

Today's Program

Anthony Wilson-Smith

Host

Robert O'Brien

Topic

Just Give Me a Minute-
Canadian History in 60
Seconds

Location

The National Club

May 15th Evening Meeting Program

Host

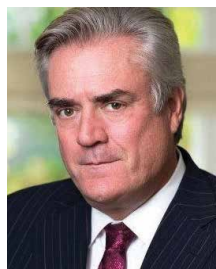
Brian Westlake

Topic

Do our Speakers Fall from
the Sky

Location

National Club, 303 Bay Street



Anthony Wilson-Smith is a native of Montreal and has had an extensive and successful career as a journalist and editor followed by senior executive and management positions at the federal level.

Mr. Wilson-Smith spent much of his career as a journalist with

Maclean's Magazine, serving at various times as Quebec Bureau Chief, Ottawa Editor, Moscow Bureau Chief, Editor-at-Large, columnist and Editor-in Chief. During that time he worked on assignment in all of the country's provinces and territories and more than 35 countries.

As a social and political commentator, he has appeared on national and international media including Great Britain's BBC and ITV, ABC News and C-SPAN in the United States, Moskovskii Novosti in Russia and all of Canada's national television networks in French and English.

Following his tenure with Macleans Magazine and a writer for prominent Canadian newspapers, he held senior executive roles at a federal Crown corporation and one of Canada's largest financial institutions. In 2012 Mr. Wilson-Smith became President and CEO of Historica Canada, the country's largest organization devoted to promoting our nation's history and the values of Canadian citizenship. Historica's programs include the Heritage Minutes which is a regular feature on Canadian television stations and the Canadian Encyclopedia which has reached more than 27 million Canadians last year.

Mr. Wilson-Smith has received awards for this work as a magazine journalist and has been honored for his volunteer work in the mental health sector and in promoting diversity.

In 2018 he was awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Community Service. He has also served as Chair of the Lifetime Achievement Awards at the Canadian Journalism Foundation, as a Judge on the 2019 Newspaper Awards and is past Chairman of Journalists for Human Rights. Anthony speaks French and Russian and lives in Toronto with his wife, two children, two rescue cats and dog.



At our Wednesday evening meeting at the National Club, our member Brian Westlake talks about our speakers. Where does this array of speakers come from? How do we persuade them to stay in town on a Friday so they can entertain and educate us on the ways of the world? Brian is a member of our program committee, and will tell all.

SCOGOG NEED YOU! May 24-26

Sign up now so that the chefs will order enough food for you.

With Geoffrey Johnson and Bill Morari firmly in charge you will be well rewarded for your work at the camp.

Friday night appetizers are provided by Jim Norwood from our super BBQ. Dinner will feature a choice of steak or fish (or both!) along with salads, potatoes and veggies from the hands of Paul Truelove and Neil Phillips. Catherine Lloyd will show off her mastery of pies – enough for all unless you linger too long at the table.

Saturday morning starts with a reveille by John Andras as he delivers our morning "orange juice" to the cabins. Paul will have his world-famous porridge hot in the pot as we prepare our bodies for the workday. Alan Ely will join the chefs' team supervising our lunch break, while everyone sets to work on the evening re-past!! After more of Catherine's desserts we will relax away the evening with games and a fire.

Sunday morning will feature "Les Oeufs de Paris" and we will have time to finish our chores. There has always been enough to feed lunch to the last of the workers.



Sign up here!!!

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We bet the camp you went to as a kid didn't have a spread like this!



Marking a Two-Year Anniversary – Our Syrian Family

- by Maureen Bird

Muneer and Lubna al Zahabi arrived at Pearson late on May 10, 2017 with their three children. It has been an amazing and great journey. They are our Syrian Newcomers, not Refugees.

Muneer starts an internship at CBC this week in Television Broadcasting, the program he is taking at Seneca College. It will be a real plus on graduation next year to be able to list it as Canadian experience on his resumé. He is very excited about this opportunity, which came through Rotary contacts.

At time of graduation they will have reached three years in Canada and be eligible to apply for citizenship. In their first week in Toronto they went to Nathan Phillips Square for a Newcomers Program and that's where he wants to take his oath to Canada.



Lubna has just completed an English program at George Brown but will switch to Centennial College in September for a shorter commute.

Sara (15) is completing her second year in the Greenwood Newcomers program with very high marks and is looking forward to moving into the regular Grade 11 program in September. Sami (9) continues to amaze us with his brilliant smile and excitement about everything – and always a great helper. Karam (4) arrived here shortly after a major fracture of his femur, slightly traumatized, but has bounced back and is running or biking everywhere. He is just finishing his first full year of school.

Sara and Sami have been so fortunate to be guest campers at Arohan Camp in Muskoka and are returning this summer – they had to upgrade their swimming skills to qualify. Camping – what a true Canadian experience for them.

The entire family extends thanks to all who have made this journey possible for them. Whether it was financial or in kind donations, or hosting on arrival or dinners, trips or driving lessons they appreciate every single thing.

New Member – Sergio Amatller

Sergio was born in Bolivia and immigrated to Canada with his family in 2010.

He holds a Bachelor Degree in Business, two Masters Degrees and a diploma in Civil Engineering Technology. His 25 plus years of business experience include previous ownership of a number of successful companies, as well as upper level management positions with both public and private sector corporations. Based on his performance, Sergio was recognized as “Administrator of the Year” for designing and executing an “Improvement and Recovery Plan” for a large newspaper company. Currently, he dedicates his time and energy to his real estate investing company.



President Jeff welcomes Sergio Amatller

On a personal level he is very proud of his family, Cinthia has been his partner in life for 27 years and they have three children: Julio, Mateo, and Rebecca, The family also includes Sammy the dog and Lily the cat. In his spare time, he loves to read, is a passionate photographer, and his hobby is to refurbish and repurpose furniture.

Sergio joined the Knights of Columbus and has been actively involved in many charitable activities for almost 26 years.

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What You Missed Reporter for May 10, 2019:
Maureen Bird

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

May 2019

- 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)

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Rotary Reminiscences

- by John Talman



In these articles I hope to highlight some of the interesting programs we have had over the years. If any of you older members would like to give me some notes on a meeting that caught your attention, please do so. There will probably be more than one of these articles. The first of these I will do largely from memory since details get lost over the years and the Voice Report may not have had all the details at the time it happened.

One Friday in the 1980s our speaker Malcolm Muggeridge, journalist, author and media personality, was being introduced to the gathering. Malcolm also appeared in some movies including an early 1960s film with Peter Sellers where he played a cleric. At our meeting, just as the introduction was finishing an agitated but well-dressed man came to the podium and interrupted the proceedings. Malcolm stood away from the microphone and said "This man has something to say". He was a disgruntled former employee from Stelco who had thought our member Peter Gordon, the President of Stelco, was speaking that day. He wanted to give him a piece of his mind. His words to the crowd quickly deteriorated with much swearing and not much sense coming out of him. I think our Sergeant at Arms at that time was member Tom Bosley, who quickly took the angry man by the elbow and escorted him out of the meeting. Malcolm started his speech as if nothing unusual had happened. Just another quiet meeting!

Pierre E. Trudeau (a Liberal of course) spoke to us in 1974 and 1975 and I understand there was an interesting discussion between him and member Elgin Coutts (President in 1974 and a Conservative) on the podium. I wasn't a member in those days and perhaps someone could provide further details for one of these columns? In our book I do note that our President in 1975 was Ernie Carr and there is a nice picture of him with Trudeau but there is no picture of our 1974 President with Trudeau.

In 1952 when Prince Philip spoke to our club, the Canadian Club and the Empire Club were also invited. When he was presented with rather lengthy instructions for the head table, Prince Philip's reaction was "Scrap it. Instead of the Rotary President presiding, I will be Chairman. No one needs to say Grace. I know a short one". There were two hours left to change all the arrangements. Prince Philip presided at the head table with three boys and three girls who had won gold Duke of Edinburgh awards for youth in Canada that he had presented earlier. The meeting was a roaring success!

2019 AIDS Walk – April 27

This was our 10th walk in Toronto, which has involved over 30 clubs and groups from Rotary and Friends. We have raised just under \$500,000, which has gone to groups working with people with HIV/AIDS firsthand.

AIDS still has no cure and affects all genders and age groups. But we are making some headway.

Anti-retroviral treatment is becoming more readily available and is saving lives. Recently a U.S. hospital did the first live liver transplant from one HIV+ patient to another. This opens up organ donations to a huge group. A major study from Britain has just been completed showing that people on ARTs have not transmitted HIV to partners even with unprotected sex. Mother-to-child transmission at birth can be prevented. People can live normal lives. But things are not perfect even in Canada.

First Nations in BC have been eligible for free ARTs since 2013 but nobody has been telling them. We can do better.

Special thanks to our Chair Nick Ryall of the Toronto Twilight club for his leadership the last few years.

To those of you who have participated and/or donated over the years we thank you. You are making a difference. Funds raised by our club this year will go to Latinos Positivos.



Chilly Rotarians Gloria Lee, Poker Walk All-star Maureen Bird and PDG Neil Phillips feeling the warmth for AIDS Support

Robin Hood Army Marches On

The Robin Hood Army, 163 members strong, had one team serve over 100 meals at Strachan House recently. This amazing group, which involves members of our club, also provides meals at Svard's Women's Centre, and Kennedy House. The Indigenous Service Committee works with Robin Hood Army at NaMeRes. In all, over 28,000 meals have been served in the past 12 months. Saving food from the waste stream, providing nutrition to Toronto's most vulnerable, saving scarce funding for agencies and celebrating our shared humanity. This is the ultimate win-win-win-win project. Get involved - contact either Prince Kumar or Lori Brazier.



What You Missed - May 3, 2019 - by Pauline Lyons



President Jeff opened the luncheon by urging the members to support several events. On Friday 10 May 2019, our brave Men in Heels will kick off WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES which takes place on Wednesday 29, May 2019. Volunteers are needed to walk behind the banner with President Jeff. Please contact June Brown for more details. He urged our members to sign up right away for Camp Scugog week-end on May 24 - 26th.

Guest speaker Sam Geist was introduced by his cousin Sylvia Geist. He is a successful businessman, speaker, and author of several books including the best-selling "Why Should Someone Do Business With You... Rather Than Someone Else." We were kept riveted to our seats with his account of how technology has changed our lives for better and for worse.

He quoted staggering statistics about our use of technology in every aspect of our lives. Facebook has allowed us to become friends with 2,320,000,000 around the world. In the last 10 years more than 10 billion Apps have been downloaded. Every day 4.1 billion people use the internet for commerce, entertainment, education and social interaction. We spend more time on technology than we do sleeping. He went to say that 42% of the population of earth are social media users.

Technology has changed every industry, some more significantly than others.

Retail businesses like Amazon ship up to 26 million packages per day.

Transportation businesses such as UBER have serviced 75 million riders using 3 million drivers since its inception. Netflix has 182 million users. These numbers are incomprehensible to all of us.

Lets Be Personal - May 3, 2019 - by Steve Smith



I began my career at Burns Fry, the legendary stock brokerage company in the mailroom 1979. I then worked at F.H. Deacon Hodgson before being hired onto the floor of the Toronto Stock Exchange by Geoffrion LeClerc as a phone clerk, and became a trader at the age of 21. In the late 80s I joined Scotia Bank where I worked for 10 years primarily in Foreign Exchange.

During my time at Scotia, I completed a degree in English and Economics at University of Toronto, passed the Chartered Financial Analyst exam and was subsequently awarded the CFA. In 1998, I joined Acuity Investment Management to start up the Private Client Group. In 2001, I moved to Beutel Goodman as VP, PM and Business Development in the Private Client Group. I am very fortunate to work with clients to achieve their investment objectives and financial goals. My clients include Individuals, Estates, Family Offices, Foundations and Indigenous people.

Some of my most rewarding work comes from working with Indigenous clients across Canada. For the past 18 years, I have visited

What does this mean for us as we venture into an unregulated industry with no cautions?

Sam's statistics prove that there are many significant benefits of being a member of the Internet community. However, he did share some terrifying information about our vulnerability as participants in this new realm. Cybercrime, bullying, bank fraud, dissemination of erroneous information and security fraud have made victims of millions of unsuspecting people.

This is the dark side of technology. Sam reminded us that the recent US election results in 2016 and 2018 are still clouded by questions of fraudulent internet activity and the Founder & CEO of Facebook was commanded to testify in front of the US Congress regarding his organization's inability to patrol this new frontier.

Sam issued a wake-up call with his final questions to the members of our club.

What are you going to do to understand technology better?

How will you protect your privacy going forward? Will you read the privacy policies before clicking on "I agree" and change your password frequently?

Will you delete emails from senders that you do not recognize or continue to open them at your own risk?

Will you be diligent about the type of personal information you share on-line?

He ended by stating that "technology is a disrupter of everything" and pleaded with our members not to get addicted.

The Ace of Club draw was won by Harvey Sullivan, who took home the wine.

dozens of First Nations and learned much about, and from, Indigenous people and culture. I currently have the privilege of working with more than 30 Indigenous nations in provinces from Ontario to B.C., and in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. It's not just a job...it's a great adventure!

I have been a Rotarian for almost 20 years and have served on many committees including Fellowship, RCT Charitable Foundation Investment, and Indigenous Service committees. I have also had the honour and privilege of serving as President of the Rotary Club of Toronto in 2014/15.

Rotary has enhanced my life in many ways. The joy of giving back is paramount and the benefit of meeting like-minded people and making very close friends for life has been incredibly rewarding. I look forward to many more years as a Rotarian and to continue trying to give back as much I receive from being a member of this great club. Chi-Miigwetch!

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May 10th - Prince Kumar
May 31st - Don Brooks

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