



Today's Program

Lorna Johnson

Host

Susan Hunter

Topic

Fintech – What is it and Why Should I Care?

Location

The National Club,
303 Bay Street



Lorna Johnson, is a Consultant and Adviser to the Fintech industry through her firm CalderJohnsonConsulting Inc. She is also the Canadian and Australian Country Representative for Unwire, the pre-eminent mobile payment

and transit ticketing white-label developer in Scandinavia.

Lorna has 25 years' experience in executive roles with Interac Association/ Acxsys Corporation, National Australia Bank, St. George Bank (Westpac), AXA Australia and Booz & Co., a global top tier management consulting firm. She is a former Board Director with B-Pay, Australia's largest electronic bill payment network. Early in her career, she spent 10 years in the New Brunswick forest industry.

Having moved to Toronto in 2012, Lorna is immersed in the Canadian and global Fintech communities, making sense of financial technology disruptors such as Paypal, ApplePay, Googlepay, Wealth Simple and innovations such as Block Chain, and Artificial Intelligence.

Lorna received her ICD.D designation from the Canadian Institute of Corporate Directors in November. She has an MBA and Masters in Environmental Studies from Yale University, a Graduate Diploma in Financial Planning from Deakin University (Australia), and a BSc in Forestry from UNB.

Lorna is married to Cliff Johnson and has been a Rotarian in Australia, the U.S. and Canada since 2009. She joined the Rotary Club of Toronto in 2013.

See You at the Club Assembly this Monday, November 20th

- by Don Brooks



We look forward to seeing you at our Club Assembly this coming Monday, November 20 at 5:15 at the National Club, 303 Bay Street.

This meeting is your chance to help make our Club better. We have been holding Focus Groups of members who have come up with goals, objectives, measures, targets and, very importantly, strategic initiatives. At the Club Assembly we will be voting on strategic initiatives developed in the focus groups, so that they can be prioritized. Our Club can then start to implement the initiatives which our members believe are the most important.

As the voting will be done on line, *please bring your fully-charged laptop, smartphone or tablet*. Wifi will be available at the National Club. The evening will be very fast paced as we discuss and prioritize initiatives at our tables.

If you have not yet registered please email Carol and let her know you will be attending. Cost is one lunch ticket.

See you November 20!

ROADMAP TO 2020 - Update # 5

Google for Nonprofits (G4NP) task force & pilot committees

This is a very exciting time to be a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto, as we introduce the Google for Nonprofits (G4NP) concept to our Club. Your G4NP task force team is Prince Kumar, Brent Thomas, Dawn-Marie King, Jonathan Wu, Maureen Bird and Barbara Thomson.

Over the past few months, we have facilitated three focus groups with over 60 club members participating. You identified a number of initiatives that you feel are key priorities for the Club. The G4NP Task Force will be piloting a few of these initiatives with some pilot committees and their volunteers: Fundraising (Dawn-Marie King and John Joseph Mastandrea), Women's Initiatives (Chantelle McDonald and June Brown), Strategic Planning (Lori Brazier and Jeff Dobson), as well as Program and Fellowship Committees.

Our first three pilots will include accessing and utilizing the following components of G4NP:

1. The standardized and easy to use/share template for online meeting minutes
2. Google Forms to sign up volunteers
3. Google Meet to do video conference calls

Now over to you. Please take a look at Google for Nonprofits and see how it will benefit you, as a Club member and the Club as a whole:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/googlefor nonprofits>

We need your help! We need your help to design various pilots and to help train other members - contact Prince Kumar or Barbara Thomson, if you are interested.

Take a Senior to Lunch on Friday December 8th

For uncounted years we have hosted a Christmas party for Toronto Seniors, many of whom do not get another meal out all year. This is a very special occasion for them.

You can help by donating a lunch ticket into our "golden box" this Friday or the next two Fridays. It means so much to these guests. There will be singing, a great turkey dinner and a special gift bag for them to take home. Help make this a special day.

What You Missed November 10, 2017

- by June Brown



The National Club was awash in red poppies as Rotarians and guests eagerly awaited the opportunity to honour the men and women who served or made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. After her greetings, President Pat called Jim Bell to the podium to give the invocation. He recalled the moment in 1918 when at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month the fighting stopped, and the First World War ended. He gave thanks to those who served in that conflict and in WWII, Korea and Afghanistan, plus the peacekeeping missions across the Globe. He reminded us that honouring those who served is only half the task. We must also make sure future generations know the cost of a free, democratic and peaceful society. As Jim's words resonated in our minds, the flags were lowered and Trumpeter Paul Taylor played the Last Post followed by 2 minutes of silence. The playing of Reveille signalled the raising of the flags. President Pat then named our own Rotary veterans: John Austin, Jim Bell, Elgin Coutts, Saleem Kassum, George Richardson, Jack Robinson and Frank Strickland.

Alex Brown introduced our guest speaker, Colonel Dwayne Hobbs. He spoke about the values of "Service Above Self" that the military and Rotary share. He touched on the difference between veterans today and the veterans in the past. One main difference is that Veterans today don't feel like veterans. There is no Passchendaele moment, no Normandy, no tickertape parades. The wars can go on and on with no clear win. He spoke of one area in Afghanistan that had 8 battles fought over it in a ten-year period. The touch point for the soldiers who fought there is not what battle did you win but what year were you there.

He commended the Canadian military on being a leader in gender equality with all positions open to women. He became a confirmed feminist after working in Kandahar Afghanistan. He highlighted the gap between health care for a soldier in active duty and the health care that veterans receive. There is still much to be done in this area. Recruiting is a challenge today because young people now are in cities and the military must find a way to engage them. The sobering thought he left with all of us is that the next big war will be one that destroys life as we know it, so all governments have to work hard to contain small conflicts before they escalate.



From left to Right, Saleem Kassum, Jim Bell, Colonel Dwayne Hobbs, Jack Robinson

The ace of club draw is still ongoing as Valerie Clark drew a 3 of Diamonds.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

November 2017

24 Julie Mahfouz, Rezvani, Mes Amis Canada

December 2017

- 1 Nathalie Des Rosiers, Parliamentary Assistant to the Ontario Minister of Energy
- 8 Seniors Christmas Party
- 15 Club Christmas Party
- 22 & 29 - NO MEETINGS - enjoy the holidays

Events

- November 20 Club Assembly
- December 2 Children's Christmas Party

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Toronto's oldest running Christmas Party for Children Celebrates its 88th year on SATURDAY, December 2nd!

The Rotary Club of Toronto's annual Christmas Party for Children with Special Needs, (guests from **Easter Seals Ontario, CNIB, Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf, Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, Gilda's Club of Greater Toronto and Starlight Foundation**) is only 3 weeks away.

Our Committee consisting of Don Bell, Jeff Dobson, Bill Empey, Dawn-Marie King, Karl Kremer, Barbara Thomson and I have been working diligently to make this the best party ever but we need your help.

Can you?

Make a Donation toward the Kid's Party. Simply call Belli, at 416 363-0604 or email him at accounts@rotarytoronto.on.ca, to make a credit card donation. Be sure to get your tax receipt for 2017.

Sign up to volunteer? We're still looking for TABLE HOSTS. Sign-up sheets will be at Friday lunch tables on Nov. 17th and, again on Nov. 24th, OR email Dawn-Marie King at dawnmarie.king@rotarytoronto.com OR Lorraine Lloyd at lorrainenelson5@gmail.com

Donate something to our Member's Christmas Lunch on Fri., Dec. 15th for our Silent Auction, proceeds to the Children's party.

A few details: Fairmont Royal York, C. Level, Canadian Room, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers should be over 17 years old. (A few younger children are helping behind the scenes). Fun activities include the York Guild Storytellers, VIBE Arts craft tables, Face Painting tables, and Youth Exchange Students, in costumes, mingling with our guests. The 3D Band will provide lots of music and many children, even in wheelchairs, like to dance.



A very special thank you to all our volunteers who've already signed up. This party wouldn't be a success without the help from so many RCT Rotarians and our 3 Rotaract Clubs!

*Christmas Cheers, Lorraine Lloyd, Chair
Children's Christmas Party Committee*

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