



Today's Program

Jeff Bradshaw,
President and CEO
The Cannabis Learning Series

Topic

Cannabis in the Workplace

Host

Tony Houghton, *one of our Oakville travellers*

Location

The National Club,
303 Bay St.



For more than 25 years Jeff has worked to continue to modernize the way we communicate and educate in corporate environments. With that longevity, he has had to constantly evolve with the times. From low-tech and offline solutions, to digital online technology, and now to the modern connected workforce, he is always focused on solutions and

results. Jeff's belief is that integrating strategic thinking and visual storytelling into the creation of educational content creates a more engaged blended visual learning experience.

As an early adopter and lifetime entrepreneur, it was Jeff's interest in cannabis legalization that led to the creation of the Cannabis Learning Series in late 2017. Now Jeff and his team of advisors actively engage and educate employers on the impact cannabis legalization will have on the workplace.

The Rotary Club of Toronto Nominations Committee 2018/19 for 2019/20 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, 2019.

President	Jeff Dobson
President Elect	Kevin Power
Club Director	Errol Paulicpulle
Imm. Past President	Pat Neuman
Past Pres. Selection	Neil Phillips

5 Members at large:
Krystyna Benyak *
Tony Houghton*
Dauna Jones-Simmonds
Peter Stephenson
Andrea Tirone

*Members please note due to circumstances beyond their control June Brown and Mathew Harrison are no longer available to serve on the Nominations Committee.

November 11, 1918 – a day that was supposed to be the end of 'The War to End All Wars'

Join us next Friday, November 9th as we mark the 100th anniversary of this day. Think about the sacrifices so many made so that we could live our fortunate lives here in Canada in peace.

Robert O'Brien will be the lead and host to our speaker. Jack Robertson, our most active Rotarian veteran will speak to us all about his memories.

The Voice will be special, recognizing so many Rotarians who served.

Join us to honour and cherish the few we have remaining. Never forget.



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.

Rotary Reunion 2018 – Be The Inspiration

- by Maureen Bird



Over 270 Rotarians and guests ventured into Prince Edward County this past weekend for our annual District Conference, led by our District Governor Mary Lou Harrison, a member of the Toronto Twilight Rotary Club. Thank you to the conference coordinators, Deborah Murray of Trenton and Rob Leek of Picton.

A few ventured out for a round of golf on Friday. It was crisp and cool but a lot of fun.

Some of us were fortunate enough to get a billet at the home of Wellington Rotarians. Our hosts were Geoffrey and Sue Telling. We had a delightful dinner at a local restaurant on Friday and they took time to show us some of the wonders of this beautiful part of Ontario. All four of us had careers as teachers and both Gerry and Geoff were born in England.

Many of us checked out the great cuisine at the lovely restaurants in the village. We then gathered at the Wellington Legion for dessert, cheeses and music. This was complimentary of the Picton and Wellington Rotary Clubs.

On Saturday morning we all gathered at the Wellington Community Centre and Arena for a day fully-packed with Rotary activities. It was a relaxed and comfortable day with all activities within a perfectly sized venue. Of course we had our exchange students and their flag ceremony as well as short videos from each of them. The theme was the six area of focus – the students qualify under Peace and we did a peace exercise over lunch.

For Maternal and Child Health we heard from a Rotarian about her 30-year struggle with voices in her head and her challenge to stay above. Her talk impressed us with how we see someone as normal and inside they are hurting so much.

Education was Amorok Society, a group working in Bangladesh, teaching mothers who then teach the children. A real inspiration is Edhina, an 8-year-old who now teaches the younger children and her grandfather who had never learned to read.

Disease was an incredible VR experience following a young woman going out to vaccinate against Polio. We will win this battle and hopefully soon. VR is a bit scary as a new experience.

Community Development featured ShelterBox and one of their tents. It was a bit chilly so they moved the talk inside in the afternoon. We also decorated bags to hold all the needs for a kid's birthday party to be distributed by the local food banks – cake mix, invitation, candles, balloons and favours.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene featured projects from our clubs in Uganda, Laos, Dominican Republic and Panama. Water collection and filtration is such a simple thing that we take so much for granted. Once again my grandmothers from Kachere Malawi made the conference bags in brilliant African prints. Those remaining and some donated back by participants will be used in Dominican Republic project to hold washable menstrual kits.

The Wellington Club brought its float to the event and our incoming District Governor Beth Selby sponsored a wine tent (with help from local vintners) to highlight the 2019 conference

which will be held at the Rosseau Muskoka Resort the last weekend of October. It was comfy with great appetizers and music by Sound Explosion.

After all the activities wrapped up we enjoyed a light dinner and entertainment by Class Act Trio.

Many of us stayed over on Saturday and woke up to the first snow of the season. Boo hoo. All the pictures taken by Aziz Saleh are on the website.

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Our Toronto Club contingent



DG Mary Lou Harrison and co-chair Deb Murray



Flag Ceremony with Exchange Students



Robin Hood Army on the Move

- by James McDonald

On October 20th on a partly overcast afternoon a Robin Hood dinner cookout occurred at Strachan House, an 80-bed male and female shelter. A team of six Rotarians (aka Sherwood Forest outlaws, less tights), was led by Lori Brazier, tour communications director & chocolate cake maker/server, whose missives kept us on time & in green attire. Mitra Goodarzi pretty well chopped, cooked, washed everything and was given 5 star restaurant credentials. Anna Koneva, of Dr. Oetker pizza fame, was put right to work grating mozzarella and showed real promise folding and serving chicken tacos. Jonathon Wu manned the grill, chopping then spooning carrot squash soup. His stirring action was like a classic conductor sampling symphonies of ground beef and Indian chicken. Our illustrious menu visionary, and spice master chef, Prince Kumar, flung orange curries and red chili peppers with reckless abandon. His presence was like an opening lotus flower within the food and spice forest quite foreign to one Scottish outlaw. As an aside he said his sister was one of the founders of this rag tag Robin Hood army now feeding 10 million people in 12 countries around the world with “0” fundraising. Its mantra of getting food before it’s wasted from stores and restaurants to where it’s needed, by cooking, reheating or acting as transport couriers is a working magic.

I am barely able to manage hamburgers on a barbecue; luckily my menial task was stirring milk and custard powder...a cunning ploy to get my mass out of the way of the conductors, pizza cake makers, 5-star pro and lotus flower. With elbows touching, we tried to complete Prince’s ambitious menu of 3-six square foot trays of croissants of curried Indian chicken and veggies, then spiced ground beef nested in lettuce leaves, then 150 Samosas fit for a king, all that was missing was a maharajah elephant & camel. But would Strachan House like it...as the rolling shutter opened, and our tight confines exposed to the lineup of hungry mouths, we were chorused with “what’s this?” and this?...but then, slowly, we heard “ this is great, what a great idea, nice change, great soup, great koolaid, great food”. What an array of 60 unique faces we’d seen, the wheel chaired women with no hands, the hooded toothless smiles, the correction on how to say Taccoccoo, the flood of humanity. Through their eyes you could see yourself or friends or family just stuck, or smiling, a playwright a banker an architect. Their gratitude was so heartfelt and huge. As I left alone out the front door, a man on a box said “You guys didn’t have name tags blowing yourselves up or anything, you were just strangers making us a meal. Thank you for doing this.” For all of us, it was a real pleasure.

Special thanks to Rotary Rock’in Robins in absentia (Jackie Davies-cake & muffins, Luba Rascheff-fruits and Marcy Berg groceries) who supplied goodies, but didn’t further crowd the kitchen.

November Birthdays!

- 3 Terry Wray
- 8 Harvey Sullivan
- 9 Blair Spinney
- 11 Michele Guy
- 13 Bill Gleed
- 20 Jayson Phelps
- 22 Heather Gordon
- 24 John Platts, Kevin Power
- 29 Valerie Clarke
- 30 Robert O’Brien



Back: James McDonald, Jon Wu, Prince Kumar Front: Mitra Goodarzi, Anna Koneva, Lori Brazier

RI President
Barry Nussam, East Nassau

District Governor
Mary Lou Harrison, Toronto Sunrise

The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

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What You Missed Reporter for November 2, 2018:
Maureen Bird

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

- 9 Remembrance Day
- 16 Susan Howson, Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation
- 23 Cyndie Jacobs, Bear Story
- 29 Senior’s Christmas lunch (Thursday)

December 2018

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

Events

December 2 Children’s Christmas Party

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Knud Westergaard

January 18, 1937 - October 25, 2018



Knud playing piano in a 600 year old pub in Copenhagen during the 2006 RI convention

Knud Westergaard passed away unexpectedly while on vacation in Ecuador with some of his dearest friends. He leaves behind his wife and love of 46 years Yoneko, their sons Peter (married to Heather Dale) and Paul (married to Emilie).

Knud was a man perpetually finding ways to serve his community. He served at various times: the Danish Dairy Board; the Danish Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Toronto; the Scandinavian Canadian Business Association;

The Rotary Club of Toronto; and the Copenhagen Goodwill Ambassador Program. In 1999 he was knighted in the Order of Dannebrog by Her Majesty, Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, for his contributions towards trade and cultural relations between Canada and Denmark.

Knud joined The Rotary Club of Toronto on March 31, 1977, His attendance record has been outstanding, he has been with the club for over 40 years and had volunteered regularly at club events and activities. He was instrumental in bringing the Danish Prince and Princess as special guests to one of our Rotary lunches.

He was also one of our organists for Friday lunches and served on the attendance committee for 10 years with Harvey; his attendance committee team will miss him terribly.

Memorial services will be held at the Danish Lutheran Church of Toronto (72 Finch Ave. W.) on Monday, November 5th, at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers, donations to The Rotary Club of Toronto, the Danish Lutheran Church in Toronto, the Momiji Health Care Society or a charity of your choice would be appreciated.



Congratulations

The wedding bells rang recently for Anny-Sandra Hamel. The lucky guy is Thomas Patrick (TP) Sheehen who will be moving here permanently from Cork in the spring.

What You Missed October 26, 2018

- by Luba Rascheff



The Inside Track on Negotiations in the Dairy Industry
Welcome to the behind-the-scenes story of dairy industry negotiations between Canada and the U.S. and where they stand now. John Lloyd, father of guest speaker Graham Lloyd, introduced his son. Many Lloyd family members—guests—were present.

‘What are the milk requirements for our province?’ Graham asked us and immediately answered his own question by explaining that the amount is divided on a formula basis for the entire country and then allocated to the provinces. It’s the province that regulates the price and amount of milk produced and the formula—managed by the federal dairy commission—ensures that milk supply and prices remain stable for farmers and processors.

It was U.S. President Donald Trump who announced that he wanted to renegotiate how dairy products between the U.S. and Canada are traded and Graham Lloyd was sent to Mexico, Washington and several places in Canada to have access to the negotiations in his capacity of General Manager and CEO of the Dairy Farmers of Ontario, with the view of being able to understand issues and provide guidance during negotiations.

Dairy first came into the spotlight in April 2017 when Trump was in Wisconsin. Wisconsin farmers claimed to be losing due to Canada. It wasn’t true.

Canada endeavoured to create a better understanding by U.S. decision makers and invited a leader to Toronto and Ottawa. This leader thought that Canada’s supply management system would benefit U.S. farmers.

For further information on the issues, Graham mentioned a document called Myths and Facts which they created with objective fact checking references and the Neilson study so as to educate about the Canadian dairy.

The only dairy industry in the world that is thriving is the Canadian dairy industry. In the last 3 years more than \$600M in processor investment contrasted US bankruptcies and billions in aid to U.S. farmers. Canadian dairy farmers do not receive income from government subsidies. It’s a great system and Canadians should be proud, Graham concluded.



Graham receiving a speaker’s gift from President Jeff

Past President Brian Westlake introduced visiting Rotarians from Mexico City and Colombo as well as many visitors.

The Ace of Clubs Draw was at \$500 and a guest won a bottle of wine.

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