

Today's Program

Gordon Cressy and Joe Cressy

Topic

The Times They are A-Changing

Host

Marg Stanowski

Location

National Club, 303 Bay Street



Joe is the City Councillor for Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York. A City Councillor since 2014, Joe has been a champion for building a better and more livable city - for affordable housing, public transit, safe cycling infrastructure, new and improved parkland, expanding community services, childcare, arts and culture, and combatting our growing overdose crisis.

Working with local neighbourhoods, Joe built new bike lanes across the downtown. He prioritized equity and affordability, securing dozens of new units of affordable housing and standing up for new Torontonians. He fought to improve transit and public space through the King Street Transit Pilot and John Street Cultural Corridor, saved 401 Richmond and

created a new arts and cultural tax class, and secured a partnership for a new YMCA on Richmond Street. He championed the creation of the Syrian Refugee Resettlement program. He built new parks and green spaces in every neighbourhood across the old Ward 20, and fought hard to implement supervised injection services, that are currently saving the lives of Torontonians across the city.

In his various appointments, including to the Board of Health and Chair of the Toronto Drug Strategy Implementation Panel, Community Development and Recreation Committee, Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board of Directors, Sub-committee on Climate Change and Adaptation, and previous Toronto Youth Equity Strategy Champion, he is committed to making life fairer, and more livable for everyone.



Gordon Cressy has a long career of public service spanning more than 50 years, beginning with working with the YMCA in Trinidad in the West Indies in the early 1960's followed by youth work on the south side of Chicago.

In Toronto he has chaired the Toronto Board of Education, served as a City Councillor and President of the United Way as well as spending a decade as Vice President of the University of Toronto and then with Ryerson University.

He created the annual Take our Kids to Work Day and started the Jump Start program at Canadian Tire. His volunteer work with the YMCA, Urban Alliance on Race Relations, the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund and the Harmony Movement has propelled him to be a strong advocate for racial equality and social justice.

Another New Member

The highlight of the evening meeting on May 22nd was the introduction of one more member.

Jay Francis Llave (pronounced Ya-VAY) is a Private Wealth Advisor at Raintree Financial Solutions.

Rotary Club of Willowdale Past President, Jay will have been a Rotarian for ten years in 2020. He had 5 years straight of perfect attendance, then took a break at the club level but continued three service projects and started two others. He is currently the Canadian Ambassador of The ONE Rotary D3450, Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia, and the PR of China.

Jay was born in the Philippines, attended elementary school in Washington DC, High School in Toronto, and Ottawa for his Post-Secondary education and graduated as an Architectural Technician. After Ottawa, he started his career in New York City for three years before coming back to Toronto to start a family.



New member Jay Llave with Past District Governor Neil Phillips

He married Kristan Klassen, the daughter of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade; she was born in Belgium during one of his posts. Kristan is a successful Interior Designer focusing on hospitality and they have two children, Ozzy and Launa.

Jay's family, his practice, The ONE Canada and Rotary are his passion.

Youth Civic Awards Lunch June 14, 2019

Donations of lunch tickets are requested to help winners' family members attend.

Camp Scugog 2019

- by Vigan Ghazarian



Being a new member, I didn't know much about it and wasn't sure if I should go, but when my kind-hearted mentor, Bert Steenburgh, said he was going and offered to give me a ride, I made up my mind. Bert's company alone was enough to make my weekend very special!

We arrived at the camp on Friday afternoon and shortly after finding the cabin where we would be staying the following two nights, we put up the tent from where Bert would be supplying paints and brushes to painting crews. As we were working and later at dinner, Bert made sure that I met as many fellow Rotarians as possible. Everybody was so warm and welcoming that I quickly felt at home.

I had an unforgettable time at the camp. I greatly enjoyed talking to everyone, relished the marvelous food prepared by our world-class chef members, and loved the feeling of helping a camp that serves disadvantaged children. What will remain deeply engraved in my memory though will be the spirit and devotion of those veterans of the Club without whom Camp Scugog wouldn't be what it is today, and the weekend wouldn't be so much fun and so bonding for the members of the family known as The Rotary Club of Toronto.

Camp Scugog deepened my sense of belonging to our Club, which makes a difference in the lives of many. I'm looking forward to working on other Club projects that make a difference and certainly to my next visit to Camp Lake Scugog.

Ed. - There is still much to do at the camp so we expect to be there for many more years. To see the difference since we first arrived in 2007 makes this a very special Rotary event. Mark your calendar now for May 22-24, 2020.



Boss Susan Howson



President Jeff Dobson



Upper Hall



Cabin Painters



Clothes Sorting



Cooks



French Theme



Kitchen Team



GO SCUGOG
 RIDE WITH ROTARY
 SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019

Go Scugog is an awesome cycling event for anyone who wants to challenge themselves for a great cause. All you need is a bike, a helmet and enough motivation to get you to the finish line. Join the Toronto Rotary Club for a fun filled day in support of Camp Scugog!

Learn more and register at www.campscugog.org and click on the **Go Scugog** box.

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June 15, 2019

Working at Camp Scugog is one thing but we can also donate to cover the fees for the campers. Sign up as a rider or donate through www.campscugog.org (Go Scugog button) – Bill Morari is riding and leading the charge. Make a Difference in a child’s life.



2018 Riders

RI President
 Barry Rassin, East Nassau
District Governor
 Mary Lou Harrison, Toronto Sunrise

The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

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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?



Paint Tent



Table Team



Shutter Team



Sing Song

Upcoming Speakers & Events

- June 2019**
- 7 Frank O’Dea, Canadian Landmine Foundation
 - 14 Youth Day Awards, Rotaract Clubs
 - 21 Chief R. Stacey LaForme, National Indigenous Peoples Day
 - 28 No Rotary lunch (Canada Day Holiday)

- EVENTS**
- June 1-5 Rotary International Convention (Hamburg)
 - June 15 Go Scugog Ride
 - June 19 Rotaract Membership Dinner
 - June 23 Rotary walks with PRIDE
 - June 26 President Jeff’s Farewell, National Club
 - Oct 25-27 Rotary District Conference (Muskoka)

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Bench Team



Bert and former intern Lu

LET’S BE PERSONAL

- May 31st - Don Brooks
- June 7th - Shannon Lundquist



Scholarship 2019

Since 2013 our club foundation has been honouring top students in Toronto with a four-year tuition scholarship. This year we are awarding two prizes. A formal ceremony will be held on September 13, 2019.



Hshmat Sahak

Hshmat Sahak is a 2019 winner of the Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship. Hshmat is the son of Afghan refugees who came to Canada to re-establish them and give Hshmat and his three siblings a good education and a better life.

Hshmat will be graduating from Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute where he has excelled in his studies in Mathematics and Science and received numerous academic awards. He has been very extensively involved in school activities as well as numerous community service projects.

Hshmat has been accepted at the University of Toronto in the Engineering Science program where he hopes to specialize in Biomedical Engineering so he can develop prosthetic devices that replicate dexterity and control of limbs as well as restoring the sense of touch for amputees.



Joshua Harrison-Maul

Joshua was born in British Columbia and raised in Toronto in the Riverdale community. He lives with his grandmother, as his parents are deceased.

Joshua aspires to assist those in need. He has volunteered with the Canadian Red Cross in their Mobile Food Bank, as well as his local community centre. While attending high school, he secured a co-op placement with the Toronto Police Services Collision Reporting Centre, as a counsellor. Joshua has been a role model as a Student Ambassador and Student Council Leader demonstrating commitment, loyalty and responsibility in supporting his fellow students.

Joshua's mentors recommend him as an eager and willing young man who seeks out challenging roles of leadership. It is Joshua's leadership, dedication and empathy that are at the core of his community service.

Help Indigenous Youth – the Welcome Box Initiative

- by Bill Empey, Indigenous committee Chair



The Indigenous Services Committee of The Rotary Club of Toronto and the Robin Hood Army (RHA) Canada in partnership with Rotary HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) are working together to support indigenous students leaving home to go to high school in Thunder Bay. **We need your help!**

We are preparing Welcome Boxes that will be given to 175 indigenous students leaving home in remote communities where there is often extreme poverty and no access to school after grade 8, to start their high school in Thunder Bay. This is often their first exposure to urban living and, they arrive to live with a new family, often without the most basic essentials for a new life. We are collecting items for 175 Welcome Boxes. We need donations of personal hygiene items, school supplies, bedding and games.

Cash contributions are also an option. We are targeting to send the boxes to Thunder Bay in July so, they are ready for the students arriving at the First Nations School in August / September. We will specifically ask for donations, from all Club members, at a Friday lunch on the Youth Day lunch on June 14 and the Indigenous Day lunch on June 21st. At both these lunches Rotary members will be available to collect cash donations or to commit through the office and Robins (RHA members) will be available to collect in-kind donations. **Your help will be appreciated.**

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Rotary Mentoring Rotaract

- by Jayson Phelps, Director Liaison



Mentoring has become a workforce linchpin, actively guiding the next generation towards their career goals. Speaking at the Toronto RI convention last year, Barry Rassin asked us to inspire the desire for something greater and to create something that will live beyond each of us.

In the Fall of 2018, the Rotaract Club of Toronto's Professional Development Committee partnered with The Rotary Club of Toronto to launch a new mentorship program that nurtures cross-organization connections between Rotarians and Rotaractors. Through this program, Rotaractors are able to connect with mentors for guidance, leadership opportunities, and knowledge sharing. Mentors, in addition to the opportunity to coach Rotaractors, were welcomed to participate in activities and events, creating a unique opportunity to both inspire and be inspired.

The pilot program, which grew through an application process, paired 19 Rotaractors with Rotarians in their industry. The program encouraged several aspects of both professional and personal development, including the transition to Rotary, diversity in the workplace, and conflict resolution.

To celebrate our achievements over the past year and to introduce the program to the District at large, we are hosting a Mentorship dinner on June 19th at the National Club with cocktails starting at 6:00pm. The cost is \$50.00 for Rotarians.

To RSVP please email accounts@rotarytoronto.on.ca or call 416.363.0604.

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