

Remembrance Day



Rotary Club of Toronto Veterans, Circa 1990

Vimy Ridge, Somme and Ypres. They suffered high casualties in WWII at Dieppe, the Italian campaign, and on the beaches of Normandy. They also have made us proud for services in Korea, Bosnia, Afghanistan and peacekeeping missions around the world.

A special "thank you" to all who have served.

Founder's Day: In 1912 - Ten Reasons for Being a Rotarian

— by Barbara Thompson

The Key that opens the door to real brotherhood;

Security in knowing that everyone is received with a courtesy and fellowship;

Protection in knowing that every member will feel stronger in his position by the fact that he is backed by a membership that is zealous for his good;

Cooperation and affiliation in order to attain the greater good;

Education gained by attending the Rotary meetings will bring innumerable sidelights on business as a whole;

Economy through fellowship gives a status that a life-time would hardly bring about and thus multiplies his advantages a hundred fold;

Civic Advantage in knowing that Rotary produces a citizen with broadened spirit, pride and ambition for his city and his country;

International Advantage through Rotary membership, an opportunity to connect with every Rotary member throughout the world;

Higher Business Standards by demonstrating that a Rotarian is not narrow or self-confining; he has learned that to give means to receive;

Rotary Ideal in knowing that it is a great privilege and a great responsibility to be a Rotarian.

***Come Celebrate 100 Years with us on
November 23, 2012 at The King Edward Hotel!***



William A. Peace wants YOU to join The Rotary Club of Toronto!

The Rotary Club of Toronto was founded on Thursday October 28th, at The King Edward Hotel 1912 with 15 charter members. On Friday November 23, 2012, we will be returning to The King Edward Hotel to celebrate the Centennial of our Club's birth. This will be a special Founder's Day meeting, celebrating 100 years of service. I'm sure William A. Peace would be proud!

Note: This special lunch will cost either 1 lunch ticket plus \$17.00 or \$55.00.

William A. Peace, our first President

Today's Program

Remembrance Day Meeting

Speaker

Colonel Virginia Tattersall, Director Support Operations - Strategic Joint Staff

Location

Upper Canada Room,
The Fairmont Royal York



The daughter of a career Army Officer, Col. Virginia Tattersall enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1985. A graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada and trained as an Army Logistics Officer, she has served at the tactical and operational levels in both line and staff positions. She holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and a Masters in Defence Studies.

Col. Tattersall began her career with 5ieme Battalion Service du Canada based at CFB Valcartier Quebec. In 1992 she deployed overseas with the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia. Upon return to Canada she was posted to CFB Kingston for two years, followed by a three-year posting to the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. She then spent a year as the Staff Officer Supply with the Headquarters, United Nations Disengagement Observer Force in Camp Faouar Syria.

Promoted to Major in 1999, Col. Tattersall was tasked as the Army representative in support of the Supply Chain Project, then on the Associate Deputy Minister (Materiel) Materiel Acquisition and Support Optimization Project. In 2004 she assumed command of Supply Company and also Deputy Commanding Officer in C.F.B. Petawawa Ontario.

Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 2007, Col. Tattersall returned to Ottawa to lead Mission Support then Expeditionary Operations. In 2010 she was appointed Commanding Officer of the Mission Closure Unit which deployed to Kandahar in May 2011 to execute the logistics closure of Operation ATHENA in Kandahar Afghanistan. Promoted to full Colonel in January 2012, Col. Tattersall is currently serving as the Director Support Operations on the Strategic Joint Staff.

The Rotary Club of Toronto Leads the Way with Presentations at District Conference

Women's Initiatives Committee (WIC) and Challenging Solutions – by Sylvia Milne



Our Club's Women's Initiatives Committee (WIC) led a workshop titled Challenging Solutions at the District Conference on October 20. WIC was seen to offer a partial solution to membership development while working with active collaboration with community agencies. Moderated by Agnes Walkinshaw, presenters were Sylvia Milne, Sylvie Leger and Wendy Leaver.



Sylvia spoke about the committee's history. It began as an initiative to encourage more female members of our Club (and today our Club has 38% women). She spoke about the way the Committee creates focus groups to consult with local agencies about their needs. The Committee was established in 2005, under the encouragement of then President, Geoffrey Johnson, and Marg Stanowski. Since then, the Committee's annual budget of \$15,000 has largely provided bursaries to young women upgrading their employment skills through ongoing education. The focus of donations has been on agencies that help women living in poverty, are homeless, or abused.

As well as financial donations, the committee has run highly successful clothing drives for women returning to the work force; and it has upgraded and distributed more than 40 used computers to women searching for employment. To raise awareness of the issues, the committee has run a number of special forums for the whole Club with dynamic speakers. A special committee project was to donate \$500,000 to the YWCA Elm Centre to provide housing for street women over the age of 50 with mental health and addiction problems. Sylvie described our current Centennial project – the \$100,000 grant to Working Women to upgrade their meeting and gathering space.

Of special interest was Wendy's presentation about the special needs of young women 16-25 who have been trafficked by pimps but have no special home to go to if they want to get off that life path. This is the current project of WIC as we build support for providing a special home for this demographic of sex worker.

Session participants asked many questions and expressed a great deal of interest. Many people asked for advice or follow-up information. One dedicated Rotarian said she had no idea how much WIC was doing – perhaps we are hiding our light under a bushel!

Aboriginal Service Committee – by Chris Snyder



The Aboriginal Service Committee breakout session and Andrée Cazabon's documentary "3rd World Canada" created considerable interest and excitement at the recent District 7070/7080 Conference. Dennis Bayley from Port Perry, Chris Snyder, and Grand Chief Stan Beardy were the panellists. John Andras co-ordinated the showing of the documentary. Grand Chief Beardy was amazed at the positive response of Rotarians.

The purpose of the session and the documentary were to make others aware of Aboriginal issues, particularly in Northern Ontario, and to motivate other clubs to become involved in Aboriginal activities. It was good to determine there are a number of clubs already involved. We anticipate in the near future an additional 10 or more clubs. Our Club will be spearheading this activity. There was also great support to accept the Lieutenant Governor David Onley's invitation to partner with his office and the Ontario Library Service in their literacy project, Club Amick. This project, started by Mr. James Bartleman, supplies books to children in First Nations fly-in communities in Northern Ontario.



The two focuses of the Aboriginal Service Committee are education and the creation of partnerships. To this end, the presentations were a great success.

Thank You from ShelterBox Canada

ShelterBox Canada thanks Canadians for giving generously to our special appeal to help families in the Sahel region of West Africa. More than \$115,000 (\$10,000 from our Club) in aid was generated for the region including government matching funds. The Sahel has been affected by multiple crises this year, including drought, food insecurity, and conflict in Mali. In Niger, these issues were compounded by massive flooding. A ShelterBox Response Team is currently in the Niger capital of Niamey, where close to 500 ShelterBoxes have been distributed and erected at the Abadan Goungou camp.



Rotary International Convention Lisbon, Portugal June 2013 - Information Evening

Tuesday November 13, 2012 at The National Club at 5:30 p.m.
RSVP to Mary Lach mlach@sunsations.com



Our Club's Seniors Christmas Lunch, Friday, December 7, 2012

Treat a Senior to Lunch.
Drop one of your lunch tickets into the silver box.

Membership Matters: All You Have To Do Is Ask

— by Bill Morari, Chair, Membership Committee



“All you have to do is ask.” That’s a good rule of life and it especially applies to finding new members for our Club. Membership is the lifeblood of The Rotary Club of Toronto (RCT); a healthy, active membership base enables us to undertake great work in our community and around the world. How can you help? First, list 10 names: friends, family, and business colleagues; for example, people you work with, your banker, accountant, lawyer, dentist; people you think would benefit personally and professionally through membership. Second, find an opportunity to tell them about Rotary’s positive impact on your life. Third, ask them to a luncheon.

Our Membership Committee has 12 hardworking members, but they can’t reach the Club’s goals without your help because, in fact, every RCT member is part of the Membership Committee. We even have a couple of very appealing incentives to help members get started on their own personal membership campaigns.

- Every RCT member who brings in a new member will have their name entered in a draw for a case of 12 bottles of superb wine. Tickets will be drawn at our Annual Christmas Luncheon.
- The member who introduces the most new members will receive a gourmet dinner for two at The National Club, complete with an extra special wine selected by Sommelier, Brian Perry.

There is also the District 7070 challenge with a draw for cash prizes, to be used in any of the winning Rotary club’s community or international projects. We will receive one ballot for a net increase of two new members; the more new members, the more ballots. It would be wonderful for RCT to win the draw; it would also be wonderful for RCT to have the most new members in District 7070.

Therefore, Membership Committee members – and that’s all of us RCT members -- make your lists; talk to prospective members; ask them to a luncheon. Then if we can help, let our office know. Let’s make this The Rotary Club of Toronto’s best recruiting year ever, as we celebrate a century of outstanding service to our local and global communities. Remember, “All you have to do is ask.”

World Polio Day 2012

On Wednesday, October 24th 11 of our members joined other district Rotarians, including several district governors (DGs), to raise the “End Polio Now” flag at Toronto City Hall. DG Ted Koziel welcomed us all and PDG Bob Wallace talked about his experience with the vaccine program in India last February. Our Club’s \$100,000 Centennial grant to Polio Plus on March 1, 2013 – when Rotary International President Tanaka joins us – will be matched by the Canadian Government and the Gates Foundation.



The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 — 1912

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What You Missed (November 16th)

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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?

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

November 2012

- 16 Ivan de Souza, CEO Brazilian Ball
- 23 Founder’s Day Luncheon at The King Edward Hotel
- 30 Ray Argyle, Author

December 2012

- 7 Seniors Christmas Lunch
- 8 Children’s Christmas Party, The Fairmont Royal York
- 14 Club Christmas Lunch
- 21 No meeting
- 28 No meeting

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

Program Committee

peter.simmie@bristolgate.com

Welcome Our Newest Member Shelby Anderson



Shelby Anderson is a tax lawyer who was born in St. John's, Newfoundland. Since then, she has lived in Ottawa, Mississauga, Toronto, Red Deer, Edmonton, Calgary, Edmonton,

London, Ottawa, and now (again) Toronto. Her parents were both educators and are now retired in Ottawa. Shelby did a BA in Communications Studies at University of Calgary, then Law at University of Western specializing in taxation. The past decade has resulted in her trying to balance her liberal arts leanings with the world of corporate tax and law. Shelby is a tax manager at Ernst & Young in the Bay Street office where she focuses on global employment tax issues; she is happy to be dealing with people as well as numbers.

Shelby is no stranger to Rotary! Her grandfather was a proud Rotarian in Winnipeg and Edmonton. When she met her sponsor, Glenn Davis, and he suggested and encouraged her, she decided to join The Rotary Club of Toronto. For fun, Shelby play golf, practices hot yoga, reads and loves all things food and wine.

What You Missed November 2, 2012 – by Bert Steenburg



After Hurricane Sandy's dampening impact, I was looking forward to the fellowship of Rotary. Glenn Davis' uplifting melodies and the presence of a bar struck me as I walked into the Imperial Room. Ah, so good to be at Rotary! We were all thankful for President Neil's booming baritone voice since there were problems with the PA system. It really threw him off – he had to retrieve extra notes to recall Michele Guy's name! I won't re-print the zinger she gave him when she came to the microphone as Monitor – it was a classic Michele retort! There was spontaneous applause when Olivia Chow was introduced. Visiting Rotarians included members from Barbados, California, Nepean/Kanata, Past DG Ron Denham, and a member from Cobourg who apparently will be transferring to the RCT.

Club member Suzanne Boggild, CEO of the Sherbourne Health Centre, gave us an overview of the Newcomer Clinic in St. James Town; and the cheque for \$100,000 was presented for the Clinic – another Centennial Project funded as part of our Centenary celebrations. This one was chosen by a committee of our Past Presidents, who were out in full-force and quite a formidable group all sitting together – made me think of an RCT Mount Rushmore!



Olivia Chow who lived in St. James Town as

a teen presented a passionate view of how important the centre will be in the lives of new Canadians, making newcomers to Canada feel welcome. I think that is a sentiment we can all relate to as so many of us come from families who landed here from elsewhere to begin a new life in this great country.

Our guest speaker, Jim Fleck, presented



a fascinating talk about philanthropy with straight-talk about how to approach fundraising. If you were not at the meeting, ask someone who was about the "Fleck Flinch" method he uses – very interesting! Robert O'Brien won the 50/50 draw – alas, he drew an ace of the wrong suit – spades. Another great day at Rotary!



Sherbourne Board Chair Marianne Smith, Sherbourne CEO Suzanne Boggild, Thorncliffe Community Board Chair Bill Pashby, and a very grateful Sherbourne Health Centre receive Rotary Centennial cheque

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