



### Today's Program

Tim Hudak

### Host

Krystyna Benyak

### Topic

Ontario Real Estate Board

### Location

Fairmont Hotel, Upper Canada Room



Tim Hudak is the CEO of the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA), Canada's largest provincial real estate industry association representing 70,000 REALTORS®.

After a distinguished 21 years of public service in the Ontario Legislature including five years as Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario and Leader of the Official Opposition making the move to OREA was a perfect fit. As Minister of Consumer and Business Services, Hudak worked closely with OREA to write the Real Estate and Business Brokers Act, 2002 and championed a long list of pro-homeowner and pro-REALTOR® policies, from stopping the spread of the municipal land transfer tax (MLTT) to permitting the use of electronic signatures. Since becoming CEO in December 2016, Hudak and his OREA team have focused on transforming OREA into Ontario's most effective professional association that delivers high impact advocacy on behalf of REALTORS® and consumers and provides quality services to members. Our mission is to help Ontario REALTORS® help more people achieve the Canadian dream of home ownership. Hudak continues to travel the province, speaking directly with REALTOR® leaders, associated professions and government decision makers to gain insights and a local perspective on the real estate industry. These insights will help strengthen the profession and help build stronger communities. Hudak earned an Economics degree from the University of Western Ontario, and was subsequently awarded a full academic scholarship to the University of Washington, where he obtained his Master of Arts in Economics.

He is married to Deb Hutton and together they have two daughters, Miller and Maitland.

## Matching Fund Donations for Disasters Globally!!

- by Pat Neuman



When extreme flooding as a result of Hurricane Harvey overtook the city of Houston, then Hurricane Irma in Florida and both Irma and Maria disasters in the Caribbean, several members called to ask how they might help. It was decided then that the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation would donate \$15,000 to ShelterBox Canada which would be providing assistance to these many disasters occurring one after the other. To note, the disasters that ShelterBox is assisting with at the present are: Caribbean – Hurricanes Irma and Maria, USA- Gulf Coast and Florida - Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, Cameroon and Niger – Lake Chad Basin Crisis, Bangladesh - flooding and the Rohingya Crisis, Syria- Conflict, Iraq - Conflict. At the recent Club Foundation Board meeting it was unanimously agreed that our **Foundation would provide matching funds up \$25,000 for disasters globally.** We are very proud of our club's commitment on an ongoing basis to help those in disasters. Please make your donation at <https://goo.gl/imXKMw>, designating "ShelterBox 2017 Matching". Let's build this to \$25,000 so we can double our donation to ShelterBox!!

## ROADMAP TO 2020 => Introduction to G Suite for Nonprofits

- by Barbara Thomson



The Strategic Planning Committee is focussed on the Roadmap to 2020. It has begun the process to develop a draft Vision 2020, a paradigm shift to inspire us to act; Mission, our purpose; and Core Values, the characteristics of our club and its members that are not to be compromised.

As part of this process, it is important to identify the resources that will encourage member engagement, as well as support effective committees and member participation.

G Suite is one of the components of Google for Nonprofits. G Suite has the ability to schedule meetings with automatic email invites; video conference from any camera-enabled computer, phone, or tablet and sharing work as a team.

G Suite allows a committee or team to easily work on documents, spreadsheets, and slides across your devices, with or without internet. Multiple people can work at the same time, and every change is saved automatically.

Google for Nonprofits is free to charities and The Rotary Club of Toronto qualifies. We are forming a group of Rotarians that can help pilot this concept further.

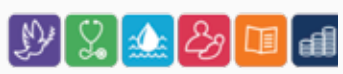
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November 3-4, 2017

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## In Memorium John Roland Gregory



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our honorary member, John Roland Gregory on Thursday, October 5, 2017 after 94 years of service and adventure. He passed with two of his three children at his side, having been pre-deceased by his beloved wife of 57 years, June Taylor.

John was born in St. Catherine's Ontario on March 15, 1923. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942 and flew in defense of the empire in the UK, North Africa, Italy, Egypt and India. He felt his career with the military, which spanned 20 years of serving king/queen and country was thrilling and rewarding. After graduating as an engineer with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Toronto, he continued his education and graduated with an MBA from McMaster.

He had a broad working career including Massey-Ferguson, director with Andras, Hatch & Hetherington Ltd., Delta Dental plans and Christie Automotive Engineering. He joined the Rotary Club of Toronto in 1975, and was previously with the Oakville and St. Catherines Rotary Clubs. He was active on program, club fellowship, youth exchange, the Voice and Investment Committees and was nominated to the club board in 1979. He received his Club Builder award in 1996 and Paul Harris Fellow and William Peace Award in 1999. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. Club condolences have been sent to his family.

There will be service at All Saints Anglican Church at 81 Main Street in Erin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 28th and an afternoon celebration at the Caledon Riding Club at 15747 Creditview Road in Caledon from 12:30 p.m. onwards (directions: <http://mapq.st/2ymGsyT>)

## What You Missed September 22, 2017

- by Don Bell



There was another great turnout at the National Club this week, with the staff having to add an extra table.... and of course the luncheon was delicious as usual. We had an In Memoriam for John Gregory, one of our long-time members and a great supporter of our club. Monitor Michele Guy introduced a total of 22 guests and Rotarians, including a large contingent of the Andras family, who were there in support of the speaker. President Pat announced that our Foundation has donated \$15,000 to ShelterBox for latest disasters in the US and has agreed to match any donations made by Rotarians and others up to \$25,000. Brent Thomas, the past chair of our Youth and Children's Committee, along with Catherine Woodford, the vice president of Rotaract Toronto, awarded 2 grants to charities in the GTA that focus on Youth Mental Health. Y&CS and partnering Rotaractors undertook an extensive vetting process to find the top two contestants for each grant. \$3,000 went to Cameron Helps; the money to be used for purchasing sneakers for low-income students so they can participate in their running program. \$8,000 went to the George Hull Centre; the money to be used for 1 personnel trainer and a year's worth of group therapy sessions for 10 family units in the 'PPP' program, shown to improve the relationships between guardians and children with behavioural and emotional issues.

Past President John Andras introduced our guest speaker, his son Alex, to speak on the topic 'Living the Wrong Gender'. What followed was a presentation that was unique to The Rotary Club of Toronto. Personally speaking, having attended hundreds of Rotary meetings, I can say that very few, if any, were more moving or dramatic. Alex Andras was born a girl in 1992. He suffered from gender dysphoria for most of his life and it was only within the last few years that he found the right doctor who made the correct diagnosis and prescribed the proper testosterone treatments to allow physical and mental bodily changes to take place. Alex told the audience about his difficulties in growing up, his inability to relate to other girls, his lack of friends, his 'therapeutic boarding school' in the United States, and his feelings of depression and suicide. As he said, "To stand up and speak to you today is amazing to me. I have a different body shape, a different body size, and a 'good beard'. This can happen to anyone, so creating awareness of people like me is extremely important". Alex is about to graduate from Humber College and is planning on going through the doctorate program for social work. At the conclusion of his speech he asked for a moment of silence in support of all the people like him. Club members were very silent during his presentation but when he concluded, they stood up en mass and applauded. Alex fielded many questions from the audience and clearly had much support and admiration from his parents and family. This was one of the most illuminating and courageous presentations that we have ever had! After all that, John Joseph Mastandrea (who had sung a commercial for our Food Truck Extravaganza earlier in the programme) managed to get his ticket drawn in the Ace of Clubs Draw. He won the bottle of wine, which I expect he'll take to the Food truck event!



John and Julie Andras with their son Alex

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### October 2017

27 Bob Duff, St. Simon's Shelter

### October 2017

- 3 Brian Crombie, GTA Transit Alliance
- 10 Remembrance Day, Colonel Dwayne Hobbs
- 17 Lorna Johnson, Fintech
- 24 Julie Mahfouz Rezvani, Mes Amis Canada

### Events

- October 24 R2R, National Club, 5:30PM
- November 3-4 Rotary Uncorked, District Conference
- November 20 Club Assembly
- December 2 Children's Christmas Party

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