

# ROTARY VOICE



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## Today's Speaker

Professor Pia Søltoft, Director of the Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre

## Topic

Rotary Toronto 100 - Søren Kierkegaard 200

## Location

Upper Canada Room, 18th Floor,  
The Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Professor Pia Søltoft was born in South Africa and grew up in Copenhagen, Denmark, where she went to school. In 1983 she started studies of theology at the University of Copenhagen from which she received a Master of Divinity Degree in 1992. Between September 1997 and March 1997 she conducted research at the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany. She later worked as Research Professor in Ethics and the Philosophy of Religion at the Faculty of Theology of the University of Copenhagen, from which she was awarded a PhD Degree in January 1999.

Pia Søltoft is Professor in Ethics and Director of the Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre as well as Head of the Research School at the Faculty of Theology of the University of Copenhagen. She is an internationally known scholar with some 30 books and articles published primarily on Kierkegaard. Since 1998, Professor Søltoft has been President of the Søren Kierkegaard Society in Denmark. She is visiting Toronto in connection with the 200th anniversary of the Danish philosopher's birth and participating in the "Kierkegaard at 200" Conference at the University of Toronto, April 5th and 6th. In September this year Pia Søltoft has been invited to give a series of lectures and workshops in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in conjunction with the publication of a new book in Portuguese about the 200 year old Danish existentialist philosopher.

Pia Søltoft is regarded as having bridged the scholarly research of Søren Kierkegaard with modern life through approachable talks, connecting his thoughts to modern management development and coaching. She lives in Copenhagen with her partner Dan Hansen and is the mother of two pre-teenage children.

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF



The Rotary Club of Toronto is donating in excess of \$1,000,000 to local and international agencies during our Centennial Year.



Please join us at a  
**Special Friday  
Centennial Luncheon**  
on April 12, 2013  
at The Fairmont Royal York  
Ontario Room

Guest Speaker: **Ms. Megan Campbell**

Consultant, Aid Advocacy & Sustainable Strategies

**"The End of Water Projects: A Vision for Sustainable Water Services"**

Ms. Megan Campbell led the Water and Sanitation venture in Malawi for Engineers Without Borders. She has over a decade of experience in international development and advocacy in Canada, Africa and Asia. Megan holds a degree in Systems Design Engineering from the University of Waterloo and now works as an independent consultant helping leading-edge Canadian organizations create powerful strategies for social change. Megan specializes in helping African government institutions find practical ways to increase the sustainability of their water and sanitation services.



The \$100,000 Award will be presented to  
**Bakong Technical College**  
Siem Reap, Cambodia



The Rotary Club of Toronto is partnering with Bakong Technical College in Cambodia to build a vocational school whose mission is to serve the rural community of Siem Reap. The building of this College will provide the Khmer people with important vocational training and skills. On completion, there will be approximately 300 young people who will seek employment in tourism and environmental protection. Its courses will include English, computer training, cooking, hospitality training, green design, fish farming, agriculture, micro credit and bicycle repairs. BTC is the realization of Ronnie Yimsut's dream of bringing much needed education to the young people of his country.

Ronnie Yimsut will be present to accept the award.

Registration 12:00 p.m. | Lunch 12:15 p.m. | Cost \$38.00 per ticket

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## Inner Wheel News Annual Bridge Luncheon



Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, April 24th at Islington Golf Club. Come for coffee at 10. Bridge begins promptly at 10:30. Non-bridge players most welcome to join us for cash bar at 12:30 and lunch at 1 p.m. Send your cheque (\$32 includes bridge, lunch & prizes) made out to Dorothy Martin, Suite 903, 2010 Islington Ave, Toronto M9P 3S8.

## In Memoriam: Isobel Laidlaw



*"Isobel (Tim) Laidlaw, widow of George Laidlaw, became a member of The Inner Wheel in 1977 and was a part of the West End Bridge Club for many years.*

*She died March 25th and we 'old-timers' will remember her fondly." -- Maryan Tisdale, Inner Wheel*

It is with heavy hearts that we report that Isobel Laidlaw passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 24, 2013 at West Park Long Term Care facility in her 92nd year.

Beloved wife of the late George Kitchener. Loving mother of William David and his wife Sara, George Ross and his wife Constance Crosby, and Susan Elizabeth. Proud grandmother of Kate, Elizabeth, Megan, Erin, Jack, Emily and Georgia. Mom was born in Hamilton, Ontario, before moving to Montreal, and finally to Toronto in Islington. Isobel was a proud member of Humber Valley United Church, the Inner Wheel of the Toronto Rotary Club, a member of the Junior League of Toronto, and past member of the Hamilton and Montreal Junior Leagues. Mom loved her summers at Georgian Bay, and her many friends in Toronto and Hamilton. She was a staunch supporter of her beloved Hamilton Tiger Cats. Isobel loved a good conversation, family, friends, and of course her many evenings out with GK. Special thanks to all the staff at West Park Long Term Care, who cared for Mom, and her caregivers June Collins, Marion Johnson, Neva Porter, and Maria Tavares.

Friends called at the Turner & Porter "Yorke" Chapel, 2357 Bloor St. W., Toronto (at Windermere Ave., east of Jane subway) on Wednesday, March 27 from 6-9 p.m. A private Chapel Service was held. For those who wish, donations may be made to Junior League of Toronto or Humber Valley United Church. On-line condolences Sue Laidlaw. (Globe & Mail)

## Rotary Peace Fellow Scholarship Applications Due May 10, 2013



Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Fellows can earn either a master's degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolutions. The first step is for Rotary Clubs to identify and interview potential candidates, then submit their endorsed candidate application(s) to the District 7070 Rotary Peace Programs Chair by May 10, 2013.

## Update on the Rotaract Club of Edinburgh

– by Neil Phillips

The Rotaract Club of Edinburgh is making an international recipe book to raise funds for Rotary Foundation's "End Polio Now" campaign and Rotaract



## Rotaract Club of Edinburgh

Overseas Project (a charity in Great Britain & Ireland that provides opportunities for Rotaractors to go abroad and take part in a project such as building a school or medical centre). The book will be a collection of traditional recipes, one from each of the 218 countries where Rotary/Rotaract are represented, to be sold at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon. The Rotary Club of Toronto has been invited to provide the recipe representing Canada! The recipe should be traditional to our country – it can be a starter, main dish, dessert or drink of any degree of difficulty. If anyone is interested in participating, please provide a Word document with a clear outline of ingredients, method instructions and ideally a photograph of the finished dish (to be included in the book). A short story behind the dish could be included. The final product will be typeset by a graphic designer and printed professionally to produce an international recipe book to sell at the RI Convention.

**Deadline for all submissions is Saturday, April 6th.** Final selection of the recipes to be submitted by our Clubs will depend on submissions received. Have fun, good luck – and get those creative juices flowing!



## Camp Scugog Weekend!

**When?** May 31, June 1 & June 2, 2013

**Where?** Camp Scugog just outside Port Perry just over an hour from Toronto

**What is Camp Scugog?** A fresh air camp for children, teens and Mothers so that they can gain new knowledge, attitudes and skills in a safe environment



**Why Camp Scugog?** Because they are a non-profit camp focused on needed children in the centre of Toronto. They have little funding and need us very much

**Why should I come?** "A magnificent fence was erected, many cabins were painted and spiffed up, and the transformation was apparent to all. The Camp staff were there working alongside us, and their gratitude was palpable. I have left much out, but the important thing to know is this: in my opinion, the Camp Weekend is the best thing you can do all year, to experience fully the rewards of being a member of our great Club" – Peter Love



**A promise:** We promise you that there will be lots of hard work-painting nailing, fixing etc. and you will enjoy every minute. There will be laughter, song and incredible food prepared by your fellow members.

**If you have been to Camp you probably already have the date in your calendar. If you have not, put it in now so you don't miss out: May 31 June 1 & 2. Register today!**

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS – by Michele Guy



How much does Bert Steenburgh enjoy Rotary? What about Susan Hunter? Why do you think Lindsay Hooper joined? How come Jim Norwood is always around? Because they enjoy the time they spend with the rest of us. Membership in this Club is about being with other members and enjoying that time. Sure we do good work; and we are having an amazing year making many people lives better. We look after others as would expect to be looked after. But we wouldn't do it if we didn't enjoy it.

After another great lunch with a very good speaker the other day, one of the guys in our Club said, "This Club is so amazing, I feel like applying again." Imagine! Imagine that you realize that you belong to such an amazing group of people you would want to apply again!

Why don't you ask someone else to join this amazing group? You will be happy you did, and so will they.

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## The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

### Officers:

President: Neil Phillips  
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### Executive Director:

Carol Bieser

**Rotary Club of Toronto  
Charitable Foundation:**  
Robert Smith, President

### Editor of the Week:

Joe Pochodyniak

### Editor for April 12, 2013:

Maureen Bird

### What You Missed Reporter for Next Week:

Rick Goldsmith

## 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?

### Submit an Article to the Voice Newsletter:

[voice@AbacusConsultingServices.ca](mailto:voice@AbacusConsultingServices.ca)

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### April 2013

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| 12 | Centennial Award Lunch, Bakong Technical College: Meagan Campbell, Consultant, Aid Advocacy and Sustainable Strategies; International Services Committee, |
| 19 | David Raymont, President, York Pioneer and Historical Society                                                                                             |
| 26 | David Naylor, President, University of Toronto                                                                                                            |
| 27 | Trump AIDS Poker Walk, Toronto Beach Parks                                                                                                                |

### May 2013

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| 3  | Mr. Justice Murray Sinclair, Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission              |
| 10 | Centennial Award Lunch, Arts For Children & Youth; Steve Paikin, TVO Producer; Rotaractors |
| 10 | Toronto Wing Festival, Rotary Club of Toronto Skyline                                      |
| 23 | Club Centennial Gala with Liberty Silver Entertainment                                     |
| 31 | Camp Scugog Weekend Begins                                                                 |

**Propose a Speaker**  
Peter Simmie, Chair

**Program Committee**  
[peter.simmie@bristolgate.com](mailto:peter.simmie@bristolgate.com)



## What You Missed March 22nd, 2013

— by Bob Cartlidge



John Ralston Saul, our speaker, received a standing ovation for his compelling presentation tracing the influence Aboriginal people have had on Canada. The prolific author and visionary stated that original European immigrants faced a dominant First Nations population of 1.5 million. Treaties were signed between the First Nation peoples and various Canadian governments, which the latter chose to ignore. The once vibrant Aboriginal population was eventually reduced to 150,000 by the late 1800s. But Aboriginal people are making a remarkable comeback. Forty years ago there were no Aboriginal lawyers. Today some of the

current 2,000 Aboriginal lawyers have taken Canadian governments to court over neglecting to abide by the terms of land treaties. However, even the recent decision by the Supreme Court in favour of the land rights of Metis in Manitoba is dependent on the government's own agenda. Mr. Saul stated that Canada's successful immigration policies are the result of lengthy experience in adjusting to Aboriginal settlements.

"We are a Metis people." This is the opening sentence in his book, *A Fair Country: Telling Truths About Canada*. Our country seeks immigrants, but often ignores the skills and potential of Aboriginal people and provides

inadequate education funding. Our speaker claims that Canada has a second chance to solve these issues and advocates for the expedient settlement of land claims. The current First Nations population of over 1.5 million wants to have a meaningful say in government decisions.

President Neil thanked those who participated in the recent Club fundraiser at the Steam Whistle, which attracted 240 poker players. He welcomed 12 guests to the luncheon. Jeff Dobson had the winning lottery draw, but left the pot to increase for another draw.

## TrumpAids Walk 2013

is Saturday, April 27  
from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Join a team or donate  
Go to  
[www.trumpaidstoronto.ca](http://www.trumpaidstoronto.ca)

For more information, email  
[maureen@trumpaid.ca](mailto:maureen@trumpaid.ca)  
In three years our Club  
has raised \$50,000 for our  
AIDS charities.

## The Fellowship Committee

invites you to

### Mysteriously Yours Theatre Company,

2026 Yonge St.

on Friday, April 19, 2013  
at 6:30pm

for a 3-course meal and "who  
done it" play.

To reserve or ask questions,

### CONTACT

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Cash payment of \$80/person  
required to Belli by Friday April 5th.

For more information:  
[www.mysteriouslyyours.com](http://www.mysteriouslyyours.com)

## A Reminder from President Neil

RYLA is coming up! Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. Should you have a candidate for this incredible learning program, that you would like our Club to sponsor, please contact Ric Williams, the Office, or myself for further information.

## Coming Soon: Wine Night X



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