

Today's Program

Cyndie Jacobs

Host

Harold Hetherington

Topic

Harry Colebourn
Buys a Bear

Location

The National Club,
303 Bay Street



Cyndie grew up in a musical family in Toronto, attending Jarvis Collegiate, then completed an Honours BA in Psychology at the University of Waterloo in 1979, a B.Ed from the Faculty of Education, University of Toronto in 1982 and then an M.Ed from OISE in 1987. She

moved from Toronto to Uxbridge in 1986 and has lived there for 32 years.

She began her teaching career in the York Region DSB (elementary) in the fall of 1982 and remained with York Region for 23 years, teaching both elementary and secondary. At secondary, she taught math and music and then moved into Guidance and Career Education. At the same time, she was actively involved with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation at the local level. She then moved to the local OSSTF office where she worked for 8 years, until the fall of 2004, when she began her employment with the Ontario Teachers' Federation. Cyndie worked at OTF for over 8 years as the Director of Curriculum and Assessment. She retired from education in February 2013.

In retirement, Cyndie is very busy as a director of the Uxbridge Music Hall Board and the Uxbridge Music Scholarship Trust, as the Youth and Vocational Committee Chair for the Rotary Club of Uxbridge, and as the music director for several theatre productions in Uxbridge.

Cyndie has 2 daughters - one who graduated from Trent University in the Women's Studies program then from George Brown College with a post-degree diploma in the Social Service Worker program then from Durham College with a certification in workplace mediation, and the other who graduated from Wilfrid Laurier University with an Hons B.A. in Psychology and Biology and who now works full-time at Nike Canada.

Christmas Parties!

Don't Forget the Christmas Parties!
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. Please donate your lunch tickets to Anny-Sandra and her team. 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 in collaboration with 5 agencies. Contact Karl Kremer to volunteer.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 14th

Come enjoy the Fairmont Royal York's spectacular buffet and invite your guests.
Contact Dauna Jones-Simmonds to volunteer with the silent auction, raffle ticket sales and choir. Donations for the silent auction would be gratefully received and proceeds help with the Children's party.

Club Survey – We need to hear from YOU!

We are currently conducting a survey to help with our Club's Strategic Plan. Many of our members are working hard to identify what our club is doing well and what we might be able to do better. A key tool in this effort is a short survey created by the team and sent to all members. The information it provides will be very helpful to those of us developing our strategic plan and future direction.

Many members have already completed the survey, but we need to hear from you too! Please take a couple of minutes to complete the short online survey using the link here: <https://survey.rotarytoronto.com/>. When you get to the webpage, it is the bottom button labelled "Transformative Community Impact".

If you would rather submit a paper copy, please reply to me and I'll make that happen.

Your input is very important!

Thank you for your help.
President Jeff Dobson

Calling all Piano Players!

We would love for you to join the roster of club members who contribute to our Friday luncheons with their musical talents. We even have music for Road to the Isles, O Canada, Take Me Out to the Ball Game, and other club favourites to help you get started. Please contact Glenn Davis, Lorna Johnson, or Carol Hutchinson for more information.

Correction

Unfortunately, the Voice for November 16, 2018 incorrectly identified our Guest Speaker, for our Remembrance Day meeting on November 9th, Jack Robertson, in the photos accompanying the What You Missed article. Please accept our apologies.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

November 2018

29 Senior's Christmas Lunch (Thursday)
30 NO LUNCH – see 29th

December 2018

7 Michiel Roodenburg, World Water Crisis and AGM
14 Club Christmas Party

Events

December 2 Children's Christmas Party
December 14 Club Christmas Party

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Save The Date !!

Rotary Club of Toronto Annual General Meeting
During the Friday luncheon, December 7, 2018

What You Missed November 16, 2018 - by Bob Cartlidge



There was a lot of interest around the luncheon tables in the National Club's dining room as we awaited today's presentation by Susan Howson, a third generation Rotarian, a Past President of the club (2007-8) and now President of the Rotary Club of Toronto (RCT) Charitable Foundation. Her topic was particularly appropriate as this is National Philanthropic Day. Susan was introduced by President Jeff Dobson.

The RCT Charitable Foundation was established with a \$5,000 donation in 1951 and with contributions since then, but mainly from astute investment management, has grown to \$18 million. The goal of the foundation is to be proactive to help solve problems in the City of Toronto and to provide those in need with a better life. It is required to give away at least 3.5% of its assets annually. Since 1991, the foundation has donated \$13 million to 300 organizations. It also contributes \$200,000 annually for the good works of our Rotary Club.

The foundation's board, separate from the RCT, often serves needs that may not have widespread appeal, described as "too hot to handle", but are a heavy burden for those directly involved. Care for Aids patients, treatment for addictions, protection for victims of sex trafficking and health care for the homeless are some examples from a long list of its good works.

In finding innovative solutions to problems, other opportunities sometimes emerge. The Gateway Linen and Disposal Service, established through a foundation grant, not only solves a laundry issue, but provides training for personnel in this field. The health bus provides basic health care along established downtown routes to those who prefer not to go to a hospital. This saves hospital resources and staff time. The Pine River Institute deals with youth addiction problems in a rural setting near Toronto. Previously those requiring such care had to leave Canada. The foundation has set examples of how some seed money, board involvement and creative ideas can set standards of care and protection which can be borrowed and modified to address similar needs elsewhere.

Although the foundation's assets have increased considerably since its inception, the needs of Toronto's growing population have also expanded since that time. There are many forms of deprivation and exploitation to be addressed in new ways. More funds are required. Suggestions: why not contribute annually to the RCT Foundation in honour of a family member or friend's birthday or anniversary, consider donating stocks or mutual funds (and avoid capital gains tax), include the foundation in your will or as a beneficiary for insurance policies.

We left with a feeling of pride in the RCT Charitable Foundation, its attachment to our club, excellent governance and its legacy of community service. Sincere thanks go to all our members who have contributed to its growth financially and as board members.

Monitor Richard White introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Chand Chandravanam won the Ace of Clubs draw, but left the pot to accumulate.



Guest Speaker and President of the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation, Susan Howson



The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation donates \$200,000 annually for the good works of the Club.

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