

## Today's Program

Olivia Chow

## Host

John Andras

## Topic

The ECE Disconnect

## Location

Fairmont Hotel, Upper Canada Room



For over thirty years, Olivia Chow has been an effective and well-known public figure, serving in Toronto's municipal politics and on the national stage as a Canadian Member of Parliament. Olivia gained national recognition for her

innovative approaches to programs for children and youth as Toronto's first Children and Youth Advocate. In this capacity, she enhanced the far-reaching child nutrition programs, free dental care for children living in poverty, expanded pre- and post-natal services, and an award-winning approach to delivering Early Learning and Child Care (First Duty).

In Parliament, her Early Learning and Child Care Bill laid the legislative foundation for a universal, high quality, affordable and non-profit national childcare program. She also pushed for faster and more family reunification, amnesty for those without status, and giving a chance for immigrants to succeed through recognition of foreign credentials and employment initiatives.

In 2015, Olivia Chow joined Ryerson University as a Distinguished Visiting Professor. Her work focuses on community engagement and leadership development. As a founder of the Institute for Change Leaders, Olivia and her team of 30+ trainers have taught community and political organizing to over 1350 people since March of 2015. The Institute for Change Leaders' mission is to ensure organizers are continually developing the skills they need to transform the resources they have into the change they want. The Institute does this by teaching organizing strategies and providing a platform for the growth of a network of organizers.

Outside the political sphere, Olivia is known as a tireless spokesperson, fundraiser and champion of numerous charities such as the Centre for Victims of Torture, Asian Community AIDS Service, Culture Link and organizations helping those with cancer.

## Foundation Walk a Roaring Success

- by Kevin Power



The District 7070 Foundation Walk took place this past Sunday. Led by our very own District Governor, Neil Phillips, Rotarians from around our District enjoyed a leisurely walk alongside the Lake Ontario waterfront in Whitby on a sunny September morning.

President Pat led our group on a quick workout in the Rotary Outdoor Gym. The outdoor gym is equipped with 10 pieces of workout equipment and provides an additional opportunity for residents for recreation along the waterfront. Annie Sandra Hamel brought our exchange student from France, Antoine Rys. I hosted our incoming Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholar from Japan, Dr. Torigoe, along with his wife Naoko and his twin daughters Sae and Moe and we joined up with President Elect Jeff Dobson, Jackie Davies and Alex and June Brown for the walk.



*Our Club walkers with President Pat warming up in the Rotary Outdoor Gym*

Andrea Tirone was put to work at the end of the walk to register Rotarians for the upcoming District Conference on November 3 and 4 at the White Oaks Resort in Niagara on the Lake. If you have not already done so, please click here for additional information and to register for the District Conference. [www.rotary7070conference.org](http://www.rotary7070conference.org)



*June and Alex Brown memorizing Rotary's Four Way Test*



*Annie Sandra Hamel, President Pat and Jackie Davies enjoying the sunshine*

The Rotary Club of Toronto

# SAVE THE DATE

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!

88<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

**Saturday December 2, 2017**  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

At the  
**Fairmont Royal York Hotel**



## Last Chance for the Winery Tour Sunday, October 1, 2017

**Wine Tasting Tour:** Twenty Valley area of Niagara. Pick up at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel at 9 AM and drop off at 6/6:30 PM.

Tastings at 6 wineries and Cellar tour at one. Enjoy a gourmet Italian lunch at Just Cooking, Vineland. Cost is \$135 all inclusive. **Only 3 spots available.**

Contact Pat Neuman for any details and contact Belli at the office to register.



## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### September 2017

- 22 Scholarship Awards
- 29 Dr. Ernie Seaquist, Search for New Worlds

### October 2017

- 4 Evening Club Meeting, District Governor Neil Phillips
- 6 NO MEETING, Thanks Giving
- 13 Alex Andras, LGBTQ Community

### Events

- September 24 Sherbourne Health Bus Presentation, 4 PM
- October 1 Winery Tour, call office, 3 seats left
- October 19 Food Truck Festival, 5 PM
- November 3-4 Rotary Uncorked, District Conference, [www.rotary7070.org](http://www.rotary7070.org)
- November 20 Club Assembly

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## We are in search of a Big Hairy Audacious Goal!

- by Kevin Power



Mark your calendars for the Club Assembly which will take place on the evening of Monday November 20, 2017 at the National Club. Cost remains one lunch ticket and dinner will be served at the National Club followed by the Assembly. The theme for this year's assembly is Roadmap 2020.

Work on Roadmap 2020 started earlier this summer. Our executive and Club Board have worked over the summer to develop our Mission Statement and Core Values as well as a Vision Statement for 2020. Our first focus group was held on August 29 and a cross section of our members participated. Our second focus group will meet on September 20 with a third focus group on October 26. Thank you to all that volunteered their time to participate in these focus groups and to Prince Kumar for leading this project.

The results of these focus groups will be incorporated into the Club Assembly. We are seeking your participation as members of our great club to help develop initiatives that will lead our club on the right road to 2020.

To sign-up for the Club Assembly simply give a lunch ticket with your name and 'Club Assembly' written on the back, to a member of the Club Assembly team: Kevin Power, John Farrell, Mary Lach, Alex Brown, John Joseph Mastandrea or Don Brooks.

## What You Missed September 8, 2017

- by Brigitte Bogar



You missed a lot at last Friday's meeting. President Pat reminded us all that we should be cognizant and empathetic of the natural disasters in the Houston area, Gulf Coast, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Caribbean with events happening as we met. She informed us that we have donated \$15,000 to Shelterbox immediately to assist flood victims and asked members to donate via our website, and reminded us not to forget the Winery tour on Oct. 1st and the Sherbourne Health Bus presentation on Thursday September 14th. Bill Morari inspired all to attend the Food Truck Festival on October 19, 5 pm to 10 pm. Tickets are \$25 online and \$30 at the door. Bring friends, family and associates. President Pat congratulated and thanked the Golf Committee on raising \$11,176 for the Blankets for Burn Kids Charity.

Our lovely Guest Speaker Michele Guy, Co-Chair of the Toronto 2018 RI Convention Host Committee, provided an entertaining call to action for all to participate in the Rotary International Convention in Toronto 2018. It is the 5th time in Toronto, starting on June 23rd until June 27th, taking place at both the Air Canada Centre and the Metro Convention Centre. Lorraine and Dawn-Marie need to fill their quota of 1,500 volunteers, and Don Bell and Jackie Davies need help hosting over 2,500 Rotarians for dinner. With an expectation of over 25,000 participants everyone is needed, and especially for the Host Hospitality evening. Don Bell encouraged everyone to join forces and host a dinner for as many as you can, but with the minimum number being two guests in a true Rotary fashion either in your own home, together with other Rotarians, or in a restaurant.

Abdel Fatah Toukan, member of our Club, walked away with a fine bottle of wine as the 50/50 sum continues to grow.

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