



Today's Program

Graham Lloyd, Dairy Farmers of Ontario

Topic

Canada's Dairy Industry and Trade

Host

John Lloyd, *President 2006-07, father of Graham*

Location

Royal York Hotel Tudor Rooms 7and 8 (MM Level)

Graham J. Lloyd, B.A. (Hons.), LL.B. General Manager and CEO, Dairy Farmers of Ontario



Graham Lloyd is the General Manager and CEO of Dairy Farmers of Ontario. DFO is the marketing organization owned by Ontario's dairy farmers, the largest sector of agriculture in Ontario, producing almost 3B litres of milk per year, representing more than \$2.3B. It is responsible for transportation, quality assurance, marketing, and promoting Ontario's milk. Ontario's dairy contributes almost \$5B to Ontario's GDP.

Graham joined Dairy Farmers of Ontario in mid-2011, in the newly created role of General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. His responsibilities at DFO have included managing DFO's legal affairs, corporate governance, Board Secretary and Director of Communications. On August 1, 2017 he assumed the role of General Manager and CEO.

In 1993, he obtained a law degree from the University of Ottawa and has practiced law both in a litigation firm and as General Counsel with one of North America's largest insurance companies.

Graham hails originally from Montreal and moved to Toronto following his graduation from Law School. He is married with two children, and for almost 26 years has been very active coaching competitive hockey. He is also a director of one of the largest hockey programs in Toronto.

Report from Club Assembly, October 22ND

- by John Fortney, Vice-president



Monday evening close to 50 Rotarians met at the National Club for our annual Club Assembly. This year we tackled the issue of Community Impact as detailed in the Strategic Plan. The evening started with a video produced by Jason Colbert and MediaFace asking people on the street what they thought about Rotary. It was very enlightening. A survey conducted earlier produced a perfect split between choosing a specific focus for the club and the fact that we currently have a focus, (we seed new ideas, we address Toronto's challenges and this needs to be branded and promoted). For the question of choosing a focus the strongest result was in favour of Mental Health and Well Being.

Alanna Scott and Morrigan Wolf presented Toronto's key social issues as outlined by the Toronto Foundation's latest Vital Signs report. Breakout sessions tackled the questions of how to promote concepts both within the club and externally and how to get the various committees involved.

Communication is vital, both in understanding our brand and then promoting it outside the club. Membership and growth remain our ultimate goal. Club thanks go from VP John Fortney to incoming Board members Jayson Phelps, Fabio Ventolini, Marg Stanowski and Alanna Scott. This would not have happened without the invaluable help of Morrigan Wolf, Brent Thomas, Jason Colbert, Prince Kumar, Jeff Dobson, Kevin Power, Lori Brazier and the indispensable Carol. Most importantly thanks go to the members who gave their time to help make our club better by completing the survey and attending the assembly.

First Contact Screens at Queen's Park

- by John Andras



On October 17th HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) held a special screening of the first episode of the APTN series 'First Contact' hosted by Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell. This series follows six "ordinary Canadians" with strong opinions regarding Indigenous peoples and sends them on a four week journey to face the Indigenous reality of Canada and to face their racist attitudes. Following the screening was a panel discussion with Elder Wendy Phillips, Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business President and CEO J.P. Gladu, and renowned indigenous educator Dan Longboat. The 70 guests including



Casey Hadaway, Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell and President Jeff at a special Screening of First Contact

President Jeff, Casey Hadaway, Bill Empey and HIP Chair Chris Snyder learned that racism is a daily challenge for Indigenous people who are often denied apartments, employment and other opportunities. It is hoped that 'First Contact' will be used by Rotary Clubs, educators and church groups to begin a much-needed national dialogue.

World Polio Day, October 24, 2018

Members of our Club and District attended the raising of the End Polio Now flag at City Hall, Toronto. In 1963, on our 50th anniversary, our Club made a donation of 5,000 doses of vaccine to the Rotary Club of Mithapur, India. To celebrate our Centennial in 2013 we made a donation of \$100,000 to PolioPlus, matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and then the Government of Canada. Our Charitable Foundation is donating \$10,000 each year to this fund. We are this close! Only 22 cases up to end of July.



Rotarians at City Hall flag raising

Upcoming Speakers & Events

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 Senior's Christmas lunch (Thursday)

Events

- October 27 District Conference, Wellington
- December 2 Children's Christmas Party
- December 14 Club Christmas Party

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What You Missed October 19, 2018

- by John Andras



It was a chilly Friday at the National Club. President Jeff celebrated Krystyna Benyak's 50th wedding anniversary. He also invited Rotarians to participate in the flag raising at City Hall on October 24th at 8:30AM to recognize World Polio Day. Incidence of Polio worldwide has fallen 99.9% from 350,000 per year to 22 to date this year. Rotary International has contributed \$1.8 billion and tens of thousands of Rotary volunteers have inoculated over 2.5 billion children. We had one visiting Rotarian and 6 guests, including the Honourary Consul General of Cambodia, join us to listen to our member Chris Snyder present his new book, *Creating Opportunities - A Volunteer's Memoir*.

Volunteering, for Chris, is a lifelong avocation. He volunteered at an early age with Junior Red Cross and then went from scouting, to organizing skating shows and winter carnivals while at University of Toronto. Chris met his wife Pat while organizing a conference on Rhodesia. As a volunteer, he has met Prime Ministers and Presidents, the Dalai Lama, street kids, AIDS victims, Cambodians limbless from landmines and Indigenous peoples suffering from the after effects of the Residential Schools.

In fact, he set up his business in such a way as to allow for volunteering and joined The Rotary Club of Toronto in 1984. Joining the International Service Committee, Chris was mentored by former CARE International Chairman Vlad Kavan. Chris' first international travel was to Indonesia in 1988 working on CARE water projects. He went on to work in India with Street Kids International setting up small business training in Mumbai. He was introduced to sweat equity with the Hospital of Hope in the Dominican Republic and has helped organize 30-35 trips to Burkina Faso, Malawi, Tanzania, Haiti, and Cambodia. Over 250 Rotarians have participated in these trips.

A connection with former LG James Bartleman led to a project in Deer Lake with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to deliver 1 book per month to preschool children. This program has been expanded to now include all fly-in First Nations communities. This initiative was one of the

precursors for the development of HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) a national charity and partnership between indigenous peoples and Rotarians, chaired by Chris, which now encompasses over 175 clubs across Canada.

The son of Scouting founder Lord Baden Powell stated at a Rotary luncheon that the biggest poverty in the world is faced by children living in gated communities in the United States. For poverty, he stated, is not about lack of money but is about loss of spirit. Volunteering feeds the spirit and celebrates the commonality of peoples. Volunteering is important. The experiences and engagement of volunteers is essential to the functioning of society. Rotary provides tremendous opportunities for volunteer service and skill building.

The 50/50 draw – with a new deck of cards and \$500 at stake Paul Truelove took home the wine.



Our own Chris Snyder



Participants Jeff Kawzenuk Principal Cobourg CI, Paul Truelove, Pat Snyder, Brian Westlake, Jack Robertson, Bill Empey, Jackie Davies, Chris Snyder, Maureen Bird, Joyce Westlake and Jeff Dobson

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