyed what the City has to offer. Jason is drawn to Rotary and their values of helping others and seeing them succeed.

Rotary Walk for HIV/AIDS, Saturday, April 29th 2017



This will mark our 8th Walk for HIV/AIDS in Toronto. We have raised over \$350,000 in the previous years. The website is up and we welcome you to join our team Toronto High Flyers captained by Maureen Bird. 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 and cures are in the works. Be a part of this effort. Walk with us or donate to the cause.

Go to <http://www.toronto.rotaryaidswalk.ca> to register or donate.

The Rotary Club of Toronto's 'Dinner Club' is back for one night only - April 29th 2017 – by June Brown



The goal of the evening is to give new Rotarians (last 3 years) the opportunity to get to know our established members in a casual setting with food, wine and conversation. The hosts for the evening will supply the venue and main course. Guests will bring a bottle of wine and either an appetizer, salad or dessert. It is fun, simple, inexpensive and it will foster good connections within our club.

Signup sheets will be on the tables at the Friday luncheons or contact June or Alex Brown if you would like to be a host or a guest: june_brown@rogers.com

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What You Missed Reporter for March 31st:
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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

April 2017

- 7 Bob Rae, former MPP, Ontario Premier and MP
- 14 NO LUNCH, Good Friday
- 21 David Miller, CEO, WWF, Earth Day
- 28 Hugh Segal, Master of Massey College

Events

- 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
- April 29 Dinner Club Event (Hosts & New Members)
- May 4 en Ville Dinner
- May 13 District Assembly, 8 AM – 2 PM, BMO Institute For Learning
- May 26-28 Camp Scugog weekend
- June 10-14 RI Convention, Atlanta

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What You Missed March 24th, 2017

- by Geoffrey Johnson



You missed a moist chicken breast with a tangy sauce, a lonely carrot and sweet potato mash followed by maple mousse. Now let's get to the real meat of the matter.

I introduced one visiting Rotarian and fourteen lucky guests. Making an observation on the commencement of spring, I noted the sap was rising in Quebec and much maple syrup was the result, however my sap is still stationary. President Susan announced the supper club is back on the menu. Small groups of Rotarians dining at one another's houses, I have attended these dinners in the past; a great way to enjoy good food and great fellowship!

The ever-eloquent John Fortney encouraged us to make a donation to our annual fundraiser at the Steam Whistle on the 30th March. He did not mention it was a poker night in front of the Police Chief! Jason Colbert, an eager new Rotarian was introduced and Marg Stanowski was presented with the Distinguished Service Award; Gottcha Marg, you were stunned!

Marg, after recovering from her award introduced our guest speaker, Mark Saunders, Chief of Toronto Police Service. Mark is a 34-year veteran of our police service. I thought he would give the often heard speech in a can but no, this chief was humorous, and obviously passionate in his commitment to policing. His humour included commenting on how diminutive he was in the company of the Dutch police who always tower above him and pointed out our visiting Dutch Rotarian Jeroen Borgsteede who was indeed at least a foot and a half taller than Mark. Puzzled why John Fortney had not mentioned our fundraising activity, Jeroen asked if it might be a weed dispensary.

Mark joined TPS in 1982 in 11 Division,

which includes "The Junction". He had experiences in the drug squad, became a detective in the major crime unit, became a tactical officer in the E.T.F. specializing in weapons, joined the apprehension squad, spent time as a homicide detective and the intelligence unit dealing with street gangs. During this time, he had several promotions, served in the professional standards office, then back to Homicide running a division. Mark then went on to become a specialized operations command officer when Bill Blair was at the helm of TPS. Mark stated he was operationally driven, looking at policing from the other side of the table.

Mark is honoured and enjoys being the police chief of North America's fourth largest city noting our citizens make the city as good as it is. We easily fielded 20,000 volunteers for the Pan Am games. Policing is not just keeping the bad guys from the good, people need help; police change from a warrior to a guardian. This was his mantra during the interview for the Chief's position and he got the job and is now practicing this philosophy.

Policing is many shades of grey. He asks himself when commanding:

- 1.) Is it lawful?
- 2.) Do we have the capacity?
- 3.) Does the community think it's valuable – (I guess a sort of 3-way test)

Years ago, the police were dealing with issues surrounding racism, mental health, and budget. Laughingly, Mark noted nothing has changed. Rotary was congratulated on our efforts against Human Trafficking; the Chief said it would not be where it is today if not for Rotary assistance with Covenant House. The direction Mark is moving the Police Service forward is towards community-centric policing, officers staying at least three years in one community, getting to know and building trust with the community, more police walking the beat, and listening to the feedback from the community.

Budget costs will be reduced dramatically with more reliance on technology and accountability. More effective deployment of officers, by employing civilians to take over simple policing tasks allows trained officers to be more effective. Investment in new technologies against cybercrime and strong partnerships with other agencies and civilian specialists will make a difference.

The Chief's presentation for me was relaxed, humorous, sincere, and definitely unexpected.

Good luck Chief, you've got my vote!
Rudy Haddad took home the wine from the 50/50.



Marg Stanowski and Chief Mark Saunders.

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