

Today's Program

Michele Guy

Topic

Co-Chair of the Toronto 2018 RI
Convention Host Committee

Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street



Our kickoff meeting of the fall will feature our one and only Michele Guy, the Co-Chair of the 2018 convention, along with a few members of her team, as she outlines all the plans for what promises to be the best convention Toronto has ever hosted. Be sure to attend to find out how you can be part of the show.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Elgin Coutts, 100 years young!
- 3 Don Brooks, Neil Phillips
- 4 Maureen Bird
- 6 Kerry Bowser
- 9 Karen Scott
- 10 Alanna Scott
- 12 Harry Figov
- 15 John Austin
- 16 Dawn-Marie King
- 20 Alan Ely, Rick Goldsmith, Robert Smith
- 21 Anna Koneva
- 30 Luba Rascheff

We're Planning a Party

- by Michele Guy

There are 1.2 million Rotarians in the whole world and over 25,000 of them are coming to this City next June to attend the Rotary International Convention here in Toronto. There may not be another one of these here in Toronto in your lifetime! It will be the 109th time Rotary has held this convention (5th time in Toronto) so they obviously know how to put on a party. It will start on June 23rd and go to June 27th taking place at both the Air Canada Centre and the Metro Convention Centre. All of us have been charged to help! Let's see what you can do? You can volunteer and help Lorraine and Dawn-Marie fill their quota of 1,500 volunteers. Or how about giving Don Bell and Jackie Davies a hand with their part in hosting over 2500 Rotarians to a dinner in your home (you only need to have two or four!!!) There are many things you can do, so register before December 15th (to get the discount) and let's countdown to the biggest party ever!

Celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation at the 2017 District Foundation Walk

You are invited to the District 7070 Rotary Foundation Walk. We welcome you to bring friends and family to this event. You can even bring your dog along.

- Date:** September 10, 2017
- Fee:** No fee - it's FREE (but please collect pledges for Rotary Foundation)
- Location:** Heydenshore Pavilion
589 Water Street
Whitby, ON Canada
L1N 0C1
View Map here (<https://goo.gl/FuXJY8>)

Join fellow Rotarians with friends and family for the annual District 7070 walk in support of The Rotary Foundation. Enjoy a leisurely walk along the beautiful waterfront trail in Whitby. The walk will feature live music, local craft beer, prizes and trivia. Dogs welcome. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. It's a day of awesome fun for the whole family.

Registration starts at 8:30 am
The walk starts at 10:00 am
Lunch and fellowship at 12:00 pm

Please contribute by signing a pledge form on the table or calling the Rotary office. The club will then submit one cheque to the Rotary Foundation (Canada) who will issue the tax receipts.

Home Hospitality- Your Chance To Show The Flag - by Don Bell



Monday evening, June 25 2018 next year is home hospitality night here in Toronto. 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. The guests could be from any of the 150+ countries around the world where Rotary serves. They will talk about their lives and families in their countries and their Rotary clubs. It promises to be a fun filled, memorable evening for all those participating. It is one of the evenings in Rotarians' lives that is remembered long after other activities and events fade from memory. And it's your chance to be part of the action.

As members of the host club for the convention, we all have an opportunity here to open our homes to people we have never met before, but who share the same common Rotary values. It is a chance to enjoy the company of these visitors across the 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. This means organizing and preparing a meal, arranging to pick up your guests at their hotel, or perhaps a nearby subway stop.... and getting them back after the party.

It is likely that some or all of your guests will have attended a similar event in previous conventions. So they will have some idea of what to expect. What will be new to them is a Canadian experience with Canadian hospitality.

Here is what you need to do. 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 at the website 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. It's as simple as that! And it's the first step to take in what promises to be a long remembered, enjoyable evening.

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.

This will be the fifth time that The Rotary Club of Toronto is the host club for the convention. The last one in 1983 was a huge success and hundreds of our members hosted worldwide visitors in their homes. We are counting on everybody to help make next year's convention the best one we've ever had.

June Brown, along with other members of our club are taking the message of Home Hospitality directly by attending meetings and presenting a 15 min slide show & talk, encouraging clubs to make plans for next June 25th. The response has been gratifying.



June Brown with President Don Sheppard of Rotary Club of Brampton Heart Lake, taking the message of Home Hospitality to other Rotary Clubs.

You Can Volunteer - by Lorraine Lloyd



What do Rotarians love to do? Why, volunteering, of course!

Our Toronto 2018 RI Convention is only 10 months away.

We're looking for your 'expression of interest' to get an idea of which location you'd like to be as a Toronto Ambassador / Volunteer. If you speak other languages, be sure to complete that area too.

Once you've registered, you'll get occasional updates.

Shift details, on-site training, identifiable vest and cap distribution... all these details will be finalized in 2018.

Family and friends (over 17 years of age) can also participate at many locations, without being registered for the Convention.

In addition to Ambassadorial / Volunteer shifts at:

- Toronto downtown Hotels,
- Union Station & UP Express,
- Metro Toronto Convention Centre ('MTCC').
- House of Friendship ('HOF') at MTCC,
- Billy Bishop Airport,
- Pearson Airport Terminals

we'll have many evening events such as:

- SAT., June 23rd: (3 events) Casa Loma, Aquarium & the Distillery District
- TUES., June 26th: Ribfest (will be renamed soon to reflect other food options).

Here's how to sign up to be an Ambassador / Volunteer in 2018.

- 1) Go to rotary2018.org
- 2) Click on **HOC** (top of page)
- 3) Click on sub-title **Be A Volunteer**
- 4) Read Volunteer FAQ or click on **Register to Volunteer**
- 5) **Sign up with email** or **Continue with Facebook**

Although we already have an amazing team of Leaders, as more events are added or expanded, we'll need more. If you'd like a one-evening only job, how about being a Leader at one of the above evening events? IF we have up to 10,000 Rotarians registered for our Tuesday 'ribfest', we'll need tons of Leaders and even more volunteers OR, if you can spend one day at the House of Friendship, ***please see me directly to discuss playing a Leadership role.***

If you want to help but need to sit down most of the time, we can accommodate you too but you must be registered for the Convention, as these jobs are in offices in MTCC. ***Please sign up with me - not on-line.***

This is your chance to show visiting Rotarians from around the world, 'Toronto's welcoming spirit'.

You can make a difference in someone's visit to our City and impress them with how friendly, polite, kind and helpful Canadians are.

Lorraine Lloyd

Co-Chair, Ambassadors & Volunteers
Toronto 2018 HOC (Host Organizing Committee)



69th Annual Golf Charity Tournament a Big Success - by Karl Kramer

It sure looked like the 69th Annual Golf Tournament was in trouble right before the event. The weatherman was calling for heavy rain all day long. We all did get wet, but many of the hardier groups got the entire 18 holes in!

70 golfers braved the weather as they headed out for the shotgun start. It didn't rain for the first hour and a half, but then the skies opened and it just seemed to come down harder as the day went on. As usual there was some really great golf, and some really bad golf; but a great time was had by all. The group of Bill Morari, Len Macgowan, Dave Yarmoluk, and Royce Macdonald and the group of Joseph Kremer, Karl Kremer, Isaac Levy, and Jim Hague were tied with an incredible score of 58. We were told by the pro shop that the Kremer group won by retrogression (whatever that means!).



Karl Kramer and his team of winners

There were 82 Rotarians and guests present for the evening's festivities. We had a great buffet supper. The evening was highlighted by a few words from the Blankets for Burn Kids Director Kelly Falardeau. The Silent Auction and Keys Draw were running all evening and helped raise a \$7376 for the Blankets for Burn Kids Charity. Kelly Falardeau also managed to raise \$3800 in blanket sales. In all \$11,176 was raised.



Happy Faces...no rain Yet!

Many thanks to the golf committee members and many others who helped leading up to and on the day of the event (too many to mention). Many thanks also to all our sponsors and everyone who donated gifts to the silent auction. We all pulled together to make this a great event!

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Julius E. Rascheff, father of Luba Rascheff. Professor Rascheff passed away peacefully in his sleep on August 12th in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He was the director of the Cinematography Department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for 32 years. He was also a Cannes film festival award winner.



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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 2017

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| 15 | Tim Maloney, Mercy Ships |
| 22 | Scholarship Awards |
| 29 | Dr. Ernie Seaquist, Search for New Worlds |

October 2017

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| 6 | NO MEETING, Thanks Giving |
| 13 | Alex Andras, LGBTQ Community |

Events

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| September 10 | Foundation Walk, Whitby |
| October 1 | Winery Tour, call office |
| November 3-4 | Rotary Uncorked, District Conference, register at www.rotary7070.org |
| November 20 | Club Assembly |

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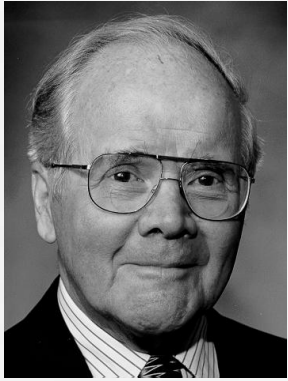
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Past President Elgin Evans Coutts Celebrates His 100th Birthday

- by Robert O'Brien



Past President Elgin Evans Coutts

1917 was a momentous year in history: The Russian Revolution, the United States entered World War I, Canada made its international mark at the Battle of Vimy Ridge in a year that the nation celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Confederation. The year was also significant because Past President Elgin Evans Coutts was born on September 1, 1917 in Wingham Ontario. Mr. Coutts lived through the Depression and in April 1943 completed training as a pilot in the Commonwealth Air Training Program, served as a flight instructor and was stationed in Goose Bay flying to Reykjavik and over the North Atlantic. He was honorably discharged with great distinction at the end of the War and took up law studies at Osgoode Hall in Toronto being called to the Bar June 28, 1949.

Mr. Coutts founded his firm originally Carrick Coutts and later Carrick Coutts O'Connor and Rogers followed by Coutts Crane. Mr. Coutts practised law for exactly sixty years, retiring on the anniversary of his call to the Bar on June 28, 2009 at age 92. Aside from founding the firm 68 years ago, which continues today at University Avenue and Dundas, Mr. Coutts made two important decisions. The first was to marry Helen Muttart of Prince Edward Island 72 years ago in January 1945. The second important decision was to join The Rotary Club of Toronto in 1966.

Mr. Coutts served as President of the Club forty-three years ago in 1974/1975, making him the most senior living Past President. He was elected as an Honourary Member of the Club in 2009. Apart from his eloquence, wit and high degree of integrity, Mr. Coutts is fondly remembered for bicycling from Toronto to Prince Edward Island to raise money for the building of the Rotary Laughlen Centre and as one of the famous Blue Mountain Camp Chefs. His wife Helen was a President and active member of the Inner Wheel for many years.

Mr. Coutts nurtured within his firm the sense of Rotary Above Self and following his example four of his legal partners have become President of the Club: Ronald Crane (1984/85), Robert O'Brien (1998/99), Michele Guy (2001/02) and Kevin Power (2019/20). Mr. Coutts celebrated his 100th birthday on September 1, 2017 with Helen, sons Don and Peter, their wives Kathy and Nora and a delegation from his firm who were on hand to congratulate him on a remarkable life well lived as he enters his 11th decade. Happy 100th Birthday Mr. Coutts.

What You Missed August 25, 2017

- by Bob Cartlidge



After an excellent lunch at the National Club, Bill Morari introduced today's guests. There were visiting Rotarians from Turkey and Guatemala and, among others, Rotaractors from Ryerson University.

Our speaker, Christian Jaehn-Kreibaum began a mission for a healthier lifestyle when his eldest daughter was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis in 2007, at age 14. He finally found a Naturopathic doctor who was able to reduce her medications and assist her in maintaining a more normal life. Born in West Berlin, Christian grew up in a divided Germany. His profession is financial planning for retirement. His interest in history is what he focused on today with the topic "The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall". The phrase "to build a wall" has been in the news a lot recently. It was interesting to hear about another wall that was quickly constructed, caused many deaths and much suffering and then was demolished by public protest 25 years ago. The Soviet blockade to starve East Berliners was thwarted by the Berlin Airlift of June 1948 to May 1949. By 1953 there were riots in the streets of East Berlin due to poor living conditions. Rocks were thrown at Soviet tanks. Anyone who could flee westward did so. From 1949-61 2.4 million people moved to West Germany. A wall seemed to be the best solution for the Soviets.

Plans for the barricades were undertaken in secret and suddenly the heavy circular forms of barbed wire were installed on Aug 13, 1961 and armed guards prevented regular crossings. Christian compared this to an armed wall erected down Yonge St, Toronto with families, friends and neighbours suddenly separated from one another. There are photos of babies being handed to relatives over the barbed wire, of an East German border guard jumping over the barbed wire to freedom and stories of dramatic escapes. A family of eight flew over the wall in a helium-filled balloon and others dug secret tunnels. As those fleeing increased, the wall was broadened, reinforced and defended with minefields and towers manned by snipers. Those on the eastern side became more desperate and took greater risks. With entire families involved, including children, it was difficult to keep the escape plans secret.

The Soviets vaguely promised to make travel to West Berlin less restrictive. The people interpreted this to mean that there would be no restrictions and no longer saw a need for the wall. The wall started to come down on Nov 9, 1989. Pieces of stone were taken as souvenirs. On Sept 30, 1990, a marathon race was held with a route through the Brandenburg Gate which had once divided the two Berlins. The official unification of the two sectors began soon afterwards with all the inherent challenges and costs.

President Pat presented our speaker with a donation made in his name to the Canadian Landmine Foundation. Earlier she reminded us of upcoming Club events: the Foundation walk in Whitby on Sept 10, the Winetasting Tour to Niagara on Oct 1, Club Focus groups before the Club Assembly on Nov 20.

John Joseph Mastandrea had the selected ticket for the Ace of Clubs draw, but left the cash for another day and took the wine home.

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