

ROTARY VOICE



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Today's Speaker

The Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair

Topic

Truth and Reconciliation

Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street



The Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair was appointed Associate Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Manitoba in March 1988, and to the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba in January 2001. He was Manitoba's first Aboriginal Judge.

Justice Sinclair was born and raised in the Selkirk area north of Winnipeg, graduating from his high school as class valedictorian and athlete of the year in 1968. After serving as Special Assistant to the Attorney General of Manitoba, Justice Sinclair attended the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba and, in 1979, graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba. He was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1980. In the course of his legal practice, Justice Sinclair practiced primarily in the fields of civil and criminal litigation and Aboriginal law. He represented a cross-section of clients but by the time of his appointment, was known for his representation of Aboriginal people and his knowledge of Aboriginal legal issues.

Shortly after his appointment as Associate Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Manitoba in 1988, Justice Sinclair was appointed Co-Commissioner, along with Court of Queen's Bench Associate Chief Justice A. C. Hamilton, of Manitoba's Aboriginal Justice Inquiry. In November 2000, Justice Sinclair completed the Report of the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Inquest, a study into the deaths of twelve children in the pediatric cardiac surgery program of Winnipeg's Health Sciences Centre in 1994. He has been awarded a National Aboriginal Achievement award in addition to many other community service awards, as well as Honourary Degrees from the University of Manitoba, the University of Ottawa, and St. John's College (University of Manitoba). He is an adjunct professor of Law and an adjunct professor in the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of Manitoba.

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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 May 10, 2013
at The Fairmont Royal York
Upper Canada Room

Guest Speaker: **Steve Paikin**

Political Analyst, Journalist, Author, Film Maker

Topic: **"State of Play at Queen's Park Today"**

Steve Paikin is the anchor and senior editor of TVO's flagship current affairs program *The Agenda*. Each program tackles one to two topics in depth, giving viewers intelligent analysis and a thought-provoking debate among newsmakers and experts. He has hosted and moderated federal election debates in 2006, 2008 and 2011. He has authored numerous books and has produced award-winning documentary films. He has been named as the Queen's Park journalist with the most Twitter influence, all of which makes him one of Canada's most respected journalists and authors.



**The \$50,000 Award will be presented to
Arts For Children and Youth (AFCY)
for its Innovative Program:
Digital Arts Education**



The Rotaract Club of Toronto and the Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto are partnering with AFCY, a charitable, grassroots organization that engages young people from Toronto's under-served communities in meaningful arts education outreach programs. AFCY received Rotary funds to conduct digital arts educational programs as well as to purchase equipment that enables it to develop and implement sustainable digital arts programming. Participants utilizing the computerized portable digital sound recording and photo equipment will acquire new skills in a unique, creative, hands on learning environment with state-of-the-art technology and inspired instruction.

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

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Congratulations
Peter Simmie, Our Newest Club Builder!



Celebrate At Our Club's Centennial Gala!

Message From President Neil



On the day you read this, we have exactly two months left in our Centennial Year. Two months left to continue promoting our Club, our philanthropic efforts, and the benefits of membership. I can honestly say that with 10/12ths of the year behind us, I am exhilarated by what we've all accomplished. And yes, perhaps a tad nervous by what's yet to be done!

When the Centennial Committee started their plans five years ago, one of the very first things they decided was essential in our year was a celebratory party – a Centennial Gala. And frankly, I think we all deserve one. With Geoffrey, Bill and John at the helm, it's safe to say we're guaranteed a night of great food and fellowship. And, no doubt – a few surprises. Come spend an evening taking a step back to see what we've accomplished not just this year, but over the last 99½.

We've welcomed the Rotary World to Founder's Day to meet our first Club President, and held a Rotary Week luncheon to meet our current International President. Now let's come and simply laugh, celebrate, and think of what the next hundred years could hold. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Celebrating Our Club's Enduring Spirit

– by Geoffrey Johnson



One hundred years ago, William Peace could have had no idea of the impact The Rotary Club of Toronto would have had on Toronto. However, I'm sure he would have had thoughts of what a great party it would be when the Club reached its Centennial. The focus of the Centennial Gala, is not to dwell on the history of which we are all so proud, but more to reflect on our enduring spirit, the baton of which is picked up by each generation.

For any organization not just to exist, but to thrive over 100 years is rare.

But to endure with the same spirit and culture of the founders is remarkable. This spirit is found in every last one of us and, collectively, produces the magic of Rotary. To show the true spirit and magic of Rotary, we have a program giving dramatic examples of how we positively affect people's lives and their communities, assisting them in attaining equitable status.

This is our celebration. On May 23rd we will celebrate like we've never celebrated before. We will be together; the fellowship will be paramount; the food, local – to represent the Spring bounty of

Ontario; the wines – the best of the best of our local oenophilic imbibitions. The entertainment – famous entertainment – will include the star of the podium, Neil Philips, Dr. Draw - the modern electric violinist, Liberty Silver and her Band – an all-time favourite. And the glue to keep all this together will be Susan Hay, whose heart belongs to Rotary.

I hope to see you all there. But for those who can't make it, I'll see you at the next Centennial!

Celebrate 100!

– by John Fortney



As The Rotary Club of Toronto Centennial Year draws to a successful close, we have a great event yet to enjoy: the Centennial Gala!

The Club's past events have created wonderful memories and left indelible marks on the Toronto social scene. In the past we have celebrated our 50th and 75th Anniversaries in grand style, brought the Metropolitan Opera to Toronto, hosted past International Conventions and, not to be forgotten, are our annual events. These include Subscription Dinners, Ice Breakers, President's Balls, Power of Rotary Lunches and Poker Tournaments.

This year has been an exceptional, jam-packed one with special luncheons, presentations and events throughout. It began with our Centennial launches announcing the 10 recipients of the \$100,000 grants that the Club offered to mark this remarkable occasion. Committees organized monthly cheque presentations, a fantastic Founder's Day Luncheon at The King Edward Hotel, and a spectacular Luncheon honouring in grand style the President of Rotary International, Mr. Tanaka.

We still have a few more great events to close out the Year including The Youth Expo and Youth Day, but our

actual Birthday Party is almost upon us. What a party it will be! May 23rd, 2013 will be a night all Rotarians and friends will remember for a long time to come. We will celebrate our long and extraordinary history and our Club's outstanding contributions to Toronto and the world. We will celebrate members past and present, and their hard work and great spirit through which so much has been accomplished.

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OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY



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DATE: MAY 23RD, 2013
RECEPTION: 6 PM
DINNER: 7 PM
TICKETS: \$225 PER GUEST
DRESS CODE: BUSINESS ATTIRE

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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

May 2013

- 10 Centennial Award Luncheon,
Steve Paiken, TVO Producer,
Rotaractors' Arts for Children and
Youth (AFCY) Project
- 17 Victoria Day, No Meeting
- 23 Club Centennial Gala
- 24 Peter Gould, CEO Dairy Farmers of Ontario
- 31 Fellowship Meeting
- 31-Jun 3 Camp Lake Scugog Weekend

June 2013

- 7 Youth Day with Youth Civic Leadership
Awards
- 14 Douglas Sanderson, Asst Professor,
University of Toronto Law School
- 21 Rocco Rossi, CEO, Prostate Cancer Canada

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

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Trump AIDS Poker Walk

— by Maureen Bird



Saturday, April 27th started with a beautiful sunshiny sky with no wind. What a wonderful change from our dreary weather. Over 200 Rotarians and friends gathered in the Toronto Beach for a fun day, with a 5 km walk along the Boardwalk. We raised over \$50,000! Top team was the Rotaract Club of Toronto's Rotaract AIDS Trumpers with \$5,515 – thanks to team leaders Faridah Saadat and Nisha Dansingani with help from our President Neil. Our Club's three teams raised an impressive \$13,525. Top individual fundraiser was our member Cijay Shah with almost \$5,000. Cijay also won the draw prize – a trip for two to Las Vegas! These are fitting rewards for a very generous member of our Club and International Service Committee. We thank our participants, our donors and our sponsors. Pictures are available [CLICK HERE](#)

Hello Rotary Voice Readers

— by Sylvia Geist for the Voice Committee

The Voice team hopes you are enjoying our Centennial Voice and its Centennial Beat! To make it easier for you to submit articles to us, please note the following:

1. The Voice has a new email address: voice@rotarytoronto.on.ca
2. The content of the Voice is established by the weekly editor by the Tuesday of the week. Any content submitted after Tuesday may need to be considered for the following week. The editor will check the Voice email address each week for submissions for his/ her particular issue.
3. Articles need to be Word attachments, with date and name of author, not part of an e-mail. Articles may be used for our Club's website and posted on our social network channels.
4. Pictures need to be in JPEG format only, for the Voice designer to be able to use them. PDF pictures are not useable.
5. If you wish to activate a registration link for the purpose of registration for an event, please supply this information with the submitted article.

The purpose of our Voice is to keep you informed, and showcase who we are and what we are doing! Please continue to send us your great articles!

What You Missed April 26, 2013

— by Susan Howson

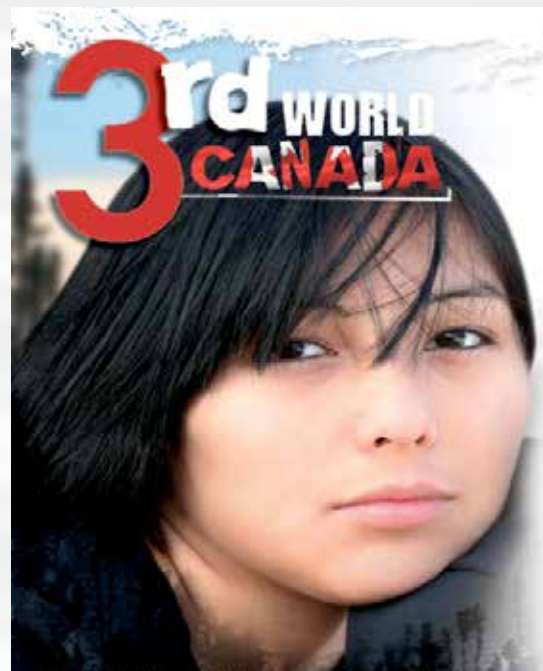


The Upper Canada Room was packed thanks to our guest speaker Professor David Naylor President of the University of Toronto (U of T) who filled three tables. One of the guests was past Premier of Ontario, Bill Davis. Rick Goldsmith also filled a table with guests invited by the Healthy Beginnings Committee. All 30 guests were ably introduced by Michele Guy who had some tongue twisting names to pronounce. At the head table was Souleik Kheyre who won the Centennial Scholarship. This was a joint sponsorship with our Club and the Argos. This scholarship was presented to her for her marks and commitment to the community. She is continuing that commitment by joining the U of T Rotaract Club. Souleik was supported at the head table by the current Rotaract President, Augustina Dominguez, and past President Susan Hwang. Later, at the start of his address, Professor Naylor acknowledged and congratulated the U of T Rotaract Club for receiving the University's award for commitment to the community. They were competing against 800 other clubs.

Bill Empey came to the podium. In 2009, he asked someone he knew if they would be interested in joining our Club. This member said yes, joined, became involved immediately in committees and went to Camp Scugog the first year. He is the able Chair who is guiding the Program Committee through our Centennial Year. This member is Peter Simmie, our newest Club Builder! Pat Neuman, Chair of the Fundraising Committee, reported on the successful poker fundraiser. Over 200 people attended and \$27,770 was raised for our charitable work. Many thanks to all on the Committee who volunteered their time to make this event work.

Guest speaker Professor David Naylor, President of U of T, spoke about education and how every country should have universities that are research focused. It is necessary that the students be given the resources and taught the skills to aid research whether it is in the sciences or the arts. Research is a catalyst for innovation and this is important because this innovation can change our lives for the better – think insulin. U of T is now the second most prolific Research University in the world. Along with the research comes entrepreneurship, encouraging the development of applications that can be marketed. An example of this is a group of undergraduates that have developed an LED light bulb that turns on right away, has a soft but good light and could last for 20 years.

Ace of Clubs draw \$4,104.00 at stake 15 tickets left. Geoffrey Johnson took home the wine.



For the first time:

Youth invite 25 Canadians to live in their remote reserve during National Aboriginal Week

The Youth of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nations living in the remote Boreal forest of Northwestern Ontario invite you in their homes to celebrate this special week.

The youth & their community graciously open their homes to 25 Canadians and look forward to:

- * An honest dialogue on their living conditions
- * Sharing their pride in the beauty of their culture set in their pristine land on Big Trout Lake
- * Making the invisible visible through an unforgettable act of friendship & reconciliation
- More than anything, the youth want to create an opportunity to showcase their positive leadership and the spirit of their community to shine through. Together, and with you, they will show that there is still hope and Nation-to-Nation unity that awaits us all.

Mark the date:

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