



Today's Program

Dr. Sam Geist

Topic

Technology's Impact on Society

Host

Sylvia Geist, *member since 2004*

Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street



Sam Geist is an author, expert business consultant, speaker and facilitator who presents topical keynotes, seminars and workshops to organizations and associations across North America.

He assists participants make sense of the rapidity with which change has enveloped the globe and offers strategies to successfully face both the present and the future.

He has written several books, including the best seller, "Why Should Someone Do Business With You...Rather Than Someone Else."

Camp Scugog, May 24-26

The chefs are busy planning the menu – a French theme! The team captains have checked out the camp and have a list of tasks. Sign up now! The event of the year!

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Jay Littlejohn and Harvey Sullivan at work

Attendance is Important!

Dear Committee Chairs and Secretaries,
Please email your committee attendance to office@rotarytoronto.com (for Harvey Sullivan Attendance Committee Chair), every time you have a committee meeting, whether the member attends physically, by Google Meet or by phone. This info is critical for a number of reasons. Please do this during your meeting or immediately following. Thank you from Harvey and Carol.

Your lunch tickets will make a difference!

Support the Youth Civic Leadership Award lunch on June 14 by donating your extra Rotary lunch tickets.

Your tickets will allow the winners and their parents to attend the YLA Lunch and celebrate their success. We are looking for your help! Feel free to reach out to Prince Kumar, Brent Thomas and Mary Bennett to pass on your tickets. We will recognize your donation during the Youth Civic Leadership Award lunch.



Aphrodisia Dinner Tuesday May 14th

Reception at 6:30PM, Dinner at 7 PM

Address: 165 Geary Ave., en Ville Catering

Limited to 40 people. Please respond to Rohit Tamhane on or before May 9, cancellations on or before May 9

Dinner is \$75/pp. BYOB - Please bring cash or a cheque.

Let's Be Personal

- by Blair Spinney



The news media has not been kind to condominium corporations. Between glass falling from buildings to frauds to alleged board conflicts, these communities are not held in high regard by the public. As a condominium corporation auditor, I would like to pass on my experience of the positive side of condominiums. I can attest that most of these buildings are well run and have communities where people get along well in general.

Here is a list of items to look for if you are considering ownership:

1. Location – A real estate agent can help you in that regard.
2. Age – New buildings can come with construction “surprises” and the warranty process does have its issue. If you are looking at a new building, you should consider the reputation of the builder. Older buildings have these issues resolved but things are starting to wear. You should look at the health of the reserve fund.
3. Competency of Board/Management (established corporations) – Other than word of mouth you have to rely on management’s results as evidenced in the status certificate which should be obtained. Attached will be the Notice of Future Funding of the reserve fund and the audited financial statements. These provide information on the health of the reserve and operating funds. In any case, you should have the offering documents or status certificate reviewed by a condo lawyer.

I find that there is parallel between Rotary and the condominium industry. Both are trying to bring positive change to the community!

May Birthdays!

- 1 Mike Johns
- 2 Tony Houghton
- 3 KenAndras
- 12 John Whincup
- 15 John Andras
- 17 Marg Stanowski
- 19 Bob Cartlidge
- 22 Brigitte Bogar
- 23 John Carr
- 24 David Hetherington, Mike Leon
- 25 Saleem Kassum
- 26 Krystyna Benyak
- 27 Susan Howson
- 28 Annelise Taylor
- 29 Gloria Lee
- 30 Lorr Lloyd
- 31 Mat Harrison

Welcome our newest member Chad Mitchell!

Chad was born and raised in Toronto. His parents immigrated to Toronto from Grenada in the 1960s and he is the youngest with seven siblings. He attended Humber College and studied computer engineering and completed a co-op placement with Hewlett Packard.

After graduation, He was hired by his current employer, which was called 121 Limited at the time, as the network administrator. 121 Limited has now evolved to Site Dudes, which creates custom websites for any size business and EVC Consulting, which works with academic institutes and corporate clients. 16 years later, Chad is proud to be the company's CEO.

The owner of the company mentioned Rotary to him about a year ago. After attending a lunch meeting at the Scarborough Club, he realized Rotary was something he would be interested in. He has been married for 6 years to his wife Tatiana and has a 3 year-old son named Camden with another on the way. He plays indoor touch football, ball hockey and loves to golf and snowboard.



Krystyna Benyak pins our newest member Chad Mitchell

What You Missed April 26, 2019

- by John Andras



Meeting at The National Club, 2 visiting Rotarians and 5 guests and a lighter than normal scattering of members (might have been the weather) enjoyed a remarkable and inspiring program.

We heard from "Camp Boss" Susan Howson about our camp weekend, a tradition since 1931. From Blue Mountain Camp to Camp Huronda to Lake Scugog Camp, we have made an undeniable impact. At Scugog, we have renovated cabins, donated over \$200,000 to rebuild the kitchen and dining hall. Our time, talent and treasury has allowed the camp to continue to serve inner city children and single moms living in poverty throughout the summer by providing 10 day sessions which deliver skill building and respite. Councillors and staff also provide year round leadership and mentoring for the campers.

We welcomed new member Chad Mitchell and heard Blair Spinney's "Let's get Personal".

We witnessed the presentation of \$5,000 to Water First from our club's Indigenous Service Committee and heard from John Millar the Executive Director.

During a conference focusing on indigenous water challenges, Water First realised that no organisation was working to provide domestic water solutions even though 40% of First Nations in Ontario are on boil water advisories. Water First began a project partnering with Shawanaga First Nation to train indigenous youth on water testing and to identify clean surface water for the community's water treatment plant. The first trainee is still working in the field 7 years later. A model was born!

Water First provides training for indigenous peoples in environmental testing, fish habitat restoration, Project: WaterTree (teaching children the importance of trees in retaining and treating water), developing baseline water qual-

ity studies and providing internships in water treatment plants. Last summer Water First provided programming with all 7 First Nations on Manitoulin Island. With a 90% success rate, these programs provide certifications allowing participants to return to their home communities to work in water treatment plants. The training and employment opportunities created by Water First provide much needed jobs in indigenous communities where unemployment is often extremely high. It allows men and women to live and work in their home communities. Based on the ongoing success in Ontario, Water First hopes to expand their program across Canada. A guest of Chris Snyder's took home wine, leaving the 50-50 pot to grow.



David Libby, John Millar and President Jeff with a contribution to Water First

Upcoming Speakers & Events

May 2019

- 10 Anthony Wilson-Smith, Historica Canada
- 15 Rotary Evening Meeting, The National Club
- 17 NO LUNCH (Victoria Day Holiday)
- 22 Rotary Evening Meeting, The National Club
- 24 NO LUNCH (Camp Scugog Weekend)
- 31 Joe and Gordon Cressy, Public Health in Toronto

Events

- May 24-26 Camp Scugog Weekend
- May 29 Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, WIC
- May 30 R2R, National Club
- June 1-5 Rotary International Convention (Hamburg)
- Oct 25-27 Rotary District Conference (Muskoka)

Editor of the week

John Andras

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Don Bell and Pauline Lyons

What You Missed Reporter for May 3, 2019

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