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Today's Program

Dr. Roger Strasser

Topic

Healthy, Wealthy and...the Northern Ontario School of Medicine

Host

Jayson Phelps, new Board member 2018

Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street



Dr. Roger Strasser is a leader in the global reform of health professional education. Recognizing the importance of context and community in medical education and research, Dr. Strasser has become one of the world's foremost authorities on rural, socially accountable medical education, and a sought-after speaker and advisor.

Prior to moving to Northern Ontario in 2002, Roger Strasser was Professor of Rural Health and Head of the Monash University School of Rural Health in Australia and had an international role with the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) as Chair of the Working Party on Rural Practice from 1992-2004.



The Rotary Club of Toronto 70TH Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 20, 2018 Richmond Hill Golf Club

\$175 Per Player Enjoy a bucket of balls, BBQ lunch, 18 holes of golf with cart, and steak dinner.

\$60 for dinner only



Prizes for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Closest to the Beer Barrel, Putting Contest and "Burgundy Ball" competition during the tournament.

Net Proceeds go to The Rotary Club of Toronto Phil Fund - SHERBOURNE HEALTH BUS, providing an entry point to healthcare services for those who face barriers in accessing traditional services.

Register today as singles, twosomes, threesomes, foursomes and non Golfers.

Register Online at www.rotarytoronto.com or Contact the Rotary Office at 416.363.0604

Donation of silent auction and foursome prizes are appreciated. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Mathew Harrison, Committee Chair at 416-868-3578 or mharrison@burgundyasset.com

Capture the Moment June 1-5, 2019





RI information night will be held at The National Club on Tuesday, September 11th @ 5:30 pm.

Sandwiches/veggies + coffee/tea will be served followed by the presentation.

Cost is \$20. Please RSVP to Mary Lach no later than Sep 5th.

Mary Lach has secured group accommodation. A limited number of rooms are available on a first come first serve basis.

For more information or to secure your accommodation please call: (416) 364-7211 or email: mlach@sunsations.com

Join us at the District Foundation Walk on Sunday, September 30th

Join us from 8:30 to 1:00 pm. The location is the Mc-Michael Canadian Art Gallery in Kleinburg. This is a wonderful venue well worth the trip. Built of fieldstone and hand-hewn logs, the McMichael houses thirteen exhibition galleries and is situated amid 100 acres of serene conservation land. Floor-to-ceiling windows enable visitors to enjoy marvellous views of the densely wooded Humber River Valley.

BUT SPACE IS LIMITED TO 250! So register now at www.rotary7070.org/ event/2018-rotary-foundation-walk

Pledge Sheets are on the tables now at Friday lunches. We submit all donations through our club. The Rotary Foundation funds projects initiated by Rotary clubs around the world – Making a Difference.

Rotary Robins Take Flight

- by Anna Aksenovich (Robin Hood Army Toronto) and Lori Brazier

Saturday, August 25th, was no ordinary day, and a historic one for The Rotary Club of Toronto. Bill Empey graciously opened his kitchen to Jackie Davies, Pauline Lyons, Brent Thomas and Prince Kumar as well as Andre Morisseau, honorary member of the Indigenous Services Committee. Bill, Pauline, Jackie and Andre got their first taste of what it is to be a Rotary Robin, aka a Rotarian who is a member of the Robin Hood Army (RHA), along with Robin extraordinaire

Prince and Robin warrior Brent. Together this team lovingly prepared baguette sandwiches with pulled chicken and vegetables fresh out of Jackie's garden.

RHA's dual mission is to feed the hungry and reduce food wastage. Every weekend Robins convene under the leadership of Prince and various others to collect surplus food from restaurants and deliver it to a designated homeless shelter in the city, often combining the donations with homemade fare. At some shelters Robins may be invited to help serve the food and have conversations with shelter residents - serving up smiles alongside the meals. Occasionally Robins have the opportunity to cook up and serve an entire meal on site at a shelter.

Things actually got underway late Friday after dusk and resumed just after dawn the next morning. Prince, Brent, Lori Brazier and Marcy Berg all hit the road to collect donations from restaurants in Ajax, Markham and North York. Anny-Sandra Hamel contributed some of her delicious homemade French Canadian fudge, and Lori and Marcy picked up some other desserts. The final result was meals for 180, bringing RHA Canada's total count to 8,442 meals served in Toronto since RHA Canada was started by our Rotary Club of Toronto member, Princee Kumar in February 2018, and nurtured by other Rotary Robins like Lori, Brent and Anny-Sandra - along with Jon Wu, Karen Scott and Brinda Luckoo.

After assembling the sandwiches, the team of Rotary Robins flew off to Native Men's Residence (Na-Me-Res), to deliver the goods in time for Saturday lunch - where they were greeted by very grateful shelter residents and staff alike.

Many of the team were not aware that there is such a need for something so basic as food in our city. As Bill Empey said, "I was unaware that there is need on such a scale that exists for communities like Na-Me-Res". Pauline Lyons, who lives just 2 kms away from Na-Me-Res, also expressed her surprise at the magnitude of need. Marcy Berg, current Chair of Community Services, deals directly with problems like food security, and firmly believes that drives like this are the answer: "It's going to be a game changer in the city [if we do this]. The potential is very exciting. When you think of what we throw out and then you think that there are people in great need, we should be ashamed... so this [work] is important". And so went RCT's first "sweat equity" event for the 2018-2019 Rotary year leaving everyone keen to get back out into the community like our pioneer members did years ago. "We must be hands on in the community to attract and retain younger members", states Lori Brazier, Chair of Membership. Jackie Davies summed it up best: "Instead of [just] raising money and doing all sort of things for fundraising, we are doing actual work, which is most enjoyable."

Our Rotary Robins are unanimous in wanting this to be the start of lots more to come! And the needs extend beyond food service. For instance, the residents at Na-Me-Res noted a particular need for sessions on money management and budgeting. Rotarians, stay tuned! A chance to be inspirational through service!

The Rotary Club of Toronto will join forces again with RHA for a cookout at a downtown shelter on October 20th. Spaces are limited to 8 Rotarians - contact Prince Kumar or Lori Brazier to secure your spot for Saturday October 20th.



Robin's Merry 'Men" ready to Deliver

September Birthdays!

- 1 Elgin Coutts
- 3 Don Brooks Neil Phillips
- 4 Maureen Bird
- 9 Kurt Meyer Karen Scott
- 10 Alanna Scott
- 12 Harry Figov

- 15 John Austin
- 16 Dawn-Marie King
- 20 Alan Ely Rick Goldsmith Bob Smith
- 21 Anna Koneva
- 30 Luba Rascheff

What You Missed, August 24, 2018

- by John Andras



A meeting full of Rotary guests and friends from as far afield as Azerbaijan joined us at the National Club. President Jeff set the tone with a beautiful invocation that he

read at his Father's Celebration of Life. I have included it as it is a reminder of what is truly important.

Teach us not to ask for more
But rather let us give our thanks
For what is at our door
For food and drink and gentle rain
And sunny skies above
For home and friends and Peace and joy
But most of all for love.

The recent earthquakes in Indonesia have prompted our Foundation to provide \$10,000 in emergency funding to ShelterBox to provide critical help for those most impacted. It was announced that the Robin Hood Army event at NaMeRez on August 25 was fully subscribed. We were reminded of the 70th Annual Golf Tournament on September 20 and that the Early Bird draw is on September 7th. We also were reminded that the Rotary Foundation walk will take place on September 30th.

When I was younger the last freedom of summer consisted of the sights, sounds and smells of the EX! I will always remember the thrill of graduating to the Flier from the Ghoster Coaster and gorging on those cinnamon sweet mini-donuts!

It was with some nostalgia that I watched Don Bell, a former Director of the Canadian National Exhibition Association introduce Virginia Ludy, the CEO of the CNEA. Beginning with a brief video presenting of the EX in all its chaotic glory, Ms. Ludy described some of the history of the 140year Toronto icon. Since 1879, what was the Toronto Industrial Exhibition introduced citizens to electric lights (1882), electric railways (1883), phonographs (1888) and the wireless telephone (1890). The day's biggest stars, stunt shows and culture were always on display (the original 350 piece collection that established the Art Gallery of Ontario was donated by the CNE). Agriculture, food, rides and games were always and still are prominently featured.

The closing of CNE Stadium in the 1990s led to a loss of revenue from concerts and events. CNE attendance began to drop as people looked to competing entertainment. The "old lady by the lake" seemed outdated, dirty and irrelevant. Over the next

18 years the CNE recreated itself and in doing so made a \$10 million profit. In 2012, The CNE became independent from the City of Toronto, a 135-year-old start up. Management targeted new audiences in the burgeoning condo towers, and reached out to the various communities that make up our diverse city. Attendance over the past 3 years is the highest in 19 years. With no government subsidy, the CNE provides \$93.1 million in economic benefit for the GTA and employs over 5,000.

The CNE now is the largest agricultural fair in Canada and one of the top 10 in North America. They now produce events year round and are actively advocating for the development of the Western Waterfront. They want to make sure they are "At the table. Not on the menu".

This year is the Canada/China Year of Tourism featuring the largest Chinese lantern festival in the world. There is the Belt and Road Forum outlining the opportunities surrounding China's largest ever infrastructure initiative. At the Telus Asian Market you can explore Asian crafts, clothing, goods and food - did I mention food!

I remember, as a child, going home, filled to the gills, with food drink and fun. I always had a bursting swag bag full of memories. We also left our meeting with swag including passes and a discount to The Belt and Road Initiative which was emailed to all club members.

Over the next week and a half, "Let's Go to The EX". Join 1½ million guests. Reignite memories from your childhood. Create new memories.

Maybe you will find a bag of minidoughnuts - you'll be glad you did!

Vice-president John Fortney went home with the wine.



Speaker Virginia Ludy with Host Don Bell

RI President Barry Nussam, East Nassau

District Governor Mary Lou Harrison, Toronto Sunrise

The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

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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

September

- 14 Scholarship Awards
- 21 Nick Kanji, Ismali Community
- 28 Howard Green, Author

October

05 NO MEETING: Thanksgiving Holiday

Events

September 11 Hamburg Convention Presentation

September 20 Golf Tournament
September 30 Rotary Foundation Walk
October 27 District Conference

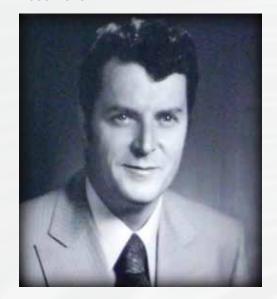
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Submit an article to the Voice Newsletter therotaryvoice@gmail.com

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Obituary - Peter Naylor 1933-2018



The Rotary Club of Toronto has lost a valued friend and a philanthropic giant with the passing of Peter Naylor on August 16, 2018 in his 85th year. Peter joined the Club on March 17, 1967 and was recently recognized for 50 years of Club membership.

Peter and Tippet-Richardson have a long connection with Rotary. Basil Tippet founded Tippet-Richardson in 1927 and Peter's father Russel was with them from the beginning. Basil Tippet was a strong believer in service clubs and community service. He joined Rotary early and was Club President in 1945 and District Governor in 1954-55. Peter joined our club in 1967. Russel Naylor and his brother, Walter, later purchased and ran Tippet-Richardson. The company was subsequently run by brothers Peter and Bruce Naylor, and recently Peter's interest in the company was purchased by his four children. Peter was President of Tippet-Richardson from 1971 to 1986 and was still involved with the company until his passing. Peter attended many international trade events for Tippet-Richardson and always sought out contacts with other including many makeup Rotarians, meetings.

Peter received his Club Builder Award in 1990, Paul Harris Fellow in 1992 and his William Peace Award in 1998. He was the Chair and member of the Probationers Aid Committee, Chair and member of the Youth Service Committee, Chair and member of the Classification and

Membership Committee, Member of the New Members' Committee and Club Director 1977-1979. He was an active member of the Club Bridge group for many, many years and they will miss him deeply.

Peter was also active outside Rotary. Among other things, Peter was President of Youth Employment Service (YES) a specialized agency created by Rotary in 1975 to help "marginalized" and "alienated" youth. He was a YES Board member for 10 years. He was an active and engaged member of the Tippet Foundation Board.

Peter Naylor excelled in quietly helping people and situations where he could make a difference in people's lives in a big or small way. Tippet-Richardson employed dozens of graduates of YES. He arranged for the publication of Memories, which chronicles the wartime stories of many members of the Club. The Rotary Club of Toronto and its members were the benefactors of Peter's kindness and generosity in so many ways both financially and otherwise. He offered to anonymously help people who were having trouble paying their Club dues when times were tough for them. Many projects and personal moves were the beneficiary of Peter's help and through him, the services of Tippet-Richardson. He looked after people whenever he could. He was a very generous contributor and sponsor for many of our fundraisers and assisted with several Rotary projects in the third world. Through his work at Tippet-Richardson he was a very strong supporter of environmentally sustainable energy projects and he was recently very generous and the major supporter of a project to put solar panels on a school in Ghana, assisted by the International Service Committee. Peter was the embodiment of Rotary and Service Above Self. He will be sorely missed by his friends and fellow members at The Rotary Club of Toronto as well as his family and friends.

Condolences can be entered at: https://goo.gl/ex5U2z

For information on memorial services please contact Carol at the office or Mary Lach, mlach@rogers.com.



President Susan Hunter presenting Peter with his 50 year recognition



Marg Stanowski thanking Peter for a Women's Initiatives donation

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