



### Today's Program

Chris Snyder, *member since 1984*

### Topic

Creating Opportunities...A Volunteer's Memoir

### Host

Brian Westlake, *Chris's sweat equity buddy*

### Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street



Chris is the co-founder and Chairman of the ECC Group, one of Canada's first broad-based financial planning firms. He designed and implemented the RFP (Registered Financial Planner) program in Canada. The author of five books and several hundred articles on personal finance, his most recent

book "Creating Opportunities: A Volunteer's Memoir" focuses on the rewards of volunteering.

Chris is an active member of The Rotary Club of Toronto and has sat on a number of not-for-profit boards. Chris currently is Past Chair of the Canadian Landmine Foundation and founding and current Chair of HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples). He also is on the board of CUSO and the Trudeau Centre of Peace, Conflict and Justice at the Munk Centre (University of Toronto). Chris also organizes and runs hands-on school-building trips to the developing world.

Chris is the recipient of many volunteer and community service awards, among them the Paul Harris Fellowship Award, both the Queen's Gold and Diamond Jubilee Awards, the Rotary Service-Above-Self Award and the Governor General's Sovereign Award for Volunteering.

He is married to Pat, a patient travel companion. They have three children and four grandchildren.

### Next Monday, October 22, 2018 - Club Assembly

Shape our future! Together we can realize our continued success and growth: Road Map 20/20! Part of our strategic plan is to determine a focus. Do we have one? Do we need to create one? If we already have one do we need to re-innovate our focus, celebrate it, brand it, promote it?

Let's talk about it this coming Monday at the Annual Club Assembly. 5:30 -8:00 The National Club. Cost one lunch ticket. Register through the office.

This is a member only event. **It is your club and we need your thoughts as to where and how we go forward.**

### Request for Research Volunteers

Good morning! I'm a research assistant at Baycrest Health Sciences and I am currently helping to coordinate a study for which we are actively recruiting volunteer participants. We are looking at the cognitive benefits of smartphone-based learning programs for people between the ages of 65 and 75. Would it be possible for you to include some information about this opportunity to your members or in your next newsletter?

The programs are free and compensation for travel and testing time is provided. Please let me know! You can reach me at 416-785-2500 ext.2708 or at [mkatesrose@research.baycrest.org](mailto:mkatesrose@research.baycrest.org)

Thank you!

Mira Rose

### New Member - TAKAKO ITO, Consul-General of Japan in Toronto



Takako with her sponsor Bill Morari

Ms. Takako Ito joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) in 1985. Her overseas postings include Ottawa, New York, Kuala Lumpur, and Jakarta.

She graduated from Sophia University in Tokyo with B.L. in international legal studies, and received M.A. in international affairs from Norman Patterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, Canada.

Her work experiences include public relations, human rights, free trade, as well as national security issues and UN multilateral diplomacy.

Her hobbies include playing the traditional Japanese musical instruments (Japanese harp (Koto) and Banjo (Shamisen)), collecting antiques, playing golf, scuba diving, travelling and enjoying good food. She won the Canadian National Kendo Championship in 1987.

Being a diplomat, she is interested in different cultures and societies, and enjoys talking with young adults.

Ms. Ito's husband, Claude, was born in Ottawa. They have two children.

## October Birthdays!

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| 1 Pauline Lyons   | 11 Becky Jones              |
| 4 Jonathan Wu     | 18 Alexandre Naimouchine    |
| 6 Steve Dulmage   | 21 Sarah Dell, Clemens Sels |
| 10 Joyce Westlake | 29 Brian Westlake           |



## Rotary District Conference, Saturday October 27, 2018

### Where?

Prince Edward County, Wellington & District Community Centre in Wellington.

This is a one-day event this year (we've been busy) but a great opportunity to explore a lovely part of Ontario. Cost for the day – just \$99.

Register at [www.rotary7070.org](http://www.rotary7070.org), right column

But wait, there's more. Come down Friday in time for a Sweet Country Welcome – Fun Free Rotarian hospitality co-hosted by Wellington and Picton Rotary Clubs.

### Register as a Guest please.

[www.wellingtonrotary.ca/event/sweet-county-welcome](http://www.wellingtonrotary.ca/event/sweet-county-welcome)

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### October 2018

26 Graham Lloyd, Dairy Farmers of Ontario

### November 2018

2 Jeff Bradshaw, Cannabis In The Workplace

9 Remembrance Day

16 Susan Howson, Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation

23 Cyndie Jacobs, Bear Story

29 Seniors Christmas Lunch (Thursday)

### Events

October 20 Robin Hood Army Event

October 22 Club Assembly

October 27 District Conference, Wellington

November 1 R2R, National Club

December 2 Children's Christmas Party

### Editor of the week

Don Bell

### Editor for October 26, 2018

John Andras

### What You Missed Reporter for October 26th

John Andras

### Propose a Speaker – Contact

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## What You Missed October 12, 2018

- by John Carr



Once again we are visiting Bill's place for our meeting today with a full house including heavy TV coverage.

Brian Westlake, the monitor, introduced five visiting Rotarians and had the remaining 20 visitors stand to be recognized with a welcome from President Jeff. Jeff also recognized Winnie Go, President of the National Club, as a visitor. Jeff reminded us of the District Conference in Wellington, Prince Edward County on October 27 and encouraged our attendance. He followed that up with an introduction of the new member, Takako Ito, Consul General of Japan in Toronto, who spoke to us recently. Bill Morari pinned on her badge and welcomed her, John Fortney then took the mic and reminded us that October 22 here at the National Club we will see our Club Assembly focus on our club objectives for the next few years.

Don Bell was host to our speaker, His Worship John Tory Mayor of The city of Toronto. Despite the high profile speaker, Don managed to do the introduction in exactly the 90 seconds prescribed for such formalities, including an invitation for the mayor to join our club.

Mayor John took time to congratulate the Japanese Consul General and compare the Tokyo central station to Union Station here. Expressing his astonishment and admiration for their system, he promised we would be striving for similar results at Union Station. A rising tide lifts all boats, and as the city prospers, so do its people. His message was very inclusive, pointing out that Toronto is a project needing continuous development and the necessity to stick with our plans in order to improve our poor record of building transit. Other government entities seem to be able to run several projects at once, while we get tied up in procedures that sent us back to the drawing board without producing anything. He boosted our club, quoting several of our important accomplishments over the years contributing to the way the city runs. He points out that the city is better than it was four years ago. It is a magnet for talent and notes the \$1.4 billion new investment by private tech giants covered this week in the press. His point was that we need to keep to our principles, keep our city livable and continue with real estate tax at or below the level of inflation.

John says that he has worked well with other layers of government and it's his job to help forge

partnerships to advance the interests of Toronto. An affordable Toronto is a key goal. He says his plan to realize 40,000 low rental units over 12 years, free transit for kids under 12 and low income fare passes are other parts of the plan. These things will help keep us on the most livable cities list.

In reply to a question from the floor voicing concern about the downtown services that were being eroded Mayor Tory replied that part of the city's mandate is to make things work. We have transit, health, safety, housing, and other files which require cooperation with the other levels of government. He also points out that this year they are building three new schools south of Front Street in our city, very surprising development.

Knud Westergaard claimed the Ace of Clubs prize by drawing the ace from a pack down to only seven cards. Knud won almost \$5,000, and a similar amount was raised for our club by this draw. Knud attends regularly and buys lots of tickets, so where is the surprise!



The mayor and the president



A \$5000 smile! Jeff and Knud Westergaard

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