# ROTARY VOICE



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#### **Today's Speaker**

David Raymont, Historian and Vice President of the York Pioneer and Historical Society

#### Topic

200 Years Before The Rotary Centennial

#### Location

Concert Hall, The Fairmont Royal York



Two hundred years ago on April 27, 1813, Toronto was invaded by the Americans and became an American city during the War of 1812. On April 27, 2013 – in one of the largest

military parades ever organized in Toronto – the Canadian Forces will honour those who died on our soil two hundred years ago at the Battle of York. More than 1000 sailors and soldiers from the Royal Canadian Navy and Canadian Army will march from Queen's Park down University Avenue and across Richmond Street to the Fort York Armoury. The parade commemorating the invasion of Toronto by the Americans and the liberation of our City in the War of 1812 will include thirteen marching bands and a flourish of colorful ceremonial uniforms and Regimental Colors.

Our speaker today, David Raymont, is Vice President of the York Pioneer and Historical Society. He has spoken about the War of 1812 at Luminato and the CNE. A Communications Coordinator with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, David has led strategies to promote apprenticeship training, retraining for the unemployed, bridge training for immigrants, youth employment and eliminating red tape for business. He is the former director of Heritage Toronto and has published in Canada's History Magazine, Canadian Geographic, and the York Pioneer.

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### **Inner Wheel News**

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday to Ann Bahen on April 22nd. And many thanks once again to Bill Bahen for "hosting" our monthly luncheons at the Albany Club.

Maryan Tisdale, Recorder

# WATCH FOR WINE TASTING X at the National Club MAY 9TH, 2013

Theme: "New vs. Old World"



#### MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Bill Morari



As we are nearing the end (three months to go) of our Centennial Year, I have been completely blown away with what an amazing club the Rotary Club

of Toronto (RCT) is. It has been one celebration after another, from handing out over a million dollars to numerous charitable causes, to our Founders Day celebrations at the King Edward Hotel, to hosting Rotary International President Tanaka's visit in March. This truly has been a remarkable year for the RCT, and I could not be prouder of the fact that I am a member of this great Club.

Our 100th year celebrations will soon be over, but not before we have one last big bash, the Centennial Gala Dinner, which is sure to be a highlight as we celebrate this milestone year. Combining our wish to attract new members to share in the RCT experience, including the Gala Celebrations, every member who introduces a new member to our great Club will receive, in appreciation, a \$225 value Centennial Gala Dinner ticket. The 100th anniversary bash takes place on Thursday, May 23rd, 2013...so mark your calendars and make sure you are part of this once-in-a-lifetime celebration!

For our dynamic Club to continue to do this important work in the community and around the world, we need to grow and have a strong, flourishing membership. As we said all along, every member of the RCT is on the Membership Committee, so introduce business colleagues, friends and family to Rotary; who knows, you just may change their lives for the better. See you at the Gala!



## **Camp Scugog: A Letter Home**

Dear Mom and Dad,

Well, I survived my second year at Camp Scugog, my positive outlook due mostly to being assigned 5-star accommodations on the promenade deck (thank you Susan, payment is forthcoming).

While one chef continued to be denied transfer to the paint shed, another shared 25 shots of 25 year old bourbon, stating 25 times "I spent a night in a Kentucky jail for that bottle" while yet another young chef gave new meaning to the term 3am eternal.

Determined to be recognized henceforth as the Outhouse Club of Toronto, Rotarians, Rotaractors and Camp staff worked their fingers to the bone, together building said commode, a fence, rebuilding cabins and painting the camp red (okay, the cabins are not red but you get the drift). The screens renewable, the shelves reusable, and the cups recyclable, the grass was not the only green part of our camp experience this year.

Saturday night was filled with excitement and culture. Shortly after the World Euchre Championships (which I dare say resulted in a somewhat ethically questionable win), all those around the campfire came to realize what revered piece of Canadian culture had been recently shared with the women of Malawi – yes, you guessed it, the Hokie Pokie.

Ahhh, but the sustenance, where to start:

- Ribs, drumsticks and lambchops, grilled to perfection
- Coq au vin and vin rouge et vin blanc et vin rose
- Drumsticks, duck eggs and daquiris (I don't recommend these three items be consumed together)
- Finish it all off with birthday cake, cheesecake, pies, cookies and more but don't forget the Nanaimo bars (how could I, considering I ate ½ the pan over the course of the weekend)

And, as my view of events was once again framed by the dish-pit window, I was curious when Susan reminded us "what happens at camp, stays at camp". So to find out what really goes on up there, I suggest next year you come and see for yourself.



Love, Shannon

**Note:** Shannon Lundquist is flying in from Edmonton for Camp Scugog 2013, and has already signed up at http://rtc.r-esourcecenter.com/event//index.asp?Event\_Id=50 Don't miss out sign up today!

**The Fellowship Committee Invites You and Your Friends and Family** to experience fine Ethiopian Fusion Cuisine on **Tuesday April 30th, 2013 at 6:30 PM** at **Nunu Fine Ethiopian,**1178 Queen Street West (between Dufferin and Ossington) \$40.00 exclusive of tax and gratuities; alcoholic beverages not included in price Space is limited to 30 people. RSVP Caroline Bouillet carolinebouillet@hotmail.com

The amazing fusion of flavours is a delightful experience, the atmosphere is modern and exotic all at the same time and the ambiance magical. The Nunu restaurant will welcome us on Tuesday April 30th to enjoy their warm and friendly service and special menu presented just for us. Come and experience "Amuse Bouche", "Nunu Happy Chicken", and the Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony (incense and smoke from hand roasted coffee beans are involved). The spice level is mild to medium.



#### World Water Summit 2013 Lisbon, Portugal

# Friday, June 21, 2013

Immediately before the Rotary International Convention

# Don't miss one of the most exciting events in this year's Rotary calendar!

This year's World Water Summit has a great agenda that will appeal to everyone interested in WASH. Poor (or no) sanitation is emerging as the most critical barrier to preserving the life and improving the livelihood of millions of people in the developing world. And yet it is so often ignored.

Please share this message with all Rotarians in your district. This year's summit features some of the world's foremost experts on sanitation and hygiene, including:

- Jack Sim President, World Toilet Organization, Singapore
- Dr. Kamal Kar Founder, Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS), Kolkata. India
- Caterina Fonseca WASH Cost Project Director, IRC, The Hague

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Moving up the Sanitation Ladder: Step 2

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Founder of World Toilet Organization, Singapore

Effective Hygiene Education Programs Sandra Callier, WASHPlus, Washington Sally Cowal, PSI, Washington Dr. Esi Awuah, Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana

Effective Monitoring and Evaluation Programs Harold Lockwood, Aguaconsult Cathy Leslie, Engineers Without Borders - USA Naabia Ofosu-Amaah, Global Water Challenge

#### **Registration fees:**

Wasrag \$175 Members Non-Members\* \$200 Rotaractors\*/ \$100 students "Includes lunch and annual Wasrag membership

# **Trump Aids Poker Walk**



Once again the Trump AIDS Poker Walk is coming up a sure sign of Spring! Our Club and two Rotaract Clubs have several teams participating. We'd love to see you out on the walk, but if you cannot make it but would still like to support this worthy cause, you can do so by clicking the link below. Note that part of the funds come back to support our own Club projects.

**CLICK HERE** for more information

## The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

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- 2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
- 3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
- 4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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## **Upcoming Speakers & Events**

#### April 2013

26 David Naylor, President, University of Toronto 27 Trump AIDS Poker Walk, Toronto Beach Parks

#### May 2013

- 3 Mr. Justice Murray Sinclair, Chair, Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- 10 Centennial Award Luncheon, Steve Paikin, TVO Producer, Rotaracters' Arts For Children & Youth (AFCY) Project
- 10 Toronto Wing Festival, Rotary Club of Toronto Skyline
- 7 Victoria Day weekend, No Meeting
- 23 Club Centennial
- 31- June 2 Camp Scugog Weekend Begins

#### June 2013

4 Douglas Sanderson, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

#### Propose a Speaker Peter Simmie, Chair

Program Committee peter.simmie@bristolgate.com



#### What You Missed April 12th, 2013 – by Maureen Bird

The International Service Committee members make me proud to be their Chair! This was a special celebration as the Club's Centennial gift of \$100,000 was presented to our Committee's choice - Bakong Technical College (BTC) in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Six Committee members were at the head table, we completely filled another table and had still more members seated around the room. On one more cold day in our neverending winter, we were pleased to enjoy slow-cooked beef ribs which helped warm us to the bone. Our monitor Don Bell introduced the visiting Rotarians - what a representation! We had members from Islamabad, Pakistan; Bogotá, Colombia; Janesville, Wisconsin; New Westminster; Lethbridge; Elliott Lake; Ancaster; Hamilton; Cobourg; Northumberland Durham; Toronto Eglinton; Willowdale; and our newest E-Rotary club. There were numerous guests, too many to name.

President Neil talked about the many international projects of our Committee and Club, well outlined in the Voice and Annual Report. We have sought to fund



Maureen Bird, Chris Snyder, Ronnie Yimsut, Neil Phillips



David Libby with guest speaker, Megan Campbell

initiatives for early intervention and work with partners for leveraging of our funds. Neil thanked Suzanne Seaquist as she completes her term as treasurer of ShelterBox and announced that Bert Steenburgh has joined the ShelterBox board. Neil then presented the cheque, the 9th in a series, to Ronnie Yimsut, founder of BCT who came up from Wisconsin to join us. Ronnie was profuse in his thanks for the funds to complete classrooms in a project which employs 46 local workers over a four year period. The buildings are expected to last for 70 years and will be used to educate over 300 students a year. They will be naming the classroom block "The Rotary Club of Toronto Education Building". He welcomed us all to visit at any time and is looking forward to the 40 Rotarians and Friends who will be coming for the official opening on November 25.

David Libby then introduced Megan Campbell who spent three years in Malawi on water projects for Engineers Without Borders. This tied in very nicely with our committee and Foundation, which approved a \$150,000 well project in Malawi in 2007 through Emmanuel International (EI). Her vision is that we are not just to drill wells but must also follow up with education and funding to keep them serviced. Whether there be a fee to villagers to replace 40 cent washers - as was done by EI - or a government fund to replace corroded pump pipes at \$500 or complete replacement because of a lightning strike, follow-up and training must be there. Because of a lack of these guidelines in many sub-Saharan countries 36% of water points are not functioning. Neil thanked Megan and presented her with a donation in her name to the Water and Sanitation project in schools in Mozambique, led by the Rotary Clubs of Maputo and Etobicoke.

A guest, Katherine Burnie, took home a bottle of wine, leaving our Ace of Clubs draw with 17 cards and over \$3,000. Ronnie stayed after the meeting to answer questions and present slides on the progress of the school. There is still room in the November Sweat Equity trips – see Chris Snyder.



A table with some of the International Service Committee members

## **Notice to Bridge Players**

Annual Windup Bridge Luncheon with<br/>the Ladies Group from Inner WheelWhenWed, April 24, 2013WhereIslington Golf ClubCash Bar12:30 PMLunch1:00 PMBridge & Prizes2:30 - 4:00 PMCost\$ 35.00Let Peter Naylor know by April 16, 2013<br/>at pnaylor@tippetrichardson.com

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