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WHEN A ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT COMES TO TORONTO – By Robert O'Brien



Ontario's first Ombudsman Arthur Maloney once boldly proclaimed, "When my leader comes into the room, I stand up". When Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka makes a special trip to Toronto to celebrate our Centennial and deliver a major address on Polio on March 1st, 2013 we not only stand up but we as Rotarians give him our wholehearted support. Rosemary O'Brien from Evanston head office who has been coordinating details with our Club for the past eighteen months advises that President Tanaka has travelled to forty-six countries and twenty-two states in the United States in the past year. Among his travels he has journeyed to Hong Kong, China, Mongolia and at the end of January for five days in Honolulu to attend a Rotary International organized peace conference that had been a year in the making. His official visit to Toronto has been in the planning for 18 months since then President Sandy Boucher had the foresight to extend an official invitation from our Club so that we could get into President Tanaka's busy itinerary for the year. The Tanaka Visit Committee has been planning the event for over a year now and we need all Rotarians to stand united when President Tanaka enters the Concert Hall for the Gala Luncheon on March 1, 2013 and fill that room to capacity. Only two weeks to go so please sign up today, spread the word and share this not-to-be-missed historic event with friends and colleagues.

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The Prince and I

- By John Andras

I was recently asked to join a CEO delegation of The Prince's Charities Canada that traveled to London England to meet with our British counterparts. The highlight of the trip was getting to meet HRH Prince Charles at Clarence House to discuss the development of the Canadian charity. The focus of the Prince's Charities is to involve CEO's directly in community enterprise and development. I also went as an emissary of the First Nation of Kitchenuhmaykoosib, Inninuwug (the community featured in Andree Cazabon's documentary 3rd World Canada) delivering two pairs of moose hide slippers and a letter requesting that the youth drum group be invited to perform at Buckingham Palace. I have recommended that The Rotary Club of Toronto be approached to help connect the Prince's Charities Canada in the community. I hope that by introducing the CEOs to Rotary, only good things will occur.



John Andras London Visit

Please note:

Please note that the Admin Fee Policy (for Events) for The Rotary Club of Toronto and Rotary Club of Toronto Foundation has been amended, effective December 1st. A copy of the amended policy is available in the secure Documents section of our website. A copy can also be obtained from the Office.

Today's Program

Guest Speaker, Alison Fryer

Topic

Our Love Affair with Cookbooks

Location

Fairmont Royal York, Imperial Room



Since The Cookbook Store opened its doors in Toronto in 1983 Alison Fryer has been at the helm, guiding customers through the myriad of choices from around the world. The Cookbook Store is a culinary destination for home cooks and professional chefs. Hosting events large and small, local and international in scope with visiting chefs and authors from around the world. Alison is a frequent contributor and commentator to the media and has been a judge for all the major cookbook awards in North America. She is the recipient of an honourable degree from George Brown College (2012) and is a past winner of the Women's Culinary Network Woman of the Year Award and received a Gold Award from the Ontario Hostelry Institute. You can follow the chatter on twitter @cookbookshop and also interact at www.cook-book.com

A Polish Feast at Café Polonez

- By Bert Steenburgh



Krystyna Benyak

On Tuesday January 29th about 30 members and guests gathered to enjoy a night of fellowship and Polish cuisine. The night was organized by Krystyna Benyak and Mary Lach. As we gathered in this charming restaurant in Roncesvalles village, our fellowship was nurtured by generous consumption of Polish libations. The main course was a mouth-watering combination of Polonez schnitzel, hunters stew, cabbage rolls, pierogi, potato dumplings, sausage and yes, I hear there were salads too. As a lifelong carnivore, I didn't bother with much of that. In short – the food was delicious and a great antidote to the sub-zero temperatures we have been experiencing. I have always felt that the "what happens at Lake Scugog stays at Lake Scugog" rule applies to these casual fellowship events. I will, therefore, refrain from regaling you with the antics of Tom Noitsis, Neil Phillips, Michele Guy, Dina Rashid, Bill Morari and the other rowdies too many to mention. There was a more civilized group including yours truly, Bill Bressmer, John & Lorraine Lloyd and new member Alex Austin who brought friends. All-in-all, great food, great drink, wonderful fellowship, not to mention at a reasonable price – ah, Rotary – hard to beat!



Mary Lach



What You Missed February 8th, 2013 – by Johanne Larouche



Despite the biggest snow storm Toronto has seen in years, faithful Rotarians and guests trudged out to the February 8th, 2013 meeting to see the 7th centennial cheque presentation and to hear CBC News Business Correspondent Amanda Lang speak about "The Power of Why". Bill Morari spoke about the meaning of membership and reminded us that Rotary Club of Toronto seeded many great organizations like; YES Toronto, the United Way and Easter Seals Ontario and it was also interesting to learn of the many great keynote speakers that have joined our club over the years like Alfred Hitchcock, members of the Royal Family, and now Amanda Lang. President Neil then welcomed everyone and introduce the head table. We were reminded about our dear member George Frazer who passed away earlier this week. President Neil called up Kim Curry and David Walsh to the podium to accept a



Seeds of Hope Foundation Cheque Presentation

check for \$100,000. Kim and David graciously accepted the Check and briefly updated the audience on the great work that has been done by the Seeds of Hope Foundation on the new "Lazarus House" thanks to the generous contribution of Rotary. The Rotary Club of Toronto provided a \$100,000 Centennial grant that has funded the complete renovation of two floors of a building directly beside the St. Joseph Resource Centre. The renovated space now includes space for community activities or for women to meet up and get connected, two kitchen spaces, a social enterprise and media room, an art and sculpture work and display room as well as a quiet place to get away from it all. The two floors above have more living accommodations and a beautiful roof-top garden where the tenants can grow fresh produce. The guest Speaker Ms. Amanda Lang, a Senior Business Correspondent for the CBC News, was introduced by Peter Simmie. Ms. Lang's topic "The Power of Why" was so inspirational because it allowed us to learn about her experiences with great Innovators in the business world. She stated that what she found as a "common denominator" among them was their ability to think above and beyond the status quo and ask Why? Or in some cases...Why not? Giving insightful stories showing that innovators always allow for questioning of the status quo...always

looking for ways to improve things or to fill in missing gaps. She encouraged us as companies, and even as parents, not to stifle creativity by punishing people who push for more, who give new ideas...she encouraged us to allow for free flow thinking. President Neil stated that the message was totally appropriate for Rotarians who are also people who are open to trying new things and making things happen! President Neil thanked Ms. Amanda Lang and presented her with a donation of Literacy, one book a month for a year, in her honor, donated to the aboriginal community, yet another project of the Rotary Club of Toronto. The Meeting ended with Bill Morari winning a bottle of wine to keep him warm on this winter day from the Ace of Clubs draw. The What you Missed Reporter for next week will be John Joseph Mastandrea.



Gust Speaker Amanda Lang

Upcoming Speakers & Events

February 2013

- 22 James Fitzgerald, Author
"What Disturbs our Blood: A Son's Quest to Redeem, the Past"

March 2013

- 1 RI President Sakuji Tanaka, Presidential Address
End Polio Now
The Rotary Club of Toronto Foundation, Centennial Award
- 2 Peace Symposium: 9am - 4pm
The Fairmont Royal York Hotel
- 8 Carol Radford Grant
City of Toronto, Archivist
"Toronto, 100 Years Ago and the Role of the City Archives"
- 15 Howard Weston, CEO
Ontario Securities Commission
- 22 Rt. Honourable John Ralston Saul

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

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Editor of the Week

Joe Pochodynaiak

Editor for Feb. 22, 2013

John Suk

What You Missed on Feb. 15, 2013

John Joseph Mastandrea

ROTARY MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

All You Have To Do Is Ask – by Bill Morari



This is an amazing time to be a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto. Our club has a rich history of working on important projects and founding organizations such as United Way, Easter Seals, and YES (Youth Employment Services), to name a few. We have attracted wonderful speakers in that time, including famed movie director Alfred Hitchcock, Royal Family members, Prime Ministers, humanitarian Stephen Lewis, and Generals Romeo Dallaire and Rick Hillier; and, we continue to do so on a weekly basis. I truly believe that the RCT offers its membership tremendous value. Name another organization that can provide you with so much, and simultaneously give you the benefit of serving your community. Membership our club provides a rare opportunity for personal growth and professional development that not only enriches your personal life and can also impact positively in your professional life as well. We should all be extremely proud of the achievements of the RCT in its first 100 years, so let's not keep it a secret any longer. Instead, we should share it with our friends, family, and colleagues, and invite them to become part of something very special, as we begin our second century of service with the Rotary Club of Toronto. In appreciation for members who introduce a membership candidate to the RCT, the club will present them with a ticket (value \$225) to our Centennial Gala Dinner Event, on Thursday, May 23, 2013--the highlight of our Centennial Year. Sponsors will also have their names entered in a draw for a chance to win: a case of fine wine; a lobster and steak dinner with all the trimmings for four to go, courtesy of En Ville Event Design and Catering; or a gourmet dinner for two, complete with wine pairings for each course, courtesy of The National Club.

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