

# ROTARY VOICE

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## SERVICE

### The 4-way test

of the things we think, say or do.

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill  
and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial  
to all concerned?

## Today's Speaker: Don Duval, VP Business Services MaRS Discovery

**Topic: "Driving Innovation and Prosperity through  
Community Engagement"**

**Host: Marg Stanowski**

**Location: The Ballroom, The Fairmont Royal York**

Don Duval is an energetic, innovative business leader known for his skills in strategic thinking, innovation, and collaboration in growth-oriented organizations. He has demonstrated success as a public speaker, a musician, an entrepreneur, an angel investor, an engineering professor, and as a leader at MaRS. At MaRS, Don is responsible for client services, corporate strategy, performance management program, and the collaboration technology portal. As part of his broader provincial role, Don is also the head of the Toronto Regional Innovation Centre, the largest member in the Ontario Network of Excellence. Outside of MaRS, Don serves as an adjunct professor in the University of Toronto's Faculty of Engineering and is an Executive Board member for the Queen's Players Toronto Theatre Company and JUMP Math. He is also the Toronto Chair for the Manning Innovation Awards, sits on the Advisory Boards for the Canadian Innovation Exchange and Spin Master Innovation Fund, and is a past recipient of the Governor General of Canada's Canadian NCE Young Innovators Award. He holds a BScH in Chemistry from Queen's University and a MASc in Civil Engineering from the University of Toronto.



## Aboriginal Affairs Committee Update – by Chris Snyder, Chair

### Rotarians dreamed the dream

...With 34,000 clubs worldwide, Rotary is a global get-together with 1.2 million members – and a mission to eradicate polio from the face of the Earth. Remarkably, Rotary has essentially succeeded in doing so... The Rotarians didn't do it alone... But it was the Rotarians who dreamed the dream, who raised more than \$1-billion for vaccinations and who persevered for 30 years, as Prime Minister Stephen Harper nicely put it at the Commonwealth conference in Australia in October, "one child, one vaccination, one small dose – at 13 cents a dose – at a time." As the financially exhausted welfare state begins its slow and inexorable disintegration, Rotarians provide a timely reminder that government is not necessarily the only way, or necessarily the best way, to get important things done.

From "Give heroic charity back to heroic charities"  
by Neil Reynolds, Globe and Mail, Monday, Feb.  
13, 2012

Excited and thankful is an understatement of how the Principal and staff responded to the \$7,000 The Rotary Club of Toronto's Aboriginal Affairs Committee recently gave the First Nations School on Dundas St. E. for their food program. "Without this donation, the program of providing breakfast, lunch and two snacks a day to the children would likely have folded," said Lisa Zwicker, the principal.

It is well known that proper nutrition improves learning and in the case of the First Nations School's 100 students, test scores have increased considerably in the two years the program has been in existence. While I have seen the benefits of food programs in Tanzania and Malawi, I was somewhat skeptical about their response until I visited the First Nations School with Carolyn Purden, who had championed the idea. Every staff member went overboard with their thanks. Staff members are also positive about the Career Day being planned for April 5. Seven members of our Club will be talking about their professions and the possibilities of future careers and employment. The reason for the staff's enthusiasm about Career Day is because it demonstrates to the grades 6, 7 and 8 students that there is hope and life beyond the Aboriginal community these children know. Many of them have seen more than their share of violence, alcohol, abuse and unemployment.

Our visit and our involvement reaffirmed the decision the committee made to focus on education and to create partnerships where we work together in assisting First Nations people. This decision is also supported by our advisory board which consists of Hon. James Bartleman, Hanita Tiefenbach (Ont. Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs), Larry Frost (Director of the Native Friendship Centre), Rev. Andrew Wesley (First Nations priest), Andree Cazabon (film maker) and Jamie Toguri (Native Child and Family Services). More activities are underway. We'll keep you posted.



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**Happy Anniversary!**

Best wishes to Manu and Keshav  
Chandaria on the occasion of their  
50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Don't forget to visit  
[www.rotary70.org](http://www.rotary70.org)  
for the district newsletter

**What You Missed on Friday, February 17, 2012 – by Garrick Ngai**

It's not a weekly nor regular occurrence to have "the brass" from "Toronto's Finest" speak at our Rotary luncheons. Did you know that the Rotary movement and the Toronto Police Service have a lot in common? Not only are both organizations heavily involved in our local communities, both organizations are a major force for good and committed to building better communities and future leaders. Peter Sloly, Toronto's Deputy Chief of Police spoke to us last Friday about today's Toronto's Police Service and its commitment to "Serve and Protect" all Torontonians, especially in a society experiencing increased austerity, decreased crime, greater fear and lower trust in policing. And in keeping with Black History Month, Deputy Chief Sloly highlighted the leadership and contributions of African-Canadians in Canadian society, and how we all have to look beyond the stereotypes perpetuated by the evening news.



We had Knud Westergaard again at the piano this week; the key in which he played "O Canada" on was just right – not too high, not too low. We had five visiting Rotarians and nine guests attending today's luncheon with the Deputy Chief. Copies of the Annual Report are now available at the office. Greg Vermeulen and Craig Rennick were both recognized as Rotary Warriors for their communications work – spreading the good news about our Club to the wider community!

John Talman pulled the lucky 50/50 ticket this week – but all he got was the Four of Hearts, so he ended up with a fine bottle of wine, just in time for the long Family Day weekend.

Next week: *Voice* Editor will be Ric Williams; Luckoo Binoy will be the "What you missed" reporter.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2012 – BE PART OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST SWIM!  
SWIMMER'S WANTED**



On this day we are trying to get as many Rotary Clubs around the world to hold a mini "Rotary Swimarathon" between 7am -8am. In that hour we are asking that you get as many people as possible (at least 25) in Toronto to swim just 6 lengths (100 Metres) non-stop within that hour. Sorry no floatation devices.

The event for the Toronto area will be held by Toronto EarlsCourt Rotary Club **Columbus Centre swimming pool**

**901 Lawrence Ave West Toronto M6A 1C3.**

By getting people to swim for 100 metres within that hour we can also break a World Record for the most number of people swimming at the same time around the world. So far 89 Rotary Clubs are participating in 20 different countries.

A great opportunity for the campaign, a great opportunity for Rotary, a great opportunity to stay fit, and a great opportunity for Rotary to go into the GUINNESS World Record Book. We are one of three Rotary clubs participating for CANADA. Please send swimmers from your club or sponsor a swimmer to **"End Polio Now."**

Log on to <http://rotaryglobalswimarathon.org> or find us on our facebook fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/rotaryglobalswimarathon> for further details.

Alternatively you can contact email: [paulinenuttall@mac.com](mailto:paulinenuttall@mac.com).





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## Upcoming Speakers & Events

2012

February	29	Leap Day Fellowship Dinner
March	2	Stanley Dunford, Chairman & CEO Contrans Group Inc.
	9	Dr. Geoff Fernie, VP Research Toronto Rehab
	16	New Members Day
	23	Daniel Speck, VP Sales & Marketing, Henry Pelham Wines
	29	Club Fundraiser @ The Steam Whistle Brewery
	30	Milan Kollar, Ambassador, Consulate of Slovak Republic
April	6	No Meeting, Good Friday

### PROPOSE A SPEAKER

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## Rotary Warriors of the Week



Craig Rennick,  
member since 2010



Greg Vermeulen,  
member since 2006

## More from Mumbai – by Anne Saunders

In addition to attending the meeting of The Rotary Club of Bombay while I was in Mumbai earlier this month (see the Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> *Voice Extra*), there were other occasions when I was reminded of Rotary's international presence.

One evening I enjoyed a relaxing meal and interesting conversation with Mary, the niece of fellow Rotarian, Jackie Davies. Mary lives in Mumbai and works for an NGO, ATMA, which strives to strengthen formal education programs. Like many developing and newly developing countries and communities (including Ontario's fly-in First Nations communities), India struggles to provide quality education. While the first step may be to have all primary-age children sitting in a classroom with a teacher – which is a Millennium Development Goal (MDG) and the objective of Universal Primary Education (UPE) – the delivery of quality education often remains a challenge.

With assistance from the ATMA office, on my first day in Mumbai I was on a tour of the Dharavi slum – the slum featured in the movie "Slumdog Millionaire" and considered a few years ago to be the largest slum in Asia with more than a million residents. Of the four others on this tour, one young man, Anthony, was from Etobicoke and with the NGO Right to Play. Within minutes of our introduction he learned I was a Rotarian and I learned that he worked closely with Rotaractors in the west end of the GTA. In fact he brought me the news that the Purple Pinkies for Polio night at the TIFF Lightbox had been a big success!

Later in the week I met Yashaswini, a representative of Pratham, an NGO doing innovative work in educational research and programming in India. Yashaswini took me on a visit to a Pratham educational centre. An articulate young woman, passionate about Pratham's work, she had moved to Mumbai for this job and was enjoying big city life. Previously she lived in southern India, in the state of Kerala, where she had been a Rotaractor – and her father was a Rotarian! Such encounters in Mumbai reminded me that as Rotarians we are indeed part of a worldwide network and fellowship.



What will you tell your grandchildren when they ask,  
**What did you do in The Rotary Club of Toronto Centennial Year?**

**Be a Rotarian Volunteer!**  
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**Psst... Can you keep a secret**

**Don't Leave It To Chance!**  
Thursday, March 29, 2012  
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 29, 2012. 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 \$1,500 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)

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## Rotary celebrates India's first polio-free year – by Dan Nixon and Wayne Hearn

Rotary International News, 12 January 2012

Rotary club members worldwide are cautiously celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate polio. India, until recently an epicenter of the wild poliovirus, has gone one year without recording a new case of the crippling, sometimes fatal, disease. India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. The country recorded 42 cases in 2010, and 741 in 2009. A chief factor in India's success has been the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus. Another has been rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is also a key supporter of the initiative.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the nearly 119,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to children, organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, and distribute banners, caps, comic books, and other items. "With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organize and carry out the National Immunization Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat. "The achievement of a polio-free India for a full year is a significant step towards a polio-free world -- an example as to what can be accomplished no matter what problems need to be overcome," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Rotarians of India are and should be proud of the key efforts they have made at all levels, without which the world would not be marking this milestone."

Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee, also credits the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its commitment to ending polio. To date, the Indian government has spent more than US\$1.2 billion on domestic polio eradication activities. "Government support is crucial if we are to defeat polio, and we are fortunate that our government is our biggest advocate in this effort," Kapur says. "Marching ahead, the goal is to sustain this momentum," he adds, describing as potentially "decisive" the upcoming immunization rounds this month and in February and March. If all ongoing testing for polio cases recorded through 13 January continues to yield negative results, WHO will declare that India has interrupted transmission of indigenous wild poliovirus, laying the groundwork for its removal from the polio-endemic countries list, which also includes Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. However, because non-endemic countries remain at risk for cases imported from endemic countries, immunizations in India and other endemic and at-risk countries must continue. Neighboring Pakistan, which has reported 189 cases so far for 2011, is a major threat to India's continued polio-free status. Last year, an outbreak in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced genetically to Pakistan.

"As an Indian, I am immensely proud of what Rotary has accomplished," Banerjee says. "However, we know this is not the end of our work. Rotary and our partners must continue to immunize children in India and in other countries until the goal of a polio-free world is finally achieved."

### Looking Ahead: Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

**Speaker: Stan Dunford, Chairman & CEO Contrans Group Inc**

**Topic: Canada's Freight Transportation Industry - A leading indicator**

**Host: Ross Amos**

**Location: The Imperial Room, The Fairmont Royal York**



If you are looking to tell the classic Canadian success story, look no further than Stan Dunford. His story starts with one truck in small town Ontario. Today he is the Chairman, CEO and largest shareholder of one of Canada's largest freight transportation, logistics and waste management companies. Stan is one of the leaders in the industry. And this is an industry we need to take seriously...

The Freight Transportation Industry is a leading indicator of the changes in our economy. This industry reflects the early signs of a change in the economy, the true "canary in the coal mine," telling us when times are good – or not so good. That's because when we buy food, personal items, raw materials, or when companies build houses, roads, or cars – everything at one time or another gets where it is going thanks to a truck. Next Friday, Stan will give us his insights on the Freight Transportation Industry and how it fits with Canada's economy.

You may have seen Stan on TV. He is a regular guest on BNN (Business News Network) and also is a regular guest speaker at industry conferences in North America and recently in Australia. Among many of his other business interests, Stan is the owner of the exclusive distributor for Peterbilt trucks in Ontario and is a major shareholder and a board member of Brick Brewing Company, in Kitchener. Stan also gives back. He is a Trustee of Lakefield College Foundation in Peterborough. Additionally, he has hosted numerous major golf tournaments raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Stan makes his home near King City with his wife Eva. They are joined by their two lovely daughters when they return home from school at Lakefield College or the University of Western Ontario, one of the world's greatest universities. Then again, I am a Western Alumni.



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# CENTENNIAL BEAT

FEBRUARY 2012

## FELLOWSHIP

Dear Readers,

*This is the second issue of the Centennial Beat, a monthly addition to the Voice leading up to the start of our Club's Centennial Year on July 1, 2012. The Centennial Beat will highlight membership involvement over the past 100 years in projects and activities in our areas of service.*

*Rotary was founded as a business networking group but rapidly expanded to creating fellowship among members. This led to great activity and the motto "They profit most who serve best." Much of the information in the Centennial Beat will come from, *These Were The Days: The story of The Rotary Club of Toronto from 1912 to 1999*; for this book we thank members John MacDonald, John Austin, Frank Strickland, Don Armitage, John Talman and George Richardson, and past members Don Patterson, Blake Moore and Al Martin. Other sources will be the Club's Voice collection from 1918 and members' recollections.*

*Enjoy.*

*Maureen Bird, Michele Guy, Sandy Boucher*

### EARLY EVENTS

Our Club meetings in the early days highlighted member classification talks. With a very large membership there was never a problem finding speakers, and the single member per classification rule assured that there would be little duplication. But members wanted more...

#### From meetings to parties

In 1919 a **Glee Club** was formed which performed at many events. In 1924 it formed part of a 2,000-person choir which performed at the first Rotary International Convention to be held in Toronto. Edgar Goodaire was our Club pianist at meetings and functions for over sixty years. Current member Eardley Samuels still gathers his group for special events.

**Fellowship** was the first committee of our Club. By 1930 the Fellowship Committee's meetings became a regular Wednesday lunch with 100 to 140 attendees. Wat McClain would bring two dozen double-yolked eggs as door prizes! The minutes were set to music, the secretary wore a bowler hat and poetry seemed prominent. These were wild and wooly events. Although beer and wine were not available at Friday meetings, that did not stop the consumption on Wednesdays. These large meetings continued well into the 70s.

**Family events** were always important. Christmas parties were massive involving wives, children and parents. The first party for children was in 1919. On September 9, 1961 the first of many family picnics and barbeques was held with 415 attendees that first year. There were races and pony rides with one member "dive-bombing" the event from his airplane, with candy and toys for the children! These summer parties continued at members' farms until 1970.

### From social events to sports

Summer meetings took some different turns. For several years into the late 1990s there were summer lunch cruises in the Toronto harbour aboard the "Jubilee Queen." Other meetings took place at Woodbine as a "Day at the Races" with club members presenting in the Winner's Circle. This event continues to this day as an evening social event organized until recently by Don Wilson.

The Club did not neglect sports as a way of socializing and having fun. In the 1920s there were badminton tournaments at the Granite Club; in the 1940s there was bowling at The Boulevard Club. The Curling Bonspiels started in 1980 at the Lambton Curling Club as a multi-club event. These continued until 2005 by which time it was a family Funspiel at the

Bayview Club. Billiards was another popular evening when we had pro Susan Wipper as a club member. Our Bridge Club has been active for over 50 years – some consider it a sport!

We can't forget about the Rotary Dragon Boaters, a force for five years. A disparate group of under-exercised men and women from 19 to over 80 spent weeks in practice for the big events under the tutelage of Neil Phillips and Sandy Boucher (hence, it is sometimes called "president training"). They were continually greeted by surprise that Rotarians participated in such activities. They actually won their final race by a mile! But the best memories were apparently over beer (honey brown a favourite), pizza and French fries after practice at the Sunnyside Pavilion – priceless.

The first golf tournament was in 1947 and has continued uninterrupted ever since. Like curling, this has gone from a multi-club competition to a fundraiser for children's charities. Members who have had a great part in making this event such a success are Jim Bell, Pat Anderson, Ross Amos, Lorraine Lloyd and Paul Westlake. These days it is Keith Howard, a member of the International Golfing Fellowship of Rotary, and Bill Morari who are competing for most wins listed on our Club's golf trophy.



# CENTENNIAL BEAT



## MORE RECENTLY

The Rotary Dinner Club currently has thirty-three members who host home parties for two other couples from the Dinner Club. They are also guests at two other homes through the year. It is a wonderful way to meet friends in a relaxed home atmosphere. It is also an opportunity to bring in an outside couple and let them know how much fun Rotarians can have while doing good works. Wine and Scotch tastings continue at The National Club, organized by Steve Smith and supplemented by wonderful complementary hors d'oeuvres.

More recent events have been theatre nights and country-themed dinners at local restaurants. These events have been very popular, filling up fast. The Pravda was, of course, Russian and most enjoyed by Vlad Kagramarov. Another was Armenian – at the Armenian Kitchen as suggested by Gord Sova. Mexican and Italian have also been featured with guests having trouble finding tummy room for the Friday lunch. Cooking school nights have been very popular – at locations like Calphalon Kitchen and Mengrai Gourmet Thai.



Our members have always had great presence at all Rotary International (RI) conventions since inception. In 1916, 54 members attended the convention in Cincinnati and our baseball team won the tournament. VOICE articles started the buildup early in the year and highlighted the attendees. Toronto held the first convention in Canada in 1924 with 9,173 in attendance. It was here that "The House of Friendship" was created. In fact, The Rotary Club of Toronto has hosted four conventions, the others being in 1942, 1964 and 1983. Our Club will host its fifth RI convention in 2018. In going to a convention with other Rotarians from our Club, you discover all the things you have in common, while at the same time you become amazed at what Rotary is doing around the world! Join us in making the 2018 RI convention one to remember.



## MOVING FORWARD

How will you get involved?  
2012-2013

### Sign Up

Dinners! Fundraisers! R2R!

Be a Centennial Volunteer

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Help with RI Convention 2018

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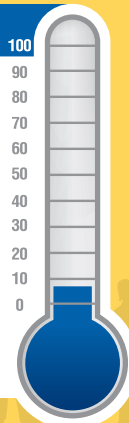


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## CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP GOAL

"I decided to join the December 2011 International Fellowship dinner at Frida's restaurant. My spouse, Paddi, joined me and we had a wonderful time! People whom I had only seen but not talked to, and those I had not met before, were so friendly. The food (in this case Mexican) was heavenly and the conversation engaging. When the next event was announced at Pizza e Pazzi, we jumped at the opportunity and brought friends with us! Again the company was excellent and the food was amazing. What a great way to meet members and their families and friends!"

*Russ Weir, new member in 2011*



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