

# ROTARY VOICE



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## Today's Program

Committee Chairs

## Location

The Fairmont Royal York,  
Upper Canada Room, 18th floor

SAVE THE DATE

The Rotary Club of Toronto

CHILDREN'S  
CHRISTMAS PARTY!  
88<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL



Saturday December 2, 2017



The conference program is all day Saturday, and revolves around Rotary's Six Areas of Focus. A jam-packed day filled with guest speakers, competitions, the Ideas Hub, good food, great fellowship, and more. Our keynote speaker, Nazanin Afshin-Jam, has addressed the UN and international parliaments, and promises a powerful address.

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## Bill Empey, Indigenous Service Committee. Liaison Director



Bill Empey joined Rotary in 1991. He has been very active through his years serving on several committees. He is filling in today for Emre Yurga, current Chair of Indigenous Service Committee. Bill is Managing Partner, of Prism Economics & Analysis. He is a Club Board Liaison Director for our Indigenous Service Committee, Chair of our Foundation Board's Investment Committee and as such is a member of our Foundation Board. He is a Paul Harris/William Peace Award recipient and has provided masterful service at many of our Christmas parties.

## John Farrell, International Service Committee



John joined Rotary in 2012.

He is a Senior Wealth Advisor with Scotia McLeod. He is in his second year as the Chair of our International Service Committee, and is our Club Board Liaison Director for our Community Service Committee.

## Anny-Sandra Hamel, Senior Citizens' Committee



Anny-Sandra joined Rotary in 2014. She works on Market Development for Acti-Sol.

She is the Chair of our Senior Citizens' Committee, is a Volunteer Coordinator for the RI Convention 2018 Host Committee and a member of our Youth Exchange Subcommittee. She is Host Family/Parent to Antoine Rys, our Youth Exchange student while her daughter is on exchange in Argentina.

## Lorna Johnson, Environmental Service Committee



Lorna joined Rotary in 2009 and our club in 2013 when she moved to Toronto.

Lorna is Owner of CalderJohnsonConsulting Inc., consulting to the Fintech Industry. She is the new Chair of our Environmental Service Committee. She is a member of the Fellowship and Entertainment Committee and Voice Committee. She is also sponsorship coordinator for District Conference 2017.

## Dawn-Marie King, Youth and Children's Committee



Dawn-Marie joined Rotary in 2014. She is Director of the Medical Imaging and Laboratory at St. Michael's Hospital.

She is the Chair of our Youth and Children's Committee, and "official volunteer coordinator" for all club events. She is also the best pot scrubber at Camp Scugog.

## Food Truck Festival in retrospect

- by John Joseph Mastandrea and Maureen Bird

We came, we savoured, and celebrated the First Annual Food Truck. We came to heal, we chose to mend and together we blaze bold trails as The Rotary Toronto Team.

On Thursday, October 19 many Rotarians and friends gathered at the Berkeley Bicycle Club on Jarvis to raise funds for our club Foundation's latest gift of a medical bus for Sherbourne Health Centre. Staff from Sherbourne were there to give us tours of the new bus. New innovations include a wheelchair ramp and permanent heat so that the bus can have a self-contained water system.



*John Joseph Mastandrea with Catherine Argropoulos, Development Officer with Sherbourne Health Centre*

The weather was beautiful with most of us spending several hours outside on the patio before moving inside to dance until late with R and D, the successor to the Coppertones police band that has kept our Children's Christmas Party rockin' and rollin' with music and songs for years.

We had a Taco truck with great tacos, wraps and guacamole to die for. The kebab truck had beef and veggie burgers as well as kebabs and other Mediterranean fare. But of course there was a Beaver Tail truck for poutine and desserts. Yummie! John Joseph couldn't decide which to sample so we think he tried everything!



*President Pat trying out the great food.*

It was a fun evening and we will do it again. Many thanks to John Joseph Mastandrea and his great team for a wonderful event.

## 2 grants to charity from Youth and Children's Committee

On October 13th 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. Information was in last week's Voice but pictures say a lot as well.



*Cameron Helps staff John Knox and Carl Worrell with Brent Thomas and President Pat*



*George Hull Centre staff Carolina Montes and Seana Massey with President Pat and Brent Thomas*

## In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of William Talman, son of Member John Talman. William passed away after a lengthy illness on October 5, 2017.

A private ceremony was held earlier in October and a Memorial for William Talman will take place on November 12, 2017 from 2.00-5.00 pm at The Eagles Club, 17 Elm Street, Toronto (near Yonge and Dundas).

Our condolences go out to John and his family.







## Roadmap to 2020, Update # 2 – Vision & Mission

Our Foundation and Club executives, Club Board and the Strategic Planning Committee members have been drafting and reviewing our Vision 2020, Mission and Values since summer this year. The Vision 2020 statement is a paradigm shift to inspire us to act and create focus over the next three years; it is out of our comfort zone however consistent with our mission and values. The mission statement is our club's fundamental reason for being – our purpose, it stands the test of time.

**VISION 2020:** To be the organization of choice to achieve one's philanthropic goals among friends, with annual funding of \$2million.

**MISSION** – To provide opportunities for like-minded people to improve our communities through the Rotary International platform.

Help us deliver on the above, join us at the Club Assembly on Nov 20th to find out more.

## Don't Forget to Sign up For Home Hospitality – RI Toronto Convention 2018

Monday evening, June 25th, 2018, will be home hospitality night here in Toronto for the 2018 Rotary International Convention. This is the night when thousands of Rotarians from around the world, who have signed up for the event, will get a chance to visit fellow Rotarians' homes here in Toronto and share an evening together. Their Canadian hosts will be serving them supper and answering their questions about life here in Canada.



As members of the host club for the Convention, we shall have an opportunity to open our homes to people we have never met before, but who all share the same Rotary dinner table and to confirm a worldwide popular belief that Canadians are friendly, polite...and don't say "eh" after every sentence. Your Club is counting on every single member to join and be a part of this event...either as a host in your home, or as a co-host in one of your fellow club member's homes.

When you have decided what your plans are, how many guests you can accommodate and who might be able to help you, go online to sign up on the website [www.rotary2018.org](http://www.rotary2018.org). Then, you simply press the HOC button at the top of the page and fill in the form. At a later date, you will be advised of the names of your guests, where they are from and where they are staying so that you will be able to contact them directly.

Valerie Clarke is our Club's Home Hospitality coordinator and advisor. If you have questions, speak with Valerie. She will help you sort out any details.

**RI President**  
Ian Riseley

**District Governor**  
Neil Phillips, Toronto

## The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

### Officers:

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Maureen Bird

**What You Missed Reporter for October 27:**  
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 2017

- 3 Brian Crombie, GTA Transit Alliance
- 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 2017
  - 3-4 Rotary Uncorked, District Conference
  - 20 Club Assembly

- December 2017
  - 2 Children's Christmas Party

### Propose a Speaker – Contact

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## World Polio Day October 24th, 2017

In 1985, Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$7.2 billion to the effort.

**OUR CLUB HAS BEEN THERE SINCE 1963. TO CELEBRATE OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY OUR CLUB DONATED 3,000 DOSES OF THE VACCINE TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF MITHAPUR, INDIA.**

Today, there are only three countries that have never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Just 37 polio cases were confirmed worldwide in 2016, which is a reduction of more than 99.9 percent since the 1980s, when the world saw about 1,000 cases per day.

**TOGETHER WITH YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT WE CAN GET THERE.**

## Exchange Students

The Rotary Youth Exchange program has been active for more than 50 years. It is an unbelievable opportunity for young people to live a different culture and have new experiences.

Our current Exchange Student is Antoine Rys from Sin-le-Noble, France.

We are still looking for two families (they do not need to be Rotarians) to host Antoine. Hearing from those who have hosted before, it's an incredibly fun and rewarding experience, and our club will be there to support you every step of the way.

Please contact Annie Chu at [annieyenchu@gmail.com](mailto:annieyenchu@gmail.com) if you are interested in becoming a host parent for our incoming student or helping with the Youth Exchange Program in any other way.

## What You Missed October 20, 2017

- by Glenn Davis



Our great Club gathered in the Upper Canada Room at the Fairmont to share fellowship over a substantial chunk of Royal York beef, followed by another fairly meaty presentation by Tim Hudak, CEO of the Ontario Real Estate Association, the provincial body representing professional Realtors.

Monitor Don Bell first set a few Rotarian hearts beating faster with the breaking, gladsome news that gustatory all-inclusive recycling fanatics can now import Haggis legally! When the excitement had subsided, he then ably introduced 3 visiting Rotarians, and a special long distance guest of Annie Chu, namely a Rotaractor from Oslo, Norway. There were also 14 guests in attendance, including five being hosted by our own Realtor Extraordinaire John Fortney (was there anyone left in the office to take any calls, John?)

Our Head Table was also graced with the presence of Antoine Rys (pronounced Reez), a Rotary Exchange Student from France, who in his remarks admitted to being far too busy in the two months he has been here to be bored. He has already been to the Toronto Islands, a Blue Jays game, and was preparing to attend an Argos game with President Pat and others. As an avid basketball player, training for his school team, Antoine is looking forward to an opportunity to get out and support the Toronto Raptors sometime soon. He currently being home-hosted by Anny-Sandra Hamel, and attending a French immersion school while Anny-Sandra's daughter Arianne Wilson is away on her own exchange year in Argentina. President Pat reported on the very successful Food Truck event, which enjoyed perfect weather, good food, and lively music that kept the dancing going until 10pm closing.

Kristyne Benyak then introduced our featured speaker, Tim Hudak. Tim is an accomplished speaker, having appeared previously at our Club during his five years as leader of the provincial Conservative party. Tim generously acknowledged a long and very positive association with Rotary in the several communities in which he has lived, including being honored with a Paul Harris Fellow award by the Rotary Club of Lincoln. He also noted that his job application for his current CEO role was originally shortlisted for consideration through our own executive placement expert, Jayson Phelps. So if Tim fouls up, blame Jayson. Tim served in the provincial Legislature for 21 years and his formal education as an economist and his former role as Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations provided an informed background to his comments. He shared his organization's views on perceived shortcomings in our Province's approach in many areas affecting real estate development, ranging from inadequate land supply, slow and expensive approval processes, inadequate intensification and obstructive Land Transfer Tax. In their view, these and other factors are negatively affecting first-time and successor homebuyers and partly driving the challenging rise in urban home prices.

To close off the meeting with an appropriate flourish, Realtor Fortney won the Ace of Clubs draw and took home a bottle of wine.



*President Pat, Anny-Sandra, Antoine Rys and Annie Chu*

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