



## A Thank You from President Neil Phillips

*As the show proclaimed, "That Was the Week That Was." And what a week!*

*Rotary Week in the City of Toronto started with the raising of our flag Monday, February 25th and ended Saturday afternoon March 2nd as I saw Rotary International (RI) President Sakuji Tanaka board his plane back to Evanston. In between was much activity, as described on the following pages.*

*Not only that, but we successfully managed to "get the word out", with a Rotary information kiosk at Brookfield Place Wednesday, a live feature on The John Tory Show on CFRB Newstalk1010 Wednesday afternoon, interviews on CBC Radio Friday and Saturday, and mention on CBC Television and Global Television on the weekend.*

*It goes without saying that all this required an immense amount of effort from many Rotarians. It would be impossible to list everyone by name; far easier to ask you to just read the Club Roster! However, I will make mention of the main committee chairs: Robert O'Brien (RIP Tanaka Visit), Steve Smith (City Hall), Peter Stephenson (Luncheon), Barbara Thomson (Volunteers), John Lloyd (Project Tour), Lorraine Lloyd (Youth Reception), Nick Larter (Transportation) and Sylvia Geist (Marketing & Communications). Mr. Tanaka's visit would not have gone so smoothly without the gracious donation of interpreter services by Yoneko Westergaard – who I also have to thank for some Japanese lessons of my own – and the able coordination of Mr. Tanaka's assistant in Evanston, Rosemary O'Brien. A special thanks to Carol and Belli, who handled myriad details and late nights through the final days. And of course to DG Ted, who has offered support throughout our Centennial year.*

*So many of you helped, in so many ways, to make the week a success. To all of you, my heartfelt thanks. All in all, it was a proud week to be a member of this fine Club.*

## President Sakuji Tanaka: Two Days of Celebration and Pride for The Rotary Club of Toronto

— by Robert O'Brien, Chair of the Tanaka Visit Committee

Last week's first official state visit of a Rotary International (RI) President to Toronto since our Club's 75th anniversary may best be described as "President Sakuji Tanaka's Magical

Mystery Tour". From the moment President Tanaka arrived on his whirlwind tour, Rotarians were privileged to get to know an outstanding international statesman and a peacemaker whose sense of decency, engagement, curiosity, humour, civility and charisma were evident to all.

On Thursday February 28, 2013 at 5:40 pm President Tanaka arrived solo at Pearson International Airport from Chicago. For President Neil Phillips, Yoneko Westergaard (who served as his interpreter throughout the weekend), and myself, his arrival was as if "The Eagle Has Landed." Club Director Nick Larter generously arranged a limousine to take President Tanaka to and from the airport and was present to supervise all transportation needs during the weekend. Before arriving at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, President Tanaka was driven past the CN Tower emblazoned in red for the Polio Eradication Campaign and Toronto City Hall which was illuminated in Rotary's blue and yellow and still flying the official Rotary flag in honour of Toronto's Rotary Week.



### Today's Speaker

Ms. Carol Radford-Grant, City of Toronto Archivist

### Topic

Toronto 100 Years Ago and the Role of the City Archives

### Location

Fairmont Royal York, Upper Canada Room



Carol Radford-Grant has been the City Archivist for the City of Toronto since May 2012 where she leads a team of archivists as well as conservation, digitization, reference, and education program staff. She holds an Honours BA in English and Philosophy from Western University and a Masters of Information Studies, Archival Stream, from the University of Toronto. Prior to joining the City of Toronto, Carol was the Manager, Records & Archives Department for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Her past experience spans a variety of records and archives positions including positions at the Archives of Ontario, the Ontario College of Teachers, Algonquin College, and the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Archives. She has taught courses and presented papers in a variety of archives related subjects ranging from grant writing to records management policy and practices. She is a past president of the Archives Association of Ontario Board of Directors.

## March 8th is International Women's Day

In 1909 the United States held its first Women's Day, followed by Russia in 1913. In 1977 the United Nations recommended that March 8th be declared International Women's Day. The theme this year is "A Promise is a Promise: Time for Action to End Violence Against Women".

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## Photo Gallery of Toronto's Rotary Week February 25 to March 3, 2013



March 1st guest speaker, RI President Tanaka



Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson, Bob Scott (PolioPlus Chair), RI President Tanaka, RCT President Neil, and Eiji Yamamoto (Japanese Consul General)



President Neil and DG Ted Koziel reading flag for raising at City Hall



Rotarians and friends gathered for the Rotary flag raising ceremony.



Lt-Governor David Onley with his wife, Helen, and Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson



Bagpiper pipes in Head Table



Award presented to President Neil in recognition of outstanding leadership



Presentation about Emily's Place made to RI President Tanaka by Ms. Rauni Salminen, Executive Director



RI President Tanaka, President Neil and Club member Rob Fox at St. Michael's RCT Transition Centre



Dancers from the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre at March 1st Youth Reception



President Neil being interviewed by CBC at the March 1st Centennial Luncheon



The Kiyoshi Nagata drummers at Centennial Luncheon



On the Sherbourne Health Centre Health Bus



President Neil, President Tanaka, John Lloyd and Yoneko at Habitat for Humanity's One Rotary Drive



President Tanaka with Rotary exchange students at March 1st Reception honouring Youth and New Generations



Toronto City Hall illuminated in Rotary's blue and yellow



More than 400 Rotarians and friends filled the Concert Hall



## RI President Tanaka's Visit

– by Robert O'Brien (continued from page 1)

Friday March 1st began with an informal summit of President Tanaka and the Club Board of Directors on the 19th floor of the Royal York over breakfast. Special guests included District Governor Ted Koziel and ADG Mary Lou Harrison, three Past Presidents and Rotaract. President Neil showed the official Centennial video and President Tanaka spontaneously applauded as the final credits were rolling. President Tanaka heard short presentations about each of the ten Centennial projects from Directors. He commented that “many Clubs have great ideas – you have acted upon them.”

The “Jewel in the Crown” of President Tanaka's tour was the Gala Luncheon in the Concert Hall attended by over 400 and conducted with all the formality and protocol that befit the occasion. There were two separate processions of the head table and a separate procession accompanied by bagpiper for Lieutenant-Governor David Onley, Her Honour Ruth Onley, President Tanaka, and Lorraine Lloyd representing the members of our Club. Knud Westergaard played the Canadian and Japanese anthems and President Neil welcomed all in fluent Japanese before formally toasting her Majesty the Queen, the Emperor of Japan, and all world leaders representing Rotarians in the room. During the main course, there was a dynamic and exciting performance of the Kiyoshi Nagata drummers.

After President Neil commenced formal proceedings with a surprise address in Japanese, Lieutenant-Governor David Onley congratulated the Club on its 100th anniversary, reminisced about past LG Lincoln Alexander who was present for our 75th anniversary celebrations, and welcomed President Tanaka on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen.

President Neil introduced a special video about “End Polio Now”, which set the

tone for the next part of the program. Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson eloquently introduced President Tanaka who delivered a warm address telling us that he felt that he was among friends and congratulated us on our Centennial. He spoke about the Gala on May 23rd and urged all Rotarians to attend; although he is unable to attend he said he looks forward to seeing photos of the event.

President Tanaka talked about “Service above Self” being a way of life, and then focused on the important mission of the world eradication of polio in the last three countries where it still exists. He commended the Canadian government and the Gates Foundation for matching Rotary contributions as part of the End Polio Now Campaign. He proudly forecast, “When the world is polio free you will be able to say ‘I was part of that’”. President Tanaka's address was followed by a long and heartfelt standing ovation. President Neil then formally presented President Tanaka with a cheque for \$100,000 – which as a result of the CIDA and Gates matching programs translates into \$300,000 towards polio eradication. Immediately following the luncheon, President Tanaka was whisked on a city tour, organized by Committee member



Centennial Luncheon Head Table with RI President Tanaka and Ontario Lt-Governor Onley in front centre

John Lloyd, of four of our Club's projects. After seeing Habitat for Humanity's One Rotary Drive which was the Club's project in 2005 for Rotary International's (RI) Centennial, President Tanaka was welcomed at the Philip Aziz Centre and introduced to Emily's House, a ten bed children's hospice currently under construction and recipient of

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## The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

### Officers:

President: Neil Phillips  
President-Elect: Richard White  
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### Executive Director:

Carol Bieser

### Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation:

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### Editor of the Week:

Alex Austin

### Editor for March 15, 2013:

Greg Vermuelen

### What You Missed Reporter for March 8, 2013:

Jim Hilborn

## 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

- 15 Howard Wetson, CEO, Ontario Securities Commission
- 21 Club Annual Fundraiser at Steam Whistle Brewery
- 22 John Ralston Saul, author and President of PEN International
- 29 Good Friday, No Meeting

### April 2013

- 12 Centennial Award Lunch, George Roter, CEO, Engineers Without Borders, International Service Committee Centennial Project, Bakong Technical College

### May 2013

- 23 Club Centennial Gala

### Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

### Program Committee

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## RI President Tanaka's Visit – by Robert O'Brien (continued from page 3)

our Centennial grant of \$100,000 in October 2012. Suzanne Boggild and other representatives from Sherbourne Health Centre then met President Tanaka and gave him a personal tour of one of the Health Buses. The last stop on the tour was The Rotary Club of Toronto Transition Centre at St Michael's Hospital where the landmark importance of the Centre and Canada's health care system was explained.

At 6 pm on the 18th Floor of the Royal York Hotel, the Club hosted a reception honouring Youth and New Generations. There were about 200 in attendance with 80% consisting of Rotaract, Interact, Youth Exchange and youth leaders of tomorrow – from our District 7070 as well as Districts 7080, 7040 and 7010. Lorraine Lloyd was responsible for the planning of this wonderful informal event and President Tanaka was able to mix and meet with

youth and Rotarians one on one. President Tanaka's charisma was so powerful that he was greeted by youth as an international "rock star", leading President Neil later to refer to him respectfully and affectionately as "Mick Jagger Tanaka-san". The mood in the room was electric and President Tanaka was festooned with a collection of buttons from youth representing the very best of Rotary youth. In honour of President Tanaka, charming and costumed young dancers from the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre entertained and entranced all of us during this wonderful informal event.

On Saturday March 2 we escorted President Tanaka to the District Peace Symposium starting at 9 am President Tanaka addressed the Conference about "Peace Through Service" before his departure at 1pm. President-Elect Richard White



President Neil Phillips with RI President Sakuji Tanaka

and President Neil saw President Tanaka board his plane to Chicago from where he departs this week for Europe and India. President Tanaka's objective is to visit 75 countries during his year. The Rotary Club of Toronto was indeed fortunate to host our world leader for two days. President Tanaka's visit has energized all members of our Club in our Centennial Year.



# 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**  
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## The Rotary Week Community Kiosk



Kiosk volunteers Jayson Phelps, Michele Guy and Alex Austin

A Rotary International Presidential visit and Rotary Week were great opportunities to raise awareness of Rotary in the community. With this goal in mind, an outpost was established on the concourse level of Brookfield Place, 181 Bay Street, organized by new member Alex Austin. On Wednesday February 27th club members provided Rotary information at this community information kiosk. Many thanks to all our kiosk volunteers: Maria Maggiore, Carolyn Purden, Lori Brazier, Jayson Phelps, Michele Guy, Jay Littlejohn and Kim Curry; and to John Fortney who recruited and scheduled them.

## John Tory Show and District Peace Symposium

As if all the above wasn't enough, President Neil had a fabulous interview with John Tory on Wednesday, February 27th. The report of this will go out through ClubRunner. And a report on the District Peace Symposium on Saturday, March 2nd will appear in the March 15th Voice. It was another exciting event.

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