



Today's Program

Brian Crombie

Topic

GTA Transit Alliance

Host

Don Bell

Location

Fairmont Hotel, Upper Canada Room



Brian Crombie frequently speaks on Community and the Power of Co: what he believes is the secret to economic development and entrepreneurship; and his ten step process to building stronger organizations, companies and communities.

Brian runs his own financial consultancy specializing in acquisitions, financing, corporate development and strategy - Crombie Capital Partners. He has previously worked as CFO Biovail, SVP Corporate Development and Treasurer for Molson, Managing Director Corporate Finance, the Jim Pattison Group and in strategic planning for Walt Disney. Brian has an HBA from the Ivey School of Business, graduated with an MBA and as a Baker Scholar from Harvard Business School and is currently completing a DBA at Case Western Reserve University and ISM Paris. Brian is also Co-chair of the Mississauga Summit, a community organization working for the betterment of Mississauga and co-chair of the Western GTA summit.

Roadmap to 2020, Update # 3 – Core Values

‘Birds of a feather flock together’ - Ever wondered what draws us together in support of our Club’s purpose? Our Executives and Board did, and have come up with our Club’s 5 Core Values - the shared characteristics of our club and its members that are not to be compromised on.

1. **Integrity** – including our Rotary 4 way test.
2. **Philanthropy** – donating our time, expertise or money for human welfare and advancement, locally and worldwide.
3. **Leadership** – be it in our personal, professional or community lives, each one of us are leaders in our own right, achieving great things together.
4. **Diversity** – we respect, welcome, represent and include people and ideas of a diverse Toronto – leading to greater innovation and creativity.
5. **Friendship** – need we say more? We certainly enjoy a good laugh and company of our club members – yes that includes you!

The thing about understanding values; they apply to potential new members as well. Think about your circle of influence, who do you know that embodies the above 5 values? – Perhaps it’s time to invite them to our lunch.

The Rotary Club of Toronto Nominations Committee 2017/18 for 2018/19 elections

Please note that this year’s Nominating Committee will be selecting the 4 new Directors and Vice President of our Club Board commencing office July 1, 2018.

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| President | Pat Neuman |
| President Elect | Jeff Dobson |
| Club Director | Mary Lach |
| Imm. Past President | Susan Hunter |
| Past Pres. Selection | Bert Steenburgh |

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| Five Members at large: | Anny-Sandra Hamel | Dawn-Marie King |
| | Karl Kremer | Harvey Sullivan |
| | Paul Westlake | |

November Birthdays!



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| 3 | Terry Wray | 13 | Bill Glead | 24 | John Platts |
| 8 | Harvey Sullivan | 15 | James McAuley | | Kevin Power |
| 9 | Blair Spinney | 20 | Jayson Phelps | 29 | Valerie Clarke |
| 11 | Michele Guy | 22 | Heather Gordon | 30 | Robert O’Brien |
| | | | Peter Naylor | | |

What You Missed October 27, 2017 - by Maureen Bird



So what do Rotarians do when a speaker cancels at the last minute for a family emergency out of town? Our committee chairs stepped up and gave us updates on the work that is happening every week because of our members.

Bill Empey filled in for Emre Yurga and the Indigenous Service Committee. He spoke of the monumental efforts to re-establish dignity for this community. Honouring Indigenous People (HIP) is now a presence across Canada. They are now gathering goods to go to the northern communities. At the RI convention next June they will be included in the opening ceremonies and are preparing murals. MAD featured the Mohawk Institute, preserving evidence. We have had great support from Paul Martin, Bob Rae, Roberta Jamieson and Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Dowdeswell.

John Farrell, chair of International Service Committee (a complex, robust

and busy group) spoke of the Six Areas of Focus of RI and how our members travel to follow up on projects. Our Refugee sub-committee raised over \$50,000 and are working with our newcomers to adapt to Canada, learn English and become self-sufficient. Come meet the entire family at lunch on November 24th.

They are working on a Global Grant with the Bombay Airport club to provide new toilets for girls in rural India. This grant will use US\$3,000 from our committee, reach out for more funds partnering with other clubs and then leverage with District and TRF funds for a \$35,000 total. It helps us realize we belong to something bigger and better than just ourselves.

Anny-Sandra Hamel, Chair of our Senior Citizens Committee, referred to RCF funds earmarked for Seniors that are making major differences. There is now a major partnership with SPRINT, providing funds for their vehicle fleet to assist seniors. Dr. Sinah's presentation highlighted a lot we can do. Ross Amos is working with the Martha Vineyard's club on a major Alzheimer's initiative. They are still entertaining at Second Mile Club's June picnic but the highlight for Seniors is the Annual Christmas Lunch on December 8th this year. Members can volunteer by contacting Anny-Sandra.

Lorna Johnson, Chair of the Environment Committee spoke of their journey from camping in Australia to a town-house in the U.S. and now a downtown building. Concrete fever drove them to Toronto Islands and an appreciation of ECO-therapy. Gardeners live 14 years longer so get out into the dirt! We have such a resource in the Great Lakes but need to support biodiversity in the city. The Environment Committee's projects have and can continue to include other Committees. Combining Environment Committee, Youth and Children's Service, and Rotaract Club of Toronto funding enabled the founding Sponsorship for the new location of the Toronto Tool Library last year. They also organized a sweat equity weekend to help get the new shop-front ready for launch. They support the David Wilson school garden and continue

our Club's 26-year heritage of working with the Don Valley Club and TD Friends of the Environment, planting trees in the Don. Earth Day is April 22nd. Come out to the Family Tree Planting Day planned in conjunction with District 7070.

Dawn-Marie King, Chair of Youth and Children's Service Committee, reminded us all of the 88th annual Children's Christmas party on Saturday December 2nd. Volunteering on this day can be the highlight of your season. There will be an expanded format for this year's Youth Expo, a collaboration with school boards and Rotaract, which will give the students more opportunities to inspire, learn and explore. The Rotary Student Exchange program is going well – but another home is needed.

The speakers inspired us – if you are not active on a committee now think about joining these other great Rotarians!

Key Announcements from the podium included:

- **District Conference this weekend**
- **Club Assembly** Monday November 20th - give your lunch ticket to Carol with "Club Assembly" and your name on the back
- **Children's Party** – we need to borrow a colour printer for the photos with Santa – Can you help?
- **RI 2018** – registration cost increases US\$100 after December 15th – Pat will give a gift to the 5th person to sign up before then – email her your confirmation

Tony Houghton drew the 5 of Clubs and took home the wine.



Anny-Sandra Hamel, Lorna Johnson, John Farrell, Dawn-Marie King and Bill Empey

Upcoming Speakers & Events

November 2017

- 10 Remembrance Day, Colonel Dwayne Hobbs
- 17 Lorna Johnson, Fintech
- 24 Julie Mahfouz Rezvani, Mes Amis Canada

December 2017

- 1 Elyse Allen, CEO General Electric
- 8 Seniors Christmas Party
- 15 Club Christmas Party
- 22 & 29 – No meetings

Events

- November 3-4 Rotary Uncorked, District Conference
- November 20 Club Assembly
- December 2 Children's Christmas Party

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