



Today's Program

Susan Howson, Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation

Topic

"We Solve Problems"

Host

Foundation Board

Location

The National Club,
303 Bay St.



Susan Howson is a third-generation Rotarian. Growing up with parents who believed in giving back to their communities – preferably through Rotary – it was a natural step to join The Rotary Club of Toronto in 1991. Women had only recently been allowed to Rotary and Susan was one of the first 10.

After graduating from Western University in 1976 with a BA in history, Susan joined Wood Gundy's clerical staff. In the following nine years, she completed a range of security courses, enabling her to rise through departments that included Compliance, Foreign Exchange and Money Market. In 1985, she left Wood Gundy to spend the summer deciding what to do next.

After a discussion with George Beck (a member of The Rotary Club of Toronto and a close family friend) on the options available in the investment industry, George offered her the opportunity to join Andras Canavest Hetherington (now Mackie Research Capital Corporation, MRCC) to train with him and eventually take over his business. She joined the firm in September 1985 as the firm's sole woman investment advisor. Thirty years later, Susan is a portfolio manager and a director of MRCC, with \$160 million of assets under management with additional responsibilities in maintaining MRCC's portfolio system and guiding other portfolio managers.

Susan was President of The Rotary Club of Toronto in 2007/08, has been involved with several committees including Research and Appeals, Membership and Fundraising. She currently manages Rotary's executive retreat/build-it-and-paint-it camp weekend. Susan is also the current President of the Rotary Club of Toronto Foundation.

Additionally, Susan is President of St David's Tower, a non-profit apartment on Donlands Avenue.

Susan is married to David Weatherston, whom she met in 1985. She has two children, Alison and Michael, and will be a grandmother in March 2019.

Christmas Parties!

We know it is not even Black Friday but our parties come early. Mark your calendars and connect to volunteer.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY Thursday, November 29th

There will be no lunch on Friday, November 30th. This year again, over 200 seniors are invited to attend a fabulous Christmas lunch at the Fairmont Royal York. It is a very special occasion for them. Your donation of a lunch ticket helps with the cost of the event. Anny-Sandra and her team will be at the door collecting tickets on November 9, 16 and 23. Be generous!

Jack Robertson will be arranging drivers. Don Brooks will be contacting you for other volunteer roles.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY Sunday, December 2nd

This has been a tradition for a century. There will be 150 children from 5 agencies and family members – over 450 people. This is a special heart warming event that we should attend. If you can volunteer on the day please contact Karl Kremer

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY Friday, December 14th

Come enjoy the Fairmont Royal York's spectacular buffet! There is plenty of room so bring guests for this special treat. Dauna Jones-Simmonds is in charge and will be looking for volunteers to help with silent auction, raffle ticket sales and a choir.

Donations for the silent auction would be gratefully received and proceeds help with the Children's party.



REMEMBRANCE DAY MEETING

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left to grow old; Age will not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.*



This moving invocation delivered by Honorary Member Jim Bell, Bombardier in the Fox Artillery of the Second Regiment of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in the Korean War and Army Cadet in the Second World War, officially opened our Remembrance Day Meeting on Friday November 9, 2018. Today's meeting was special because it marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 and coming out of that War was the emergence of a generation who answered the call to help save the world from the most powerful and ruthless military machines ever. The theme of today's meeting was **The Greatest Generation** and there are only surviving four members of our Club who experienced service in World War II. Past President Robert O'Brien paid tribute to that Greatest Generation in the first part of the program which he noted was The Present Looking to the Past. He spoke of the many true stories of the War that need to be shared, preserved and told. He referenced the heroism and sacrifice of Maureen Bird's uncle **Abraham Brocklebank** who spent three years in a German POW camp after being taken prisoner at Dieppe, **Elgin Coutts** who was born in September 1917 and was a Flight Lieutenant with the Royal Canadian Airforce, his brother-in-law Flt Sgt. **Elmer Muttart** who gave his life in October 1941 to save the village of Wons, Holland and to give his crew the opportunity to parachute to safety while he diverted the plane, **Jim Bell** who did not allow age or the Canoe River Train Crash disaster to deter him from serving his country in the Pacific, **John Austin** and **Jack Robertson** both anxiously awaited their 18th birthdays so that they could enlist and serve their country. Past President Jack Robertson then spoke in the second half of the program, which was the Past Looking to the Present. Jack was born in Hamilton on August 4, 1925 and on his 18th birthday went to local enlistment office, produced his identification and volunteered for service in the RCAF which he modestly commented was "something you would have done at the time". Jack gave a highly personal first hand account of what life was like for the twenty months he served in the War. He explained what it was like training to be a pilot in Belleville, Pendleton, Charlottetown and St Jean Quebec. He spoke of the achievement of "receiving his wings" and being promoted to Pilot Officer and Navigator. Jack then took us into the cockpit of the Tiger Moth and by his words we could visualize what it might have been like: the confined space

in uniform with parachute, the switch to start the plane outside the window, someone from the ground rotating the propeller to get a spark, the loud noise of the engine, the two pedals and the rudder stick. There was no GPS as we know today, but Jack navigated using a rudimentary sextant and described how he would line up three stars and use paper maps on board to determine where he was. He spoke of the thrill of ascending in the air and for the audience the nerve wracking landing experience. Jack noted in all honesty that "it sounds difficult and it was difficult and that it was quite the exercise" but overall it was "a good experience, good discipline and I enjoyed it". To hear Jack's story was special for each and everyone in the audience today and it was a rare opportunity for us to hear a first hand account from one of the Greatest Generation which as time goes by is sadly getting smaller in number with each passing year. Jack received an emotional and heartfelt standing ovation from all in attendance. We were also graced today at the Head Table by last year's speaker Colonel **Dwayne Hobbs**, **Saleem Kassum** and **Harry Figov**, who have served respectively in the Canadian Brigades, in the RCAF in Singapore and in South Africa. President Jeff paid tribute and recognized the names of **27 Rotarians both alive and deceased who served**. We were also privileged to have with us The Governor General's Horse Guard which played stirring military music before our meeting, during lunch and ended with Col. Bogey's March. Today's meeting was a memorable and poignant occasion and in response to the Jim Bell's invocation which opened the meeting: **We Will Remember Them**.



Robert O'Brien



Jack Robinson



Jack Robinson, President Jeff and Jim Bell

New Member John Bishop

John was born in England in 1947.

In 1982 John moved from London, England, to become VP Merchandising for Hazelton Lanes in Toronto. Prior to that he was the first General Manager of the newly formed Fashion Division of Alfred Dunhill of London, having previously worked for the Burberry Group in London.

He has taught marketing and fashion merchandising at Ryerson University, designed and implemented seminars for the continuing education division of Ryerson University and lectured at Seneca and Humber Colleges.



New member John Bishop with President Jeff and sponsor Bill Morari

John is a founding Director, Past President and Past Chair of the Toronto Fashion Incubator (a not-for-profit centre for the promotion of fashion design, sponsored originally by the Federal Department of Employment and now by the City of Toronto). He is also a former Vice President – Central Division of the British Canadian Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

He has served as a Master of the Honourable Company of Freemen of the City of London of North America and President of the St. George's Society of Toronto, Toronto's oldest Charity and is currently its Treasurer.

He is a Freeman of the City of London and a member of the Guild of Freemen.

In 1993 John became a partner of Retention Marketing Systems Inc., specializing in developing customer satisfaction and retention and after-sales marketing programmes, principally for the Automotive Industry.

He is married to Gillian and lives in Toronto. He has two daughters and 4 grandchildren, all living within the GTA.

New Member Carole Chauncey

Dr. Carole Chauncey is a retired university professor. She was a full-time professor for twenty-five years in the Ted Rogers School of Information Technology Management, Faculty of Business at Ryerson University. Now that she is retired, Carole is a certified life coach and a facilitator of a variety of workshops related to Personal Development and Empowerment.

Dr. Chauncey has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Richmond College of the City University of New York and a Masters in Library and Information Science and a Doctorate in Information Science from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.



New Member Carole Chauncey with sponsor Dauna Jones-Simmonds

During her tenure at Ryerson University, Professor Chauncey taught several Information Technology Management courses, developed and coordinated courses and evaluated instructors. She has written and presented research papers at conferences. She founded and administered a Mentor Program for ITM students.

Professor Chauncey was chair of the Ryerson Faculty Association Equity Committee. She was a member of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations, Status of Women Committee, an advisory board member for the Computer and Communications Network Degree Program, Centennial College as well as the Global Partnership on Literacy, School Net, Guyana Consulate General.

On September 15, 2018, Dr. Chauncey was recognized as an accomplished woman at the 100 Accomplished Black Women in Canada, 2018. In 2009 Dr. Chauncey received the Dr. Carrie Best Memorial Award from Ryerson University at the Viola Desmond Day Celebration. While employed at the Veteran's Administration Medical Service Center in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Chauncey received the Federal Women's Program Award. As a graduate student, professor Chauncey was awarded Higher Education Act Fellowships.

Prior to joining the ITM faculty, Carole worked in the Healthcare industry in Canada and the U.S.

Carole was born in Guyana, South America. She has two daughters, Michele Chauncey and Naila Chauncey Hughes. She is the proud grandmother of Amir Chauncey Hughes.

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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

November 2018

- 23 Cyndie Jacobs, Bear Story
- 29 Senior's Christmas lunch (Thursday)
- 30 NO LUNCH – see 29th

December 2018

- 7 Michiel Roodenburg, World water crisis
- 14 Club Christmas Party

Events

- December 2 Children's Christmas Party
- December 9 Swedish Christmas Concert

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What You Missed November 2, 2018

- by Heather Hetherington



Following President Jeff's welcome and Invocation Rotarians and guests remained standing for an "In Memoriam" for our member Knud Westergaard who passed away October 25, 2018. Words of tribute offered by President Jeff were followed by the hymn "Abide with Me" sung in Danish by Brigitte Bogar, in honour of Knud's homeland. Condolences were extended to Knud's wife Yoneko who had joined us for the meeting.

Monitor Michael Morgan introduced four visiting Rotarians along with several guests. Members were reminded to submit to President Jeff, the names of candidates for consideration for nomination for district Governor. A second announcement drew attention to the date of the Children's Christmas Party and the need for volunteers and financial donations.

Following the announcements, two new members were formally introduced. Dr. Carole Chauncey and John Bishop were warmly welcomed by all as Carole received her pin from her sponsor Dauna Jones Simmonds and John his pin from sponsor Bill Morari.

Our guest speaker Jeff Bradshaw creator of the Cannabis Learning Series was introduced by member Tony Houghton.

After showing a brief video that pointed out the types and breakdown of active ingredients in Cannabis, Jeff underscored the need for employers to differentiate and be educated on the various effects of each. He suggested that employers review and update any existing policy relating to drug and alcohol issues and If no policy exists then immediately create one. Simply stating "Zero Tolerance" doesn't work – it must be defined. The concept of Fit for Duty must be understood to include physical, mental and emotional states and safety implications clearly defined for employees, e.g. cab drivers. Additionally formal training and education seminars in the workplace were recommended. There should also be a mechanism whereby employees reliant on medical cannabis disclose and know the policy for accommodation in their workplace.

President Jeff thanked our speaker who then drew the Ace of Clubs ticket and a bottle of wine was won by Jackie Davies.



Left to right: Speaker Jeff Bradshaw and President Jeff

Sweat Equity 2018

Under the auspices of the Canadian Landmine Foundation Chris Snyder is leading another trip to Siem Reap, Cambodia. The trip is from November 16th to the 30th. We will be following up with Bakong Technical College, our ISC Centennial project, as well as an orphanage and a pre-school we have assisted in the past.

Members from our club are Chris and Pat Snyder, Joyce and Brian Westlake, Maureen Bird, Paul Truelove and first-timers Bill and Jane Empey. We will be joined by 13 other Rotarians and friends.

You can follow our adventures at www.makeanimpact.ca where we will be posting our work regularly.

Maureen and Cijay Shah will also be in India for a November 13th inspection of our Global Grant project – toilets at girls' schools in rural Mumbai.



Maureen Bird and C.J. Shah at the opening of one of the school toilet blocks, 2018.

The Governor General's Horse Guards

We were pleased to welcome to last week's Remembrance Day meeting a quintet from the Military Band of The Governor General's Horse Guards. They are an armoured reconnaissance regiment in the Primary Reserve of the Canadian army and part of the 4th Canadian Division's 32 Brigade Group and are affiliated with 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards. The quintet is from a full brass and reed military band which provides concerts and music for regimental events and important civilian and local government events such as the Opening of Parliament at Queen's Park, The Annual Queen's Plate and the Royal Winter Fair. Notable members have included Billy Bishop, Sir Frederick Banting, Lawren Harris, the Hon. Col. HNR Jackman, former Lt. Governor of Ontario and Hon. Col. Bill Graham.



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