

Today's Program

Andrée Cazabon, Director,
"Third World Canada"

Host

John Andras

Location

The Upper Canada Room,
The Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Gemini-nominee Andrée Cazabon inspires audiences to make a difference in the lives of children, youth and First Nations people by showing audiences that we all have the potential to be that one person that plants the seed of change in others. She brings not only the experience of filming families and youth-at-risk for the past ten years, but she also adds her reflections on her own journey as a former addicted street-youth. Andrée's keynote addresses (and/or workshops) expand on the themes of her films and provide hands-on practical training for professionals in education, law enforcement, foster care, child protection and youth care work from the perspective of her own experiences and the families in her films. Her award-winning films have been seen by over one million viewers on television, at film festivals and at public events.

A Journey North

— by John Andras



In June, Peter Love and I joined 43 "ordinary Canadians" including Provincial Youth Advocate Irwin Elman and Ontario Human Rights Commissioner (and former Toronto Mayor) Barbara Hall for a five-day visit to the remote fly-in First Nation community of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninugug (KI) in Northern Ontario. We were joined on the last day by Her Excellency Sharon Johnston, wife of our Governor General, and Her Honour Ruth-Ann Onley, wife of our Lieutenant Governor, to celebrate National Aboriginal Day. The trip was the brainchild of KI youth and was implemented in partnership with film-maker Andrée Cazabon, who filmed her documentary "Third World Canada" in the community. The youth wanted regular Canadians to see and experience their lives first-hand to help dispel myths and build friendships and partnerships for the challenges they face on a daily basis.

We lived with families who gave up their beds for us. We ate together with the community, in the community grounds, with food cooked by the Elders. Fish, moose, goose and caribou were on the menu. A full program had us fishing, canoeing, beading, smoking fish and collecting medicinal herbs. We learned about a sacred connection with land, water, sky and all things of the world. We danced, drummed, sang and played. We saw first-hand the difficulties KI people face in leading their lives and raising their children, and the inequity and unfairness with which they were being treated. In particular, we learned that the treaty for KI was signed in 1929 by illiterate, semi-nomadic people, who could not speak English, and who had no understanding that; with a stroke of a pen, they signed away their tradition, territory and future.

Currently the annual band budget, designed by bureaucrats in the South, with no consultation with KI's leadership, does not reflect community priorities. There are problems with power, water, sewage and roads. There is a waiting list for housing of 250 families in a population of 1,500 on the reserve. There is funding for only three new houses per year. Much of the housing that has been built was designed for southern conditions, resulting in mould and dwellings impossible to keep heated when temperatures drop to -50 in winter. In the South, many of the homes we saw would be condemned as unfit for human habitation. Per capita student funding in KI is half of that for students in the public system in Thunder Bay. Teachers are paid \$20-30,000 less per year in KI than in provincial schools. Several years ago, the drug Oxycontin came into KI, exposing up to 85% of young people age 16-40, and many are addicted.

We found that, notwithstanding their challenges, the people remain resilient and proud, and are planning a path forward for themselves. Our group came away with the hope that "ordinary Canadians", including Rotarians, will find ways to partner with the people of KI and other First Nations in addressing their problems, and the belief that there is much we can learn and that our country will be better for the effort.



Peter Love and John Andras participate in a re-creation of the Treaty signing



Ontario Human Rights Commissioner Barbara Hall with Andrée Cazabon



Drumming: The voice of the drum was banned for over 100 years in KI. It is only now being heard again as youth rediscover traditional ways



KI group photo

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Official Opening of The Rotary Club of Toronto Newcomer's Clinic

— by Robert O'Brien



Seven months ago at a Club luncheon on November 2, 2012, President Neil presented a Centennial cheque for \$100,000.00 to Sherbourne Health Centre for the building of a new health clinic in the St. James Town Community Centre. It will serve one of the most densely populated and overlooked areas in Canada, where poverty and inadequate access to proper health care have been long entrenched in a vicious cycle. All of this has now changed as a result of the Rotary Centennial grant. On June 20, 2013 two brand new clinic rooms, to be staffed by doctors within the community, opened their doors thanks to an extraordinary partnership between Rotary and the Sherbourne Health Centre.

The official opening was attended by President Neil Phillips, Past Presidents Jack Robertson, Susan Howson, Al Crawford (who for many years has been the Club's liaison with the Rotary Health Buses operated by Sherbourne Health Centre) and me. The Centre was packed with enthusiastic and thankful members of the St. James Town Community and the festive party atmosphere included a ribbon cutting ceremony, cake cutting, music and speeches by prominent representatives from the federal, provincial and municipal governments. The Honourable Bob Rae (in his first speaking engagement in Toronto after his decision the day before to step down from Parliament to dedicate himself full time to advocacy for the First Nations) thanked Rotarians for their generosity of spirit. The Honourable Glen Murray, Ontario Minister of Intergovernmental Services proclaimed, "Rotarians: You Rock!" and Toronto Ward 28 City Councillor, Pam McConnell, spoke of the core values of equity, accessibility and mutual respect for this Health Clinic in this hub which brings together people from all walks of life. President Neil proclaimed how appropriate it was that this new clinic should be opened on World Refugee Day and how Rotary was all about breaking barriers and sharing our Centennial with the community.

During the past twelve months, President Neil has been an eloquent spokesman and cheerleader for our Club and, with just two weeks before the Changeover, the official opening of the Centre symbolized the very best of what he and our Club have brought to the community this past year. Special thanks go to Suzanne Boggild, President and CEO of Sherbourne Health Centre who, like President Neil and Bob Rae, is retiring from her position, to Claire Jarrold who has been the remarkably dedicated coordinator for all the details of this program with Rotary, and to the Past Presidents of the Club who investigated, researched and recommended this very special project which will have a meaningful impact and improve the lives of the St. James Town community in downtown Toronto.



(Left to right) Bob Rae, Pam McConnell, Neil Phillips, and Glen Murray cut the ribbon to open the Newcomer's Clinic.

The Rotary Club of Toronto 65th Annual — Golf Tournament —

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Diane Watson

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Rotarians at Sea

— by Tony Houghton



With thanks to our member Garrick Ngai, several lucky Rotarians and families got to be sailors for an afternoon on Tuesday, July 2nd on board Royal Canadian Navy ship HMCS Glace Bay, a minesweeper and coastal patrol craft from Halifax and on tour with a sister ship, HMCS Kingston. We were all treated by a very friendly and informative crew to a number of ships exercises, high speed turns, exchange of packages between ships by rope and punctuated by four hours of beautiful summer weather while cruising Lake Ontario. Fortunately none of us signed up for active service as the collective decision was that the bunks were too tight!



HMCS Glace Bay- On Tour



The Rotary "crew": David Libby with daughter Alexandra, Walter Davies, Bob Cartridge, Jackie and Don Davies and Tony Houghton aboard the HMCS Glace Bay



The Rotary Club of Toronto Aboriginal Service Committee

— by Steven Smith



The Board of The Rotary Club of Toronto is delighted to announce that the Aboriginal Service Committee, which was established in 2011 as a pilot project, has been confirmed as a philanthropic committee. The decision was unanimously carried at the June 2013 meeting of the RCT Board. The Aboriginal Service Committee aims to build relationships with aboriginal peoples and groups, and to educate Rotarians about aboriginal issues and challenges. The committee has two areas of interest:

- Education of aboriginal children and youth
- Collaboration with other groups that seek to make a difference in aboriginal communities.

In the past two years, the committee has achieved several milestones. It has:

- Supported a First Nations School in Toronto through a financial donation to its food program, and donations of equipment for special needs students, books and toys;
- Organized two Career Days, bringing Rotarians to the school to discuss a variety of careers and occupations with Grade 7 and 8 students;
- Given financial support to the Scarborough, Ont. GED program run by Native Child and Family Services;
- Supported financially and promoted Andrée Cazabon's "Third World Canada" documentary that reveals the dire situation existing on many First Nation reserves;
- Helped bring together a number of Rotary Clubs and aboriginal leaders across Ontario to form the Aboriginal Rotarian Community Circle and collaborate on ways to assist aboriginal communities;
- Arranged for several luncheon presentations on aboriginal issues to raise the awareness of club members;
- Submitted a proposal to The Rotary Club of Toronto board that resulted in a \$25,000 donation to Club Amik, a book program initiated by former Ontario Lt. Gov. James Bartleman
- Participated in Ontario Lt. Gov. David Onley's aboriginal networking initiative.

The committee continues to develop relationships in the aboriginal and non-aboriginal world in order to fulfill its mandate and meet the needs of the aboriginal community in Canada. It welcomes to its membership Rotarians who want to make a difference.

Noteworthy in "The Rotarian"

— by Eardley Samuels



In the July 2013 edition of "The Rotarian", on page 48, there is an article which has a lot of connections to our Club. I was Chair of the International Service Committee some 20 years ago when our Club, along with the Vancouver and Seattle Rotary Clubs, sponsored the formation of the first Rotary Club in the Ukraine – in Kiev. A member of our Club was the G.M. of CP Air and donated an airline ticket to our Committee which was used by Bill Bahen to represent us at the Kiev Club Charter Meeting. Soon after, the Kiev Club President and Dr. Ilya Yemets (featured in "The Rotarian" article) visited Toronto and stayed with me before Dr. Yemets started an internship at the Toronto General Hospital in Children's Cardiac Surgery. He later stayed with Ukrainian friends in Toronto to complete the internship which resulted in his starting the Children's Cardiac Unit in Kiev. That year also saw other major International Service projects such as spearheading the 7070 District collection of 20 containers of used clothing for Bosnia refugees, and the start of the Bombay Street Kids Project. That year our Club won the District Award for International Service.

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

July 2013

- 26 Michael Shapcott, Director of Housing and Innovation, Wellesley Institute

August 2013

- 2 No Meeting, Simcoe Day Weekend
9 TBA
16 Chris Snyder, Author, "Be Smart With Your Money"
22 Club's 65th Annual Golf Tournament
23 Valerie Wafer, Governor, Rotary District 7070
30 No Meeting, Labour Day Weekend

September 2013

- 6 Wendy Cuthbertson, Historian

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

Program Committee

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Welcome New Member Katharin von Gavel!



Katharin was born in Toronto to immigrant parents. After graduating from Havergal College she moved to Germany, where she studied dermatology and chiropody. In later years she also earned a BSc in Podology and a PhD in Natural Health Sciences. Katharin returned to Canada and opened several "Medi-Spa Clinics" in the early 1980's, expanded internationally, and then sold the business after 25 years. Seven years ago, she founded a new company and created the brand Footlogix, a line of transformational foot care products where she is the Chief Executive Officer and major shareholder. This company now markets products in over 20 countries and recently has entered the Chinese market. In her spare time she founded the North American School of Podology, which she also directs, as its CEO. Katharin epitomizes the spirit of a trailblazer as a true entrepreneur. She regularly appears on the Home Shopping Network in the US, and is often called upon as a featured key note speaker at industry meetings across North America.

For a number of years now Katharin has organized, led and funded a group of over thirty people to spend a week on the island of St. Kitts, treating the foot care needs of the Kittitians. St. Kitts is an island in the Caribbean where diabetes-related foot problems are a major health issue. It is this community outreach that has led Katharin to Rotary. She teamed up with a local Rotary Club that has provided support and administrative services for her program. Impressed with the support, she decided to join our Toronto Club. Katharin would be an asset to any organization and we are delighted to welcome her!

What You Missed July 12th, 2013: The Throne Speech

— by Susan Howson



President Richard started the meeting by introducing the head table which consisted of the incoming Board Members: Marg Stanowski, Steve Smith (President-Elect), Carolyn Purden, Lori Brazier, Harry Figov and David Hetherington (Vice President). Also at the head table were the new presidents of the Rotaract Club of Toronto and U of T - Kelly Ku and Agustin Dominguez Lino. Congratulations to all on their new positions and to the Board members thank you for your commitment of three years to The Rotary Club of Toronto. John Lloyd had light duty as monitor introducing two visiting Rotarians and three guests. Mathew Harrison promoted the August 22, 2013 Golf Tournament at Richmond Hill Golf Club. Diane Watson, our member who has worked on this tournament for many years, has cancer and was not able to participate this year. In recognition of all the work she has done in the previous years on this and other Committees, it was decided she should choose the charity of choice for the event. Diane has requested all funds raised go to the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation. So all you golfers get out there and boost our Club golf tournament and show your support for Diane. Apparently Richard's kick at the Argos game was similar to Past President Neil's, so they both made a contribution to the Rotary Club of Toronto Foundation.



Richard White, RCT President 2013-2014

Richard White, our brand new President, then gave his address. It had been decided that as we enter our second 100 years there should be a new Strategic Plan. Richard headed that Committee as the President-Elect. The key question asked was "Why do people join The Rotary Club of Toronto?" The answers: 1) Fellowship and 2) To make a difference.

Over the last 50 years Toronto has become an international city. With this change in our demographics we have maintained our capability to help others and to be farsighted in our projects. This farsightedness is most evident in the creation of our Foundation which is unique and the envy of the Rotary world. Because of this Foundation we were able to give out over a million dollars last year. Because of this Foundation our philanthropic committees have budgets and are able to look at aiding projects that will improve the communities around us. When considering your charitable giving, do not forget your Rotary Club of Toronto Foundation. The Strategic Committee realizes we need to continue to build membership. We need to market to corporations and get their support. Members need to be involved and engaged. It is necessary to let people know what we do and, in order to do this, all social media has been and should be used. A structure should be established for the philanthropic committees to seek out projects that others will not, or cannot, do. Our Club's focus has always been on sustainable start-up situations versus ongoing operations. We should look at partnering with other foundations to boost the impact of our Foundation and our projects. The Strategic Committee has established a solid base from which the Club can work to build a bigger, better Club; and we need you to help make it happen.

In closing, Michael Wolkensperg took home the bottle of wine from the 50-50 draw.

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