



Today's Program

Wednesday Evening Rotary Meeting

Topic

Pre-Camp Social

Location

5:30 pm. National Club, 303 Bay Street

William "Bill" Patchett



It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Bill on May 10, 2019. Bill was a Past District Governor and District Foundation Chair. His fundraising skills were legendary, for both Rotary and community causes. Our thoughts go out to his wife Delphine and family.

Club Builder Award – Lorna Johnson

- by Kevin Power

In our club, she brings her expertise from her graduate degree in forestry to our Environmental Committee, first contributing as a member and then as Chair. Her passion and commitment to the environment plays an important role in the success of the committee.

At the district level, she was recruited by our very own PDG, Neil Phillips to lead up the difficult task of sponsorship on his District Conference team.

For the past few years, she has played a large role in the delivery of our Rotary Voice as a Voice Editor. She has served on Fellowship and Entertainment hosting a dinner club event and other fellowship events at the Melbourne Café. She recently gave our club a full classification talk and taught us about the emerging Fintech industry.

Her PR skills were put to work at our Children's Christmas Parties sending out press releases and arranging the amazing press coverage we received last year. She will be bringing her many skills to our club board this July as a Director.



Jeff Dobson and Kevin Power with winner Lorna Johnson.

OUR FOUNDATION AT WORK

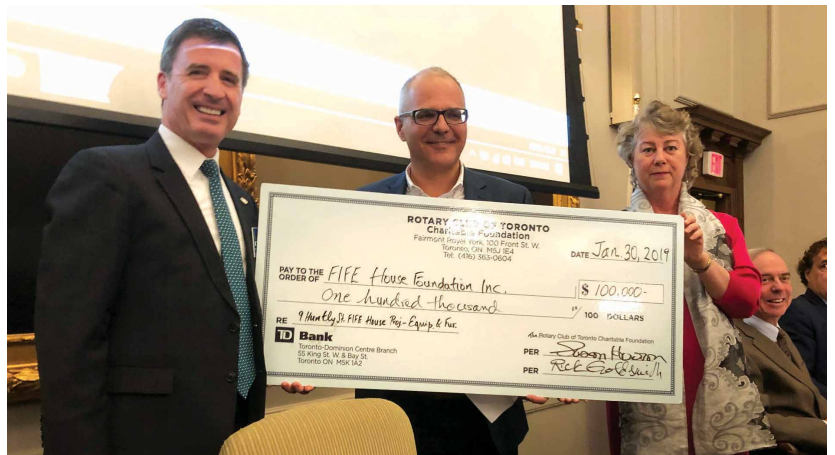
Fife House – 9 Huntley St

In 2002 the Rotary Club Foundation gave Seaton House a grant of \$350,000 for an infirmary that became a national model. It was a formal academic unit to train medical people and provide them with knowledge required to treat the homeless. Seaton House, which was home to 100s of homeless men, is closing the end of this year.

Fife House has stepped in to provide up to 150 units of supportive housing for men leaving Seaton House before it closes in 2019.

A building was acquired but funds were needed to assist with furniture and other start-up costs associated with the new transitional housing program for people living with HIV/AIDS.

The Research and Appeals committee reviewed the request and recommend to the Foundation that funds be granted to Fife House. Our Foundation agreed to a grant of \$100,000 to support those most vulnerable in our community the City of Toronto.



Fife House Executive Director Michael Blair accepting the cheque for \$100,000 from Presidents Jeff Dobson and Susan Howson

Aphrodisia Dinner

For those that could not make to the F&E dinner on May 14th at en Ville, my deepest sympathy! Fine fellowship and fabulous food!!

See the brilliant meal that the Chef and team put on...The locally sourced courses, the perfectly cooked lamb, and the heavenly dessert - the team at en Ville are geniuses!

Hope you will be able to join us next time.

Rohit Tamhane
– F&E Committee



Let's Be Personal – Prince Kumar

Blessed to have been part of 3 lives, here are my journeys. My brother was known to always help people. He succumbed to Leukaemia at Princess Margaret. His life inspired my 1st journey: *Enable and Empower to Achieve*.

My dad was in the army, an elite commando, in intelligence and was a Diplomat. In his last mission he set up vocational schools for indigenous women & children in a remote part of the world, helping increase their household income substantially. His efforts to empower locals dampened a hot bed of terrorist recruitment – but still my Dad was assassinated. This gave rise to my 2nd journey: *Quest for Peace*. At the request of the Prime Minister of India's office, I had the honour of being at a plaque hosting at his school earlier this year.

My mother was an English teacher and a school principal, and could often be seen correcting grammar and sharing learnings. It led to my 3rd journey: *Ever learning ever growing*.

Before joining Rotary, as an Industrial Engineering graduate, I worked at Trench (a Siemen's subsidiary) – and helped transform their operations. My next adventure was at HBC helping transform the 500+ stores' logistics operations. In 2004, I started StraNexus and was doing fairly well. A close family friend, Chand Uncle (Rotarian Chand Chandaria) introduced me to Rotary in 2010. The same year, my Mom had a cardiac arrest and I struggled with the eternal question – *What is the purpose of life?*

It was then that I formulated my 3 journeys and Rotary gave me a platform to achieve my philanthropic life goals. With every Rotary opportunity, I get a chance to move my journeys forward and I do the same at our firm where we have 5 lines of business – Strategy and modelling, Operational efficiencies, Asset management, Customer experience management, and Corporate training. Our clients are cities, crown corporations, or mid to large companies. For the very first time, we are also looking to launch a consumer based venture with smart home automations – a story for another day. Thank you - The Rotary Club of Toronto!



What You Missed

- by Maureen Bird



May 10, 2019.

We had an illustrious head table led by current president Jeff Dobson and including three past presidents and two future presidents. Brian Westlake introduced visiting Rotarians and guests and Prince Kumar gave his Let's Be Personal address. Susan Howson presented a cheque from the Foundation to Fife House. And we had a preview of Walk a Mile in Her Shoes for May 29th – thanks guys!



Robert O'Brien has the pleasure of introducing out guest speaker, Anthony Wilson-Smith. From Jack Granatstein's "Who Killed Canadian History" came a rescue mission to tell our stories in 60 seconds. Charles Bronfman promoted myths, heroes and legends and Patrick Watson did a lot of the original voice-overs.

Anthony showed us three specific clips featuring Lucy Maud Montgomery, the internment of Japanese during WWII and a preview of the soon-to-be-released D-Day landing on Juno Beach. They aim for details, personal struggles, emotions and authenticity. The Montgomery character was holding a first run edition worth \$45,000. The Japanese Asahi baseball team used an original bat from their time in the camps. Although they try not to focus on people who are still alive, one of the original Asahi team was featured and there are still 300-400 survivors of the D-Day landing. 359 Canadians died that day.

There were some that surprised him such as Viola Desmond. Who knew there was segregation in Canada in 1946? We should/could have done better. We can do better.

Please read the June 2019 issue of Maclean's for an article on the D-Day Moment.

May 15, 2019

We gathered at the National Club for a few announcements and a talk by member Brian Westlake. Rotaractor Katherine Kirkpatrick-Wahl thanked the 19 members of our club who have been their mentors and who will be honoured at a dinner on June 19th. Lorna Johnson received the Club Builder award.

Brian talked about how the Program Committee chooses speakers. We do have provocative and sometimes controversial persons such as Conrad Black. Love him or hate him, attendance was high.

The speaker is assigned a host to liaison on topic and needs. They seek speakers on political and current events, business and professional and community needs.

They are careful to screen out self-promoters and charities unless we are offering support.

The food and companionship, as always, were great.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

May 2019

- 22 Rotary Evening Meeting, The National Club
- 24 NO LUNCH (Camp Scugog Weekend)
- 31 Joe and Gordon Cressy, Public Health in Toronto

June 2019

- 7 Frank O'Dea, Philanthropist
- 14 Youth Awards Day
- 21 Indigenous Service

Events

- May 24-26 Camp Scugog Weekend
- May 29 Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, WIC
- May 30 R2R, National Club
- June 1-5 Rotary International Convention (Hamburg)
- June 23 Rotary walks with PRIDE

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Maureen Bird

Editor for May 31, 2019
Pauline Lyons

Let's Be Personal for May 31, 2019
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