



Arts for Children and Youth: Looking for Rotarians to Volunteer:

Volunteer Details

Program: Digital Music
Location: Humber Boys & Girls Club
Address: 121 Humber Blvd.
Day & Time: Thursdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm.
Dates: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2013
Ages: Youth 13-18



We would also love for someone to act as an ambassador for the Rotary Club to tell the program participants about their involvement in the organization. It needn't necessarily be a weekly commitment, but even a rotating group of volunteers or one-time sessions. We will likely have another program beginning soon at Lawrence Heights Middle School, details to follow.

If interested, please contact Julie Compton at jcompton@afcy.ca

Our Club Fundraiser is Next Week!

YES! Our annual fundraiser is Thursday, March 21st at Steam Whistle Breweries. Join us for a great evening of food, beer and one great card game. If you cannot join us, please feel free to make a donation. You can purchase a ticket or make a donation online.

Did you know...?

Rotary International has designated March as Literacy Month to highlight literacy and education issues around the world.

Today's Speaker

Howard Wetston, CEO, Ontario Securities Commission

Topic

Trust and Confidence in the Capital Markets

Location

The Imperial Room, The Fairmont Royal York



Mr. Wetston is a respected public servant and a distinguished lawyer, jurist, regulator and executive. He is one of Canada's most prominent leaders in administrative law and regulation with deep expertise in securities, energy, competition and other regulated industries. He has been the Chair & CEO of the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) since 2010, was the Chair & CEO of the Ontario Energy Board from 2003 to 2010, and a Vice-Chair of the OSC from 1999 to 2004. The OSC and OEB are two of the largest and most complex industry regulators in Canada.

Mr. Wetston was granted the title "Honourable" after an exemplary six years as a Trial Judge at the Federal Court of Canada and Ex-officio Judge of its Appeal Division. He was appointed Q.C. during his seven years as a prominent regulator working up to the level of Director of Investigations & Research (now Commissioner of Competition) at the federal government's Bureau of Competition Policy. He spent the first 12 years of his career as a lawyer achieving the positions of General Counsel at the Canadian Transport Commission and Assistant General Counsel at the National Energy Board. Mr. Wetston was also General Counsel and a Program Director at the Consumers' Association of Canada.

In addition, Mr. Wetston has been a Board Director of Mount Sinai Hospital since 2004. He is a member of the Advisory Board for The Program on Ethics in Law and Business at the University of Toronto, and was a lecturer of competition law and regulated industries at the University of Ottawa for seven years. He holds an LL.B. from Dalhousie and a B.Sc. from Mount Allison; he has been called to the Bar in Nova Scotia, Ontario and Alberta. He holds the ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors.

**Psst...
Can you
keep a
secret**

Don't Leave It To Chance!
Thursday, March 21, 2013
at 6:00 PM

I'll let you in on a little secret.
The Rotary Club of Toronto's Annual Fundraiser will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2013. Spend an evening wheeling and dealing with your Rotary friends, and their friends. And pass it on.

\$125 gets you a buffet dinner, and lots of laughs, your cards are free and so are the good times. You can purchase a table of ten for \$1500 or a full sponsorship package including dinner for ten and corporate acknowledgment for \$5,000.

The Steam Whistle Brewery
255 Bremner Blvd.
(South East of Rogers Centre)

For tickets or to make a donation
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Peace Symposium 2013

– by Richard White

In conjunction with Rotary International (RI) President Tanaka's visit to our Club, the District organized a Peace Symposium for March 2, 2013. Under the leadership of Gordon Crann, Toronto-Earlscourt, this became a seven-district event with over 300 participants. Once again, the Fairmont's Concert Hall was packed.

Mr. Tanaka, introduced by President Neil, welcomed us all to this celebration of his theme "Peace Through Service". Dr. Bob Scott addressed the success we are having against polio, but emphasized the need to continue until the job is done.



President Tanaka speaking at the Peace Symposium

One speaker who continues to pull our heartstrings is Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, "The Gaza Doctor", who lost three daughters and a niece to an Israeli rocket strike and is author of "I Shall Not Hate". He spoke to our Club two years ago and moved us deeply.



Dr. Abuelaish (left) was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship Recognition by DG Ted Koziel

The Minister of International Cooperation congratulated Rotarians for their leadership in the global fight against polio. The Minister reiterated Canada's commitment to match, dollar for dollar, all contributions raised by Rotarians by March 1, 2013, under the "Pennies and More for Polio" initiative.

"Canada applauds the successful efforts of Rotarians in Canada in collecting funds for combating this devastating disease," said the Minister. "We also thank Canadians for their generosity and are pleased that Canada will match \$2 million in contributions raised by Rotarians in support of eradicating polio." Canada had originally capped the matching at \$1 million.

Rotarians were thanked for contributions to Nasrat II School in Afghanistan which was built with donations from Canadian Rotarians and students as a Rotary in Canada Centennial Project and with funding support from CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency). The school opened in September 2010, three months ahead of schedule. In addition to the construction of a new school, the Centennial Project built an additional hall that is now used as additional classrooms and a community centre for events. The program proceeded to integrate a teacher training component which has shown tremendous amounts of success. The 30 day teacher training session started in January 2012. Sixteen teachers participated.



The Nasrat II School in Afghanistan built with Canadian support including donations from Canadian Rotarians

Marc Kielberger accepted the Wilf Wilkinson Peace Award on behalf of himself and his brother Craig from PDG Bob Wallace and Wilf Wilkinson for their charities Free the Children and We to Me. Marc gave an outstanding keynote speech about youth involvement in "Making a Difference." Rotary International is discussing including these programs in a Rotary partnership, and Marc talked about Interact being so important in this education. Maureen Bird's grandson Jake Desmarais leaves March 6 on a "Me to We" work trip to India.

One of the breakout sessions was by Landmines Canada, which has always had a strong Rotary connection. Speakers were Tom Sears from Northumberland Sunrise Rotary and former MP Patty.



Tom Sears (right) with a landmine survivor in Cambodia (site of several sweat equity trips to Bakong Technical College)

Report from Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation

The Foundation Board met on Friday February 22, 2013. The following four appeals totalling \$54,000 were approved.

Ve'ahavata (\$25,000) – This initiative is run by the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee. The program for which funding has been requested is run in partnership with George Brown College. Rotary funding will help run an eight-week program for homeless people at George Brown College. The program is designed to build confidence and to help the students survive on the streets.

Toronto Brigantine (\$15,000) – The funds will be applied to purchasing a new motor for the Toronto Brigantine ship. The Rotary Club of Toronto paid for the original motor.

Mixed Company Theatre (\$8,000) – The funds will support the development of workshops and plays for seniors addressing themes of isolation, abuse and telemarketing fraud. This initiative will provide tools and advice to help 500-600 seniors facing these issues.

Volunteer Readers (\$6,000) – Funding will be used to purchase books and supplies to provide reading assistance to deprived children.



Aboriginal Service Committee Update

– by Chris Snyder



The mandate of the Aboriginal Service Committee is to support Aboriginal education, and connect people and groups who wish to work together on behalf of Aboriginal people. To this end, we update you about the following:

1. On January 16th, 2013, under the co-ordination of Carolyn Purden, we held our second Career Day at First Nations School in Toronto. Seven members of our Club participated – John Fortney (real estate), John Andras (investments), Sandy Boucher (investigations), Peter Stephenson (psychology), Paul Truelove (chiropractic), Greg Vermeulen (marketing & communications), and Rohit Tamhane (senior care). It was extremely well received and will be done again next year.
2. We are also providing \$1,200 for special needs education supplies to the same school. This is a great partnership with a very special school.
3. We have supported the Third World Canada film by Andrée Cazabon to the tune of \$4,000. This film had a successful tour with showings in seven locations. Many of the young people in the film came to Southern Ontario. For some, it was their first trip out of their village. There were many successful offshoots including meeting with the Governor General, several students being admitted to Trent University, and the presence of their drumming. Drumming, surprisingly, is frowned on in some Aboriginal communities. Third World will also be doing a breakout session on Aboriginal issues at the RI Convention in Lisbon which is being sponsored by Kingston area Rotary clubs.
4. John Andras played a major role in the tour's success. Partly as a result of this, John was invited to London in January with the Princes Charities to meet Prince Charles. By the time this appears, he will have given special moccasins to Prince Charles, invited the Prince to visit KI, and asked that the drummers play for the Queen.
5. In October, we hosted a breakout session at the District Conference to encourage other Rotary clubs to participate in First Nations activities. A taskforce has been drawn with members of four districts represented. We hope to have guidelines drawn shortly. To date, there are approximately 15 clubs who have expressed an interest.
6. John Andras and I were instrumental in having the Lt. Governor, the Honourable David Onley, host a gathering of approximately 90 people representing about 50 groups to get these groups talking and working together on behalf of First Nations peoples. A second meeting will be held shortly. About 50% of those present were from the Aboriginal community including National Chief Shawn Atleo, Grand Chief Stan Beardy, and a number of First Nations youth and other First Nation support groups. Also present were representatives from Right to Play, TVO, Belinda Stronach Foundation, Frontier College, CESO, Anglican and United churches and of course, Rotary – represented by John Andras, Steve Smith and myself. Since then, we have been active encouraging groups to work together.
7. We have arranged for an Aboriginal speaker, Doug Sanderson, a law professor from the U. of T. Law School to speak to our Club June 12th, and are working on another high profile First Nations person. John Andras, Peter Love and I recently met with the Ontario Deputy Minister for Aboriginal Affairs with whom we have a very good working relationship.
8. We will be asking Aboriginal groups for recommendations for our youth leadership awards and Rotary leadership training with Ric Williams.

The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

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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:

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

March 2013

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| 21 | Club Annual Fundraiser at Steam Whistle Brewery |
| 22 | John Ralston Saul, "Changing Canada: The Remarkable Comeback of Aboriginal Peoples" |
| 29 | Good Friday, No Meeting |

April 2013

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| 5 | Pia Søltøft, Professor, University of Copenhagen |
| 12 | Centennial Award Lunch, George Roter, CEO, Engineers Without Borders, International Service Committee Centennial Project, Bakong Technical College |

May 2013

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| 10 | Centennial Award Lunch, Arts For Children & Youth |
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Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

Program Committee

peter.simmie@bristolgate.com



Welcome New Member Lorna Pitcher



Lorna grew up in Toronto and went to McGill, then on to Osgoode Hall for law school. She practised corporate/commercial with Holden, Murdoch on Bay Street for six years, before retiring to raise her three daughters and being active on the Blythwood School Parents Assoc. Lorna took her B.Ed. at U. of T. at age 40, leading to 18 years teaching young boys at Sterling Hall School; in her role as Community Service faculty advisor, she promoted the notion of global citizenship in all fundraising efforts.

At March Break 2007, Lorna visited a vocational school in Uganda where she met 43 children orphaned by AIDS or by Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army. She promised to go back to Canada to get them help and she has been keeping that promise: she has raised almost \$500,000 to date! The registered Canadian charity Lorna founded, Children of Hope Uganda, supports the education of 163 children in northern Uganda by paying partial school fees and providing scholastic materials. In July 2010, a new vocational school in Barlonyo was opened to train over 200 youth, formerly abducted by the LRA. Last year The Rotary Club of Toronto donated

the doors and windows to the new double classroom. In November 2012 the new Barlonyo Early Childhood Development Centre for 300 young children ages 2 to 7 was opened.

In July 12, 2013 Lorna, (along with Grace Acan the unofficial leader of a group of Ugandan women previously held captive as "bush wives"), was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by Wilf Wilkinson. Lorna was also honoured to deliver the Barton Lecture on Community Service at Upper Canada College in October. She looks forward to contributing to The Toronto Rotary Club in any way she can.

What You Missed March 8th, International Women's Day

– by Jim Hilborn



How appropriate on International Women's Day, and in our own Club's Centennial Year, that President Neil and his (almost) lone partner Peter Simmie should be surrounded at the head table by 12 women! And how doubly appropriate that the movement for women's rights and women's universal suffrage really got going in 1913, only a few months after the first meetings of our Toronto Rotary Club! Since 1977, under the leadership of the UN General Assembly, the focus of the day has been on Women's Rights and International Peace. While clearly much has still to be done, there is no question that women's voices are now being heard, and they certainly were last Friday!

It was then still more appropriate that Peter Simmie introduced Carol Redford-Grant, the Toronto's City Archivist, who spoke on "Toronto 100 Years Ago & The Role of the City Archives". Carol walked us – briskly! – through 100 years of our city in a few dozen fascinating photographs distilled from the 1.3 million in boxes in her "files"; enough, she pointed out, to stack 2.5 boxes in each seat of the Rogers Centre! Perhaps the primary responsibility of the City Archivist is to ensure that all of

the activities and actions of City Council are properly recorded. Beyond that, the city depends largely on private donations of photographic and written records. Preservation of the archives is a huge issue, and Carol has a professional conservator on staff.

Carol took us back to the early 1900s when Toronto was truly a muddy, badly polluted industrial centre; where the trainloads of hopeful immigrants caught their first smoky glimpses of their grimy new home



Newly arrived British immigrants in Muddy York, crossing the "Bridge of Sighs" from Old Union Station to Front Street, circa 1911. From City of Toronto Archives.

as they crossed the bridge over the muddy flats north of old Union Station, and onto Front Street; where the Queen's Hotel, replaced by the Royal York Hotel in the 1860s, originally stood. Most of them were heading for the "Ward" area of the city near old City Hall, where typhoid was widespread and there was no reliable water supply. We saw the old Toronto Armoury, streetcars charging two cents a trip, the first amphibious flight from Cameron Point on the Toronto Island, local gentry playing auto-polo at the CNE, tobogganing and hockey at Christie Pitts, and cross-country skiing in Riverdale Park. In closing, Carol reminded us that the Archives are open for visitors on May 25 for Doors Open Toronto, and invited us to attend.

In one of his favourite roles President Neil, having himself just been congratulated by the members for representing us so well during the recent visit of RI President Tanaka, and for handling our relationships in the Greater Rotary world so masterfully, turned to introduce our latest new member, Lorna Pitcher. (See the article on this page.)

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