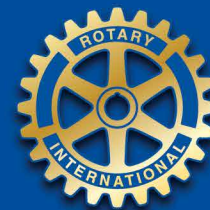


# ROTARY VOICE



The Rotary Club of Toronto

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## Today's Program

Paul Alofs, President and CEO, Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation

## Host

John Fortney, cancer survivor and dedicated fundraiser

## Topic

The Revolution in Cancer Care - Immunotherapy and Personalized Cancer Medicine

## Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street



Paul Alofs has worked in marketing services and was named to the inaugural Marketing Hall of Legends. Paul was president of HMV Music stores and was named Innovative Retailer of the Year by the Retail Council, and a member of the Top 40 Under

40 after building sales from \$30 million to \$200 million. He was president of BMG Music and was named Music Industry Executive of the Year for his success in building that record company. He then became general manager of the 500 North American Disney stores and delivered record profits and customer service. After Disney, Paul was president of strategic business units at MP3.com in San Diego and helped launch one of the most successful internet IPOs of the internet age.

After a family experience with cancer, Paul became CEO of The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, and over the past 12 years has raised nearly \$1 billion for cancer research. He has been a very successful leader and executive across many sectors in both Canada and the U.S. Today, Paul will share his personal experiences as he speaks to us about passion and success.

## ShelterBox and our Foundation



The Rotary Toronto Foundation has once again responded to the needs of people suffering from drought and famine, forcing them to leave their homes in Somaliland.

**Our Foundation recently donated \$15,000 to ShelterBox Canada to assist with this immediate need.**

Since 2010, The Rotary Club of Toronto has donated \$233,700 to provide immediate lifesaving ShelterBox aid to families in need. Our club has been the world leader in terms of Rotary donations to ShelterBox Canada, and our impact has been felt worldwide.

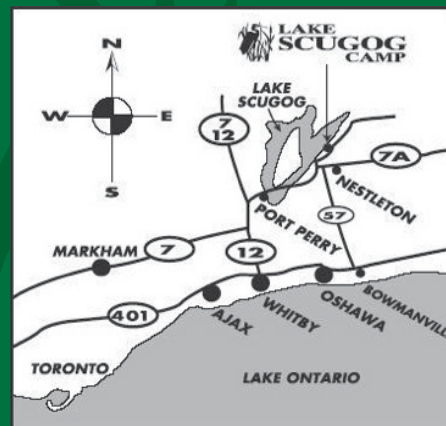
## REGISTER NOW FOR SCUGOG CAMP MAY 26-28



You can also make a tax-deductible donation online.

Camp Scugog website:  
<https://goo.gl/QGt00J>

For More information,  
contact Camp Boss,  
Susan Howson



We will be here on May 26-28. Where will you be?

## Looking for A Few Good Men to Walk A Mile In Her Shoes

— by Marcy Berg



May 31st marks the 8th annual Walk-A-Mile-In-Her-Shoes to be hosted by White Ribbon. Since 1991, White Ribbon has been engaging men and boys as allies in ending violence against women. White Ribbon's vision is for a future free from violence where men support each other in living a life shaped by healthy masculinity. White Ribbon is a homegrown movement, from right here in Toronto, and their methodology can be found at work in more than 60 countries.

The Women's Initiative Committee has registered a team: The Rotary Club of Toronto Team.

**Call for Participants:** All Rotarians are welcome to participate in the walk. We are particularly looking for male Rotarians who will join us and don a pair of heels during the walk, or put a pink ribbon on their flat shoes to show solidarity.

**When:** May 31, 2017, 11:45 – 1:15 PM

**Where:** David Pecault Square, 215 King Street West

**To Join Our Team contact:**

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June Brown, june\_brown@rogers.com

**For more information:**

Walk-A-Mile-In-Her-Shoes Website <https://goo.gl/kkRvxx>



*You don't have to wear heels, but ....*



*Come join us in the walk*

## Meet our Newest Member, Zaynah Marani



Founder and Managing Principal at Marani Law, Zaynah Marani is an Immigration and Real Estate lawyer who provides practical legal solutions to her clients around the world.

Zaynah obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish with International Comparative Studies from the University of Western Ontario. She then moved to the United Kingdom where she obtained her LL.B from the University of Leicester and her LL.M in Public International Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

During her education, Zaynah studied and volunteered abroad in a number of countries including Spain, Mexico, Peru, Costa Rica, India, and Pakistan. While travelling, she realized her love of languages and developed a fluency in Spanish. Zaynah also acquired strong values from each of the countries which she still carries with her today.

Prior to pursuing her career in Law, Zaynah worked abroad with various Governmental and Non-Governmental organizations in the field of International Development. When she returned to Canada, she completed a Fellowship with the Law Foundation of Ontario at a community legal clinic, which served as her Articles. Prior to founding the firm, Zaynah worked as a lawyer in the areas of Global Migration and Canadian Immigration in the Greater Toronto Area. In addition to managing Marani Law, Zaynah is a Former Member of the Executive Committee of the Immigration Section of the Ontario Bar Association and is currently a Director of the Board of the Asian Real Estate Association of the Americas.

Zaynah is fluent in English and Spanish and proficient in French. She is a member of the Ontario Bar Association, the Canadian Bar Association, and the Law Society of Upper Canada.



## Senior Citizens Committee Supports Low-Income Retirement Planning Seminars - by Mary Lach



Last year The Toronto Public Library Foundation received a grant of \$15,000 from our Club Foundation for "Retirement Planning on Low Income for Seniors". This request came through to the SCC sub-committee where Richard White did the due diligence on behalf of the committee.

This grant allowed the Toronto Public Library to hold 9 workshops last fall and another nine are scheduled for this spring. It also received significant media coverage:

- Video segments of The Globe and Mail's Rob Carrick and John Stapleton
- A video youtube segment from Preet Banerjee
- A podcast from CBC Radio – The Current with John Stapleton

Well done Richard, the sub-committee and all on the SCC. A GREAT SUCCESS! The SSC is delighted to provide funding for another set of workshops next fall.

## Update on the David Wilson Memorial Garden - by Anny-Sandra Hamel



Since the garden was established in late 2012, it has become an oasis and a wonderful meeting place in a somewhat grey and blighted neighbourhood.

In the spring, the David Wilson Memorial Garden welcomes over 50 classes. For many of the students (Grade 1 - 12) it is their first introduction to many of the vegetables and herbs growing.

In the summer, it is tended by volunteers, students, at risk-youth and practicum placements for college and university students.



*Welcome to the Wilson Memorial Garden*



*Even if you don't like kale, it's a restful and welcoming place*

A community compost program encourages local residents to trade kitchen scraps for healthy organic produce. Workshops curriculum have been developed for high school and elementary students integrating concepts of science, business, writing and culinary art to name a few.

Over 100 fruits trees and bushes were planted in 2015 and more than 17,000 pounds of organic fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers were harvested last year on the 1.5 acre property. Most of the produce is exchanged in the community, donated to local food banks, used for culinary programs in schools or sold at local farmer's market. The proceeds are going back into the various programs offered at the garden.

If you wish to visit David's Memorial Garden it is located at the John Polanyi CI, 640 Lawrence Ave West in Toronto.

### RI President

John Germ

### District Governor

Jim Louttit, Toronto Sunrise

## The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

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Terry Wray

### What You Missed Reporter for May 12<sup>th</sup>:

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 2017

- 19 No Meeting-Queen's Birthday  
26 No Meeting-Camp Scugog

### June 2017

- 2 Michael Burns, Invictus Games  
9 Youth Day 2017  
16 Jane Kovarikova, Improving Child Welfare  
23 Aboriginal Day

### Events

- May 13: District Assembly, BMO Institute for Learning  
May 26-28: Camp Scugog Sweat Equity Weekend  
May 31: Walk-a-Mile-in-Her-Shoes  
June 10-14: RI Convention, Atlanta

### Propose a Speaker – Contact

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## Our Syrian Family is here!

Our family arrived at Pearson late Wednesday evening after a journey that started when they left Damascus in October 2012. They will be settling in at Dan and Nikki Desmarais' home (Maureen Bird's son) until their apartment is available June 1st.

We welcome the al Zahabi family to Canada and wish them much success in this next journey of their lives.

*Newcomers Committee chair Maureen Bird  
with the al Zahabi family*

## What You Missed May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

- by Luba Rascheff



At the National Club, with tables facing north toward a podium on a dais, President Susan Hunter announced that we were trying something new: a Rotary luncheon without a head table. This break from tradition did not, however, stop us from proudly singing the National Anthem and toasting the Queen in true Rotarian fashion.

Michael Morgan introduced four guests and three visiting Rotarians. Susan Hunter was delighted to welcome new member Zaynah Marani, while Karl Kremer put on her pin.

Geoffrey Johnson waxed poetic when describing the upcoming Camp Scugog, concluding with, "It's not something you don't want to miss as you are awakened by John Andras clanging pots and pans and offering you a shot of Vodka. My advice is to take it," he admonished with his characteristic dry humour. You will enjoy "hard work, great eating and make friendships that will last a lifetime," Geoffrey added. Come to Camp Scugog and enjoy the best cuisine in Ontario knowing that your participation will help inner city, at-risk youth.

Geoffrey then introduced our speaker, long-time Toronto lawyer Michele Guy, by appropriately describing her as "sunshine on a dreary day." If she was nervous about explaining the upcoming June 23rd - 27th Rotary International Convention, Toronto 2018, whose theme is "Inspiration Around Every Corner," Michele certainly didn't let on, as she expertly moved around the room with her wireless microphone filling us in on the details and later taking questions.

With a flashy video and survey quiz won by Marcy Berg, we learned interesting facts such as:

- 5 cities put in bids to host the 2018 RI Convention
- Toronto has hosted the RI Convention 4 times
- Tourism Toronto will foot the \$800,000, one-week rental fee for the Air Canada Centre (ACC) and Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC), the two primary venues that will be used for the convention.

Michele Guy and Michael Cooksey, Co-Chairs of the RI Host Organizing Committee (HOC), along with team members Dawn-Marie King, Don Bell, Jackie Davies, Lorraine Lloyd, Ross Amos and Alanna Scott, seek 1,200 volunteers (must be Rotarians or vouched for by Rotarians) to assist in welcoming a whopping 30,000 visitors from over 200 countries! Are you ready?

There are many volunteer opportunities to choose from, including taking part in Home Hospitality on June 25th, a commitment to offer supper to 5,000 people. Talk to Don Bell or Jackie Davies if you're interested in being a supper host. For questions about other opportunities, reach out to the team or register online at [rotary2018.org](http://rotary2018.org).

As of June 10th, for five days only, you can save \$50 and register for \$295 USD online at [rotary.org](http://rotary.org), or talk to Michele Guy. If you'll be in Atlanta, there will be a booth to sign up for the Toronto Convention.

The Ace of Clubs draw had \$4,597 and Karl Kremer went home with a bottle of wine.



*Past President and Co-Chair of the Rotary International 2018 Convention, Michele Guy, responds to a question*



*Susan Hunter and Karl Kremer welcoming new member Zaynah Marani*

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