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William A. Peace, our Club's first President

Join us today in the Vanity Ballroom of The King Edward Hotel

Remembering 100 Years Since Our First Meeting

Welcome to Founder's Day!

by Barbara Thomson



On November 28th, 1912, twelve Toronto men and one from Buffalo, Mr. Burton E. Pfeiffer, met at The King Edward Hotel for the purpose of organizing The Rotary Club of Toronto, which included William Peace, our first President. At that first meeting, 28 additional members were elected and The Rotary Club of Toronto became the third Rotary Club in Canada after Winnipeg and Vancouver respectively.

The Rotary Club of Toronto adopted the motto "All for One and One for All." On August 9, 1912 a Rotary Platform was implemented which recognized the commercial basis of modern life as necessary in human evolution organized to express that proper relation between private interests and the fusion of public interests. It was deemed that membership in The Rotary Club is a privilege and an opportunity; its responsibility demands honest and efficient service and thoughtfulness of one's fellows. The Elements of Rotarianism identified in 1912 continue to be the guiding principles of Rotarians today: integrity, the qualification for membership; opportunity, the privilege of membership; service, the responsibility of membership; and success, the result of membership.

Over the past 100 years, members have proven their commitment to these ideals through community and global service: Street Health buses for the homeless; the Transition Centre at St. Michael's Hospital; the Laughlen Centre, a residence for impoverished seniors; the Pine River Institute for addicted and troubled youth; and partnerships with Toronto's First Nations School and the Centre for Native Child and Family Well Being, to name a few. We are proud of, and thankful to, those who worked tirelessly to found The Rotary Club of Toronto so today the tradition of cultivating a Rotary citizen with a broadened spirit, pride and ambition for his or her city, country and global community may live on.

Shelter Box Urgent Appeal

As a result of Syria's growing violence, sectarian tensions and economic hardship, a high influx of people have crossed the border into the Kurdistan region of Iraq. Approximately 15,000 people are living in the Domiz refugee camp near Duhuk, about 60 km from the Syria/Iraq border, with an average of 200 new refugees arriving each day. Please help by donating to Shelterbox: CLICK HERE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club's Annual General Meeting for the purpose of electing a Vice President; four Directors for a three-year term and one Director for a two-year term commencing July 1, 2013; a Treasurer for the year 2013-2014 year; the approval of the audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2012; and the election of Auditors; will be held during the regular lunch meeting on Friday, November 30, 2012.

The Club's Financial Statements will be available to be picked up at the attendance desk on Friday, November 30, 2012.

Carol Bieser, Executive Director

Wanted! 100th Grey Cup 50/50 Raffle **Volunteers**

The Rotary Club of Toronto and the Toronto Argonauts Football Club are recruiting volunteers to assist with the 100th Grey Cup 50/50 Raffle on Sunday, November 25th, 2012. This opportunity has the potential to provide \$50,000 to a Club charity of our choice. We need EVERY Rotarian from our Club to come out for a few hours. We need outgoing, enthusiastic individuals to help us sell tickets, run money, count cash and provide support! For a few hours (3 hour shifts), we need you to stretch your legs and lungs at Rogers Centre while enjoying Rotary fellowship and a great afternoon of Canadian football! THE ARGOS ARE PLAYING! You can bring your friends and family. Please contact Maria Maggiore at 647-895-0510 benedettastudio@hotmail.com Indicate your preferred shift by the end of Friday and we will contact you with further details.

Our 82nd Annual Children's Christmas Party Saturday, December 8th at **The Fairmont Royal York**

Help disabled children meet Santa - a major highlight of the year for Rotarians and children alike. The children have their photos taken with Santa, and they receive a gift after enjoying a fun lunch. Spend a wonderful day that will touch your heart. Support this annual tradition: donate a toy, donate \$s, volunteer your time on Saturday, December 8th.

Contact Don Bell dongbell@sympatico.ca

UforChange: Creating a better world through creativity

From http://torontorotaract.com/2012/10/13/uforchange-creating-a-better-world-through-creativity/

"Vivacity" (pronounced how you would say "vivacious") celebrated its 5th annual three day arts showcase on October 12 to October 14th. The celebration? The graduation of its cycle 5 participants from a 6 month program, created by the charity, UforChange. UforChange raises funds to provide arts-based education program for low-income youth living in Toronto. It is this mission statement that has attracted Rotaract Toronto to be a part of the cause, and has donated \$14,000 to further these programs for its youth...

One of the best moments was when one of the recent graduates made a speech on his time in the cycle 5 program. He emphasized how he loved being a part of the program, how it made him feel a part of a family, and how his passion for film was reignited and reinforced from this program. Rotaract Toronto is happy to be a part of creating a better world through promoting creativity.

Note: See page 4 to learn of our Club's involvement with UforChange.

Peace Through Service



Don't Miss President Tanaka's Visit Friday, March 1, 2013

Buy your tickets now to have lunch with

Rotary International President Tanaka

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Time 12:00 noon

Tickets \$80 (or two RCT lunch tickets)

Location The Fairmont Royal York, Concert Hall

100 Front Street West Toronto, ON M5J 1E3

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Welcome New Members!



Peter Garand

Peter Garand grew up in the Montreal suburbs with his parents and brother and sister. Peter attended McGill University, where he obtained a Bachelors of Science degree in Physiology and an MBA in Marketing and Management Information Systems. He has been an executive in the Canadian information technology and telecommunications industries for the past 25 years, specializing in defining and launching major new technology-

based market initiatives. Peter's career has been characterized by helping people make the most of complex, new technologies. He has worked with some of the best companies in the Canadian telecommunications and technology industries. He now works with Sigma Systems as Vice President of Professional Services, helping cable industry customers worldwide with the implementation of the company's enterprise software.

Peter lives in downtown Toronto, with his two children, Zach and Caroline. He recently got engaged to Rosemarie Iozzo, who is also joining Rotary. They have been together for over two years and are eager to contribute to the community together through our Club. Peter's hobbies include photography, creative fiction writing, film, reading, music and travel. When he is not travelling on business, or spending time with Rosemarie or with his kids, he enjoys playing ice hockey – playing every week in a men's hockey league.



Rosemarie lozzo

Rosemarie Iozzo was born in Calabria, Italy. Her family moved to Toronto when she was six years old. She grew up here and has lived in Toronto all of her life. She attended Ryerson University, where she studied Marketing. After working for a few years in the retail clothing industry, Rosemarie decided to become a realtor. For the past 15 years, she has been helping Torontonians find the perfect home. She has been very successful in growing a strong

client base, through her keen ability to understand her customers' needs and working hard to ensure they get the property that satisfies those needs.

Rosemarie lives with her two children, Christian and Lauren. Christian is now 19, and is in his second year at the University of Toronto in the film studies program. Lauren is 14, having just entered St. Joseph's Catholic School in downtown Toronto. Rosemarie was introduced to Rotary by her fiancé, Peter Garand. She too is excited to be part of our Club and have the opportunity to serve, to contribute to the community, and help the disadvantaged.

All You Have To Do Is Ask – by Bill Morari

Membership is the lifeblood of our Club; without a healthy membership we cannot carry out all the great work that we do in our community. Please ask your friends, colleagues, your banker, accountant, dentist, and lawyer, to attend one of our lunches. They won't be disappointed and neither will you. Remember, all you have to do is ask!

JOIN ROTARY NOW!

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Give a Gift of Black Prince Wine and Raise Money for Our Club

Rlack Prince Winery Order Form

The Rotary Club of Picton is offering two wines from Black Prince Winery for the holidays @ \$19.95 each: Cabernet Franc (750 ml) or Chardonnay (750 ml). The bottles are labelled with a Centennial message and brief history of our Club. For each bottle purchased, \$5 comes back to our Club. The Rotary Club of Picton will deliver to our Club's office. Orders can be picked up by members anytime during regular business hours. First delivery is Monday, November 26th, 2012. Weekly orders will be placed after that, continuing until notified otherwise. Submit completed order forms to The Rotary Club of Toronto office, Attention: Carol Bieser office@rotarytoronto. on.ca The Rotary office will charge credit cards on file in the office.

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Housing Exhibit for Third World Canada Tour

- Jana Yee, Rotaract Club of Toronto

On November 8th, 2012, the Rotaract Club of Toronto showcased a home exhibit based on the 3rd World Canada film screening at the Royal Ontario Museum. The 3rd World Canada film made its first stop in Toronto to a sold-out show. The night consisted of a drum performance by the Waking Spirits drum group, the home exhibit, a discussion panel hosted by the KI community and the film. Since October, members from the Rotaract Club of Toronto built the home exhibit to educate the public on living conditions of First Nation communities in Northern Ontario. The home was constructed inside a 14' rental truck where John Andras from The Rotary Club of Toronto helped drive to Peterborough to continue the tour. The home exhibit was made possible by the contribution of many notable Rotaract members. Members also researched on health, education and clean water statistics. We incorporated the research into the home exhibit, with the help of Sarah at the Algonquin College Museum Studies Graduate Program. From this experience, members learned of the social and economic challenges of First Nations living in Canada. The Rotaract Club of Toronto is honoured to support projects that exemplify our motto, "Service Above Self."

The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 — 1912

Officers:

President: Neil Phillips President-Elect: Richard White Vice President: Steven Smith Treasurer: James McAuley

Executive Director:

Carol Bieser

Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation:

David Hetherington, President

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: voice@AbacusConsultingServices.ca

Upcoming Speakers & Events

November 2012

- 28 World Wine Tour, The National Club
- 30 Ray Argyle, Author

December 2012

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

January 2013

4 Brian Clark, Survivor of 9/11 World Trade Center bombings

Propose a Speaker Peter Simmie, Chair

Program Committee peter.simmie@bristolgate.com

Editor of the Week Greg Vermeulen

Editor Next Week (November 30th) John Andras

What You Missed (November 30th) Catherine Lloyd

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November 16th was an Award-Giving Meeting!

Ivan De Souza Presents Award to The Rotary Club of Toronto



Ivan De Souza (left) and Rotary Club of Toronto President Neil Phillips (right) on November 16th. The plaque recognizes The Rotary Club of Toronto's excellent work in the community.

Chris Snyder Receives Pauline Hill Rotary Award

Congratulations to Chris Snyder for being recognized for his outstanding contributions to The Rotary Club of Toronto with the presentation of The Pauline Hill Rotary Award for Making a Difference.



Club's Golf Tournament Raises Funds for UforChange

On November 16th, Ross Amos, on behalf of the Club's 2012 Golf Tournament, and Netila Demniri, President of the Toronto Rotaract Club, presented a cheque for \$15,565.97 to UforChange's Executive Director Chalo Barrueta. (See article about UforChange on page 2)



Corporate Rotary Warrior: Mackie Research Capital

Congratulations to Mackie Research Capital Corporation (MRCC) for winning the Club's first Corporate Rotary Warrior Award. Current Rotarians from MRCC are (left to right) David Hetherington, Will Andras, Ken Andras, Susan Howson, John Andras, and Richard White.

What You Missed November 16, 2012 – by Bert Steenburgh



This meeting in the Ballroom started off ominously with Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Prince Kumar's close call with the edge of the stage; then President Neil's

microphone was not cooperating – I figured it had something to do with Neil's boss and Past President Gerry Nudds being at Head Table! Steve Wilkinson was presented with a Club member badge with the classification "Perpetual Visiting Rotarian." Nice to "kind of" welcome Steve to our Club! Then John Andras came out with a spontaneous "ARRRGOOOES" rant which should go

down in the Guinness Book of Records for volume and sustainability. It was announced that the Club has been asked by the Grey Cup and Argos to manage the 50/50 draw for the 100th Grey Cup (which, incidentally while I write this column, will include our hometown team battling the Calgary Stampeders). President Neil bought a case of Cabernet Franc on the spot from a Picton Rotarian peddling wine from our podium. He must be planning to have us all over for some Christmas Cheer! Ross Amos, chair of our annual golf event joined Netila Demniri, President of the Toronto Rotaract Club as they presented a cheque for \$15,565.97 to "UforChange." The money will impact

the lives of 100 young people involved in therapeutic theatre. And Susan Hunter presented a surprised Chris Snyder with the 2012 Pauline Hill Rotary Award.

Our speaker for the day, Ivan de Souza presented a moving speech about the Brazilian Ball, his late wife Anna Maria's pivotal role in the event, and the De Souza charity founded in her memory to train nurses to work with cancer patients. Geoffrey Johnson won (lost) the Ace of Clubs draw and President Neil presented Mackie Research Capital with a special Corporate Rotary Warrior Award. Another great day at Rotary!

Come to Our Christmas Holiday Events!

Seniors Christmas Party on December 7 Children's Christmas Party on December 8 Club's Christmas Lunch on December 14 The Rotary Club of Toronto

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