

Have Fun and Help at Our Christmas Holiday Events!



Seniors' Christmas Party on Friday, December 7th – by John Andras

Every year we host disadvantaged Seniors at The Fairmont Royal York Hotel for a special Christmas Luncheon complete with Santa and his helpers! For many it will be the only Christmas event they will have. This year will be in the Concert Hall.

But your help is needed or some Seniors may not make it and will be bitterly disappointed. I know as Rotarians, you will not let that happen! Please contact Jack Robertson at robertsonj@sympatico.ca, if you can help on December 7th for a few hours to “Drive a Senior to Lunch”! Also needed are Torch Singers. Please contact Eardley Samuels at 905 855-0423 or esamuels@rogers.com Fa la la la la la la!



Santa Needs Helpers – by Don Bell

Our Club's disabled and challenged Children's Christmas Party is taking place on Saturday, December 8th in the Canadian Room of The Fairmont Royal York. If you are interested in having a wonderful, rewarding time, **please sign up to volunteer as a Table Host**. Signup sheets will be on the Friday luncheon tables. SANTA wishes to thank all of you who generously donated money to help with the gift bags. HO HO HO!

Club Christmas Party on Friday, December 14th – by Terry Wray

What an exciting city we live in! With so many things capturing our attention I wanted to remind everyone about the Club Christmas that will take place Friday, December 14th. This year we are in the Concert Hall and will be enjoying a great Christmas Buffet that the staff of The Fairmont Royal York prepares so well. Bring friends and family for a relaxed and friendly moment of fellowship and good cheer.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed gifts for our 50/50 Draw so far, but we still need more help getting items to give away. **Donating a gift for the Draw** helps add the extra excitement that makes this occasion so much fun for everyone. To donate please contact me at twray@cambridgemgmt.com or by phone (416-484-8408 Ext. 202).

Membership Matters – 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!

Today's Program

Leaders and Losers: Why Some Politicians Succeed and Others Fail

Speaker

Ray Argyle - Author, Journalist and Media Consultant

Location

The National Club, 303 Bay St.



Ray Argyle is the author of four books, the most recent of which is a biography of Joey Smallwood, the first Premier of Newfoundland, and the last “Father of Confederation” entitled *Joey Smallwood Schemer or Dreamer*. His other books include *Turning Points*, *The Boy in the Picture*, and *Scott Joplin and the Age of Ragtime*. He is also a contributor to *The National Post*, Canada's History and Readers Digest.

Ray grew up in British Columbia and entered journalism straight from high school. At the age of 21 he was editor of a chain of 35 weekly newspapers in Alberta. He then became bureau chief for Western Canada of United Press International. As a young reporter he cut his teeth in the political world covering the careers of Tommy Douglas, Ernest Manning and W.A.C. Bennett. Later Ray worked for the old Toronto Telegram where he had the responsibility for the Telegram Syndicate and for Inland Publishing, a group of suburban papers across the GTA. Ray then moved into public relations and founded Argyle Communications, a company that is today part of Environics Group. His many assignments include Trustee of the McMichael Collection and he has served on the Toronto District School Board as well as having an active interest in politics. Ray lives in Kingston where he continues to write and handle assignments for Queen's University.

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

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 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. 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.

Black Prince Winery Order Form

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Date: _____

I would like to **order**:

2010 Chardonnay Quantity: _____

(@ \$19.95/bottle) Sub-Total: _____

2010 Cabernet Franc Quantity: _____

(@ \$19.95/bottle) Sub-Total: _____

Total Order: \$ _____

The Rotary Club of Toronto Turns 100

"It was an amazing day and I thank everyone"

– November 24, 2012 note from Sharon Chambers, granddaughter of William A. Peace

I am not sure how one could ever show appreciation to you, Bert, and your committee for the amazing job you did yesterday. You must be exhausted and I hope are taking the weekend to unwind. Our whole family – well, the portion in attendance – were so overwhelmed by the luncheon from beginning to end and your committee needs to be commended for an extraordinary job. I would also be remiss if I didn't express both delight and amazement of Don's imitation of Papa. I laughed at my sister because she said the only thing she noticed was that Don walked a lot faster than Papa. He had almost a regal way of walking. Don't think I ever did see him hurry at anything. That's funny too because tardiness was not a characteristic he ever condoned in his grandchildren. Don made me realize how blessed I was to be Papa's granddaughter and to have spent my wonderful summers with him at the cottage. His legacy to me was certainly the compassion and caring for others, the goal of always doing my best and above all the importance of family. It was an amazing day and I thank everyone. If you are ever up in the Kawarthas, please give me a call or let me know you will be in the area.



President Neil Phillips (left) with Founder's Day Lunch time travelled guest speaker, our first president, William A. Peace

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

JOIN US

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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Over 320 Rotarians and guests celebrated Founder's Day at The King Edward Hotel, the location of The Rotary Club of Toronto's first meeting 100 years ago

CBC Host Michael Enright Mentions Our Club

Michael Enright, host of The Sunday Edition on CBC Radio One, began his program on Sunday, November 18, 2012 with a four minute introduction that spoke of the relevance of service clubs in the city today. He mentioned our Club, with specific references from Carol Goar's November 7th Toronto Star article. **CLICK HERE** to listen: CBC Sunday Edition - November 18

The Rotary Club of Toronto Turns 100

What You Missed November 23, 2012

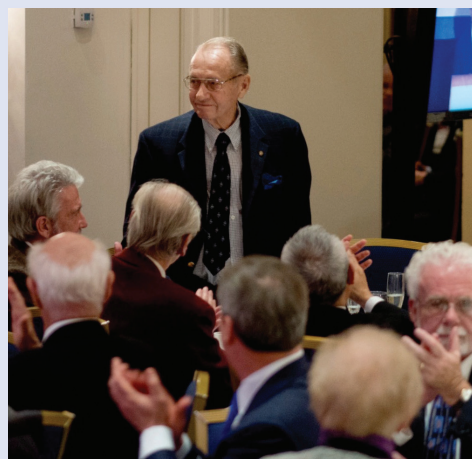
— by Sandy Boucher



We celebrated the Centennial of our Club's founding meeting at The King Edward Hotel beginning in the foyer with cocktails and a wonderful display of memorabilia housed on custom-built shelves designed and donated by Peter Naylor. The atmosphere was electric as Rotarians and guests from across the district arrived. After the loyal toast and a toast to the US president, in honour of special guest, Mike Grimaldi, we toasted the Club with a glass of bubbly! After Head Table introductions, the Centennial DVD was played to much applause. Past President and Master of Ceremonies, Bert Steenburgh, shepherded us through the program beginning with the a plaque presentation to Jeff Waters, the hotel's General Manager, to commemorate the first meeting. Jeff thanked and regaled us with tales of the hotel's history and celebrity guests.



The Plaque presented to The King Edward Hotel, already mounted by its Victoria Street entrance



Ray Bosley (1953), Club President in 1970, was the longest serving member of The Rotary Club of Toronto to be present at the Founder's Day Lunch



Centennial Committee Chair Bert Steenberg (right) with President Neil Phillips (middle) and Mike Grimaldi (left), President of The Rotary Club of Buffalo, our sponsoring club

Greetings followed from District Governor (DG) Ted Koziel and from Mike Grimaldi. Past President Jack Robertson recognized the clubs that we have sponsored and those that they have sponsored. Greetings were delivered by Michelle Pool, President of the Rotary Club of Oshawa, the first club we sponsored (April 1920), and Liz Greenland, President of the Rotary Club of Toronto Skyline, our most recently sponsored club. Past President Michael Morgan recognized all the 25+ Years club members. Then Bert introduced members of the family of William Peace, our founding president – some are serving Rotarians. Bill Peace Jr. offered greetings from the family and some fond memories of their “Papa.”

Past President and Past DG John Carr introduced our time travelled guest speaker, William “Bill” Peace himself! From Bolton Camp to health buses, polio to Shelterbox, Bill touched on moments in our Club's history. He made three points for the future. Our Club needs a solid membership of leaders and doers with each member telling our story to friends, family and business associates, inviting them to join. Secondly, our Club must use communications in all its modern forms to be visible and make an impact. Lastly, he urged us to enjoy our membership and HAVE FUN! Bill left one parting thought: “The ideals and benefits of Rotary have not changed since we began the Club 100 years ago, nor will they change during the next 100 years. We are here to help other, enjoy each other's company, and to practice the Four-Way Test. I urge you to greet the next 100 years of Rotary with enthusiasm, and I challenge all of you to build an even greater club on this Club's foundation. You are standing on the shoulders of some great Toronto Rotarians.”

The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

Officers:

President: Neil Phillips
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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?

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

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
- 11 John Fraser, Master Massey College, “Secret of the Crown”

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

Program Committee

peter.simmie@bristolgate.com

Editor of the Week

John Andras

Editor Next Week (December 7)

Massood Mashadi

What You Missed Reporter (December 7)

Catherine Lloyd

The 3rd World Canada Tour Comes to Toronto

— by John Andras

On November 8th, the 3rd World Canada Tour launched at a sold out gala event and screening at the Royal Ontario Museum. The event was funded, in part, by our club's Aboriginal Service Committee and was a sell out with over 300 people in attendance. The Tour went on to Curve Lake First Nation, Peterborough, Tyendinaga First Nation, Kingston, Thunder Bay and an ongoing 2 weeks of screenings, lectures and special events in Ottawa.

The Tour, which combined drumming, screenings of the documentary 3rd World Canada and testimonials from film participants, and youth leaders from KI, raised awareness among Southern Ontarians for the conditions facing our fellow Ontarians living in remote Northern Reserves.

Rotarians have been involved in organizing and funding each stop of the Tour. They have pledged that they will continue to work together and are in the process of forming an informal Taskforce spanning 4 Districts to share information, projects and best practices. Stay tuned!



Aboriginal Service Committee Chair Chris Snyder, filmmaker Andree Cazabon, Lieutenant Governor David Onley, Ontario Regional Grand Chief Stan Beardy, Indigenous Bishop Mark MacDonald of the Anglican Church of Canada with the Waking Spirit Drummers from Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inimuwug (KI) and VIP participants at the Toronto stop of the 3rd World Canada Tour on November 8th, 2012.

Aarrrrgooooos – 100th Grey Cup Champions! 50/50 Draw Sold Out in a Blitz!

— by Prince Kumar

The Argos brought home their 16th Grey Cup with a 35-22 win over the Calgary Stampeders. Another major win happened almost an hour before the game started. With our Club celebrating its 100th year – the 50/50 draw at the Grey Cup was awarded to RCT and the worthy causes we support. With an astounding number of eager volunteers (170) made up of Rotarians, Rotaractors, Argos Foundation, Eva's Initiative, Toronto Brigantine, family and friends – all 20,000 printed tickets were soon sold out. An outstanding achievement! Thank you to all who volunteered! \$33,350 was the big prize for the winner and a like amount was raised for charities of our choice. Everyone had a phenomenal time being part of the 100th Grey Cup energy. Some may have even lost their voice, selling tickets and/or supporting our home team. Our very own John Andras made the star's online photo galleries with his indomitable spirit.



The "Argo-nut" leading 50/50 volunteers in a rousing Argo cheer

The Youth and Children's Service Committee agreed on the following groups to share in the 50/50 proceeds: Toronto Brigantine (dedicated to building character in youth through sail training), Eva's Initiatives (working with homeless youth to get them off the streets permanently), and the Rotary Youth Expo 2013 (in partnership with our Rotaract clubs and other charities helping inspire up to 800 grade 8, 9 & 10 students and starting a positive dialogue on youth leadership and overcoming challenges).

A special thank you goes to the planning committee who orchestrated this incredible feat: Shannon Lundquist, Kevin Power and Maria Maggiore; the core team of organizers: Jeff Dobson, Krystyna Benyak and Don Brooks; all the sellers, runners and counters – too many to name here. What a wonderful way to spend a Sunday with family and friends, celebrating these two deserving victories. Congratulations!

Congratulations Brian and Joyce Westlake!

Recently Rotarians Brian and Joyce Westlake were both individually awarded a Queen's Jubilee Medal for their outstanding work with MADD Canada.

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