



## Today's Program

Joe Dale and Mark Wafer

### Topic

Employment Opportunities for the Disabled

### Location

Concert Hall, The Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Joe Dale is Owner and CEO of Vision Consulting and the Executive Director of the Ontario Disability Employment Network. Joe has worked in the field of disability employment for over 35 years. He is a member of Ontario's Lieutenant Governor's Accessibility team, Founder of the Rotary at Work initiative and a consultant with all levels of government in regards to policy creation and focus on disability matters. Mark Wafer is the owner of seven Tim Hortons locations in Toronto. In the past 18 years Mark and his wife Valarie have hired 88 people with disabilities and currently employ 37 individuals with disabilities in all aspects of the business from entry level to management. Mark believes that there is a compelling business case for inclusive hiring practices.

## The President's Walk

— by Barbara Thompson



On Sunday October 6, 2013, there were over 300 walkers from 40 Rotary clubs participating in this year's Foundation Walk. This year "The Walk" was held in beautiful and historic downtown Newmarket. Our esteemed Past President and now Assistant District Governor Neil Phillips (looking very dapper in his chapeau) and President Richard White led The Rotary Club of Toronto brigade. Maureen Bird was able to scoop us by finding a short cut and finished early but she still had to wait in line for her burger. We were pledged over \$2,000 as part of \$132,000 which was raised this year, for a grand total of \$2,500,000 since "The Walk" began in 1995. Congratulations and thank you to all who contributed. It all began 18 years ago when it was called "The President's Walk" to raise money for the Rotary Foundation. The organizers weren't sure that this event could be a successful fundraiser but lo and behold, they raised \$110,000 in that first year. The money raised goes to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund which helps Rotary clubs create positive change in communities at home and around the world. Through the SHARE system, contributions to The Rotary Foundation are transformed into grants that fund local and international humanitarian projects, scholarships, and activities. At the end of every Rotary year, contributions directed to the Annual Fund-SHARE are divided between the World Fund and the District Designated Fund (DDF). At the end of three years, our district can use the DDF to pay for club projects that our club and others in the district choose.



Club Members Neil Phillips, President Richard White, Barbara Thomson and Maureen Bird

## A NATURE EXPERIENCE AT RITCHIE PARKETTE

– by Alanna Scott



(Toronto, October 9, 2013) – The W. Garfield Weston Foundation will support improvements to natural surroundings at Ritchie Parkette with a \$25,000 grant provided through the Weston Family Parks Challenge, a big boost to this small park setting. The Rotary Club of Toronto, the Friends of Ritchie Parkette and the Toronto Department of Parks, Forestry & Recreation will use the grant to rehabilitate the parkette's natural environment, introduce wildlife education and programming. Ritchie Parkette, at 77 Ritchie Avenue, is located near Dundas Street West & Roncesvalles Avenue. The parkette is a small high-traffic park which is used consistently throughout the day by local families, high school students, and summer camps. It has become a very well known and popular destination. "We're delighted that The Rotary Club of Toronto can help enhance a place for children and the young at heart to play in a natural environment, and a place for nature to thrive in the midst of a busy city," said Rotary Club of Toronto President, Richard White. "Service to community is what Rotary is all about and with this grant and help from volunteers and Rotarians giving their time, we can support and feature the enjoyment of the natural environment."

## Thanksgiving Dinners For Seniors

– by Jack Robertson



One Hundred and Fifty warm delicious Thanksgiving Dinners were delivered to disadvantaged Seniors on Thursday October 10 . The delivery was made by 11 teams of 2. Driver and helper organized by the Seniors Committee and assisted by The Second Mile Club (an RCT organization founded in 1948). Special thanks to Barbara Thomson , President Richard White , Don Bell, Nick Larter, Errol Paulicpulle , Melissa Williamson, Don Brooks, Maureen Bird and husband Gerry, Terry Wray, John Farrell, James MacDonald, James Hilborn, John Carr, Kevin Power , John Berton, Eardley Samuels, Jack Robertson.

The Seniors Committee is a small group assisting Seniors and and there are many opportunities to do this with Special Seniors Organizations in Toronto . Additional members are needed in the Seniors Committee. Consider joining. Contact Barbara Thomson.

## The Research and Appeals Committee

– by Valerie Clarke



The Research and Appeals Committee reviews unsolicited appeals for funding from charities that are directed to our Charitable Foundation. The Research and Appeals Committee does not solicit or advocate on behalf of any organization. Its role is restricted to carrying out due diligence reviews and making recommendations to the Board of the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation. The Foundation Board authorizes all grants. Research and Appeals role is strictly advisory.

The Research and Appeals Committee reviews appeals by applying its Project Evaluation Guidelines. The focus is the downtown area with an emphasis on seniors, youth, health, education, and welfare. Applications must have registered charitable status to be considered. Grants are not given to individuals.

Each appeal is allocated to a committee member who carries out a review. This may involve visiting the appeal premises, interviewing the appeal Executive Director and examining relevant financial information. The committee member makes a presentation to Research and Appeals Committee which then votes on each appeal.

All Research and Appeals recommendations to the Board are the result of a collective decision of the committee.

## T'was the Night of Thanksgiving

T'WAS THE NIGHT OF THANKSGIVING,  
BUT I JUST COULDN'T SLEEP.  
I TRIED COUNTING BACKWARDS,  
I TRIED COUNTING SHEEP.

THE LEFTOVERS BECKONED -  
THE DARK MEAT AND WHITE,  
BUT I FOUGHT THE TEMPTATION  
WITH ALL OF MY MIGHT.

TOSSING AND TURNING WITH  
ANTICIPATION, THE THOUGHT OF A SNACK  
BECAME INFATUATION.  
SO I RACED TO THE KITCHEN, FLUNG OPEN  
THE DOOR, AND GAZED AT THE FRIDGE,  
FULL OF GOODIES GALORE.  
GOBBLED UP TURKEY AND BUTTERED  
POTATOES, PICKLES AND CARROTS,  
BEANS AND TOMATOES.

I FELT MYSELF SWELLING SO PLUMP AND  
SO ROUND, 'TIL ALL OF A SUDDEN, I ROSE  
OFF THE GROUND. I CRASHED THROUGH  
THE CEILING, FLOATING INTO THE SKY,  
WITH A MOUTHFUL OF PUDDING AND  
A HANDFUL OF PIE. BUT, I MANAGED TO  
YELL AS I SOARED PAST THE TREES....  
HAPPY EATING TO ALL - PASS THE  
CRANBERRIES, PLEASE.

MAY YOUR STUFFING BE TASTY,  
MAY YOUR TURKEY BE PLUMP.  
MAY YOUR POTATOES 'N GRAVY HAVE  
NARY A LUMP. MAY YOUR YAMS BE  
DELICIOUS.  
MAY YOUR PIES TAKE THE PRIZE,  
MAY YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER STAY  
OFF OF YOUR THIGHS!!

GOBBLE 'TIL YOU WOBBLE!!

Editor's Note: The poem is a few days late, but there may still be leftovers!  
Check the fridge.





## Mark Your Calendar, November 1, 2013

### Domestic Human Trafficking; Alive And Well In Your Community

– by Sylvia Milne



Picture this: Toronto Police find a young girl, 17 years old, living on the street. They learn that she is totally in the control of a terrible pimp who has managed her for the last three years. She came to Toronto three years ago, after her alcoholic parents told her to get out. As she arrived at the Bus Station at Bay and Dundas a pimp recognized her vulnerability, promised her great clothes, a place to live, etc. It wasn't long until she realized that she had no escape. As soon as she got to know Toronto, her pimp sent her to Vancouver; when she learned how to find her way around Vancouver they sent her to Halifax – and so on. She is terrified of him and the Toronto Police can only send her to a home for women and children who have escaped domestic abuse.

This presentation will identify a solution to this problem that the Women's Initiative Committee has been working on for two years. Plan to come on Nov. 1 to learn more about the problem – and the Rotary solution.

## Melissa Wells New President of Rotaract in Wasaga Beach

Wasaga Beach resident Melissa Wells is taking on the presidency of a newly formed Rotary youth group. Wells, 28, is a supply teacher. She was first exposed to Rotaract while living in Toronto. She said she joined to meet other young professionals. Melissa Wells was an active member of our Toronto Rotaract Club, and a former board member. Some may remember her as leading the bake sale to raise funds for Rotaractors to go to last year's District Conference. She was also a regular at Camp Scugog.



Rigel Rozanski (back, from left), Sarah Trude, Jay Anstey, Andrew Palmer, Jonathan Fillion, Peter Wilson (front, from left), Ann Matisz and Melissa Wells (absent: Andrew Muxlow)

## The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

### Officers:

President: Richard White  
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### Editor October 25 2013:

Lorna Johnston

### What You Missed Reporter for October 25:

Greg Vermeulen

## 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

### October 2013

- 25 The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy  
President, University of Winnipeg
- 27 District Conference at Deerhurst
- 30 Club Assembly: National Club

### November 2013

- 1 Wendy Leaver,  
Domestic Human Trafficking
- 7 World Wine Tour: National Club
- 8 Brigadier General Fred Lewis, Comander  
Joint Task Force Central Command
- 15 Corey Keeble, Ret'd Curator, ROM  
The Romance of Castles
- 22 Rotary Club of Toronto  
Foundation Day
- 29 Debra Carew, Operations Director  
Trauma, Emergency and Critical Care,  
Sunnybrook Hospital
- 30 Children's Christmas Party

### Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

### Program Committee

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## What You Missed October 11th, 2013

– by Rohit Tahmane



The wonderfully predictable ‘twinkle-toes’ Davis had our president swaying at the podium, ahem, lectern with perfect rhythm, attempting to anticipate the final bar. Perhaps a baton or a stale bun will help, but we won’t be able to tell until our next lunch, October the 18th, as Thanksgiving has cancelled lunch on the 11th. It was a perfect gathering on the 18th floor of the historic Royal York. Though our esteemed past president, Susan Howson, is an excellent sailor, somehow she was greeted as a guest from the Rotary Club of Dublin. And our past member, Alan Ely was warmly received when announced.

To club business; our fellowship committee announced Oktoberfest, a gathering at the Bier Market with a tasting menu for only \$45. Please see the website and register, it’s guaranteed to sooth a parched throat. Furthermore, take time to download the strategic plan from the club website. The time and effort that was generously donated and invested into our future has produced a tremendous well thought out plan, and we depend on our members’ awareness. David Hetherington has cordially invited the members to attend the club assembly on Oct 30th, 2013. The strategic plan will be the key topic in a perfect setting; The National Club. Adult beverages will be served.

Our guest speaker, Nicholas Gunz, decorated with a gold medal for his academic achievements in history, enthralled us with a dramatic retelling and analysis of the “intelligence failure” at the battle of Jutland 1916. 20 million died in World War I; it was the bloodiest of all wars where killing for killing’s sake was the norm! However it could have been ended at Jutland. The impact that intelligence could have had would have been astounding. But a miracle preserved the Germans. Manifesting itself as fatigue, the British Admiral Oliver fell asleep for 10 minutes. Then the arrogance of Captain Jackson, made history. Room 40, where computer’s were born as a result of massive amounts of data being attempted to be analyzed, was where Alfred Ewing, using the found German cryptograph, could read all of the encrypted German communication. They knew where the German fleet was headed. Unfortunately Captain Jackson, who didn’t put much faith in the then “geek squad”, never consulted Ewing. As a result, the Germans escaped the waiting British fleet and returned to port. There would be no defeat at Jutland. Lessons should be learnt from this event, according to Gunz. The first, to learn from the experts, and second, make sure they are in the room when decisions are being made. Ironically, Oliver and Jackson got promoted respectively.



### On to Sydney

Join Rotarians from around the world and say “G’Day” at the 105th RI Convention in Sydney, Australia from June 1 – 4, 2014 Sydney is a vibrant international hub. Visit the iconic Sydney Opera House, climb the Harbour Bridge go to their legendary beaches, majestic Blue Mountains, from Kiama Beach to the Hunter Valley, Sydney has it all. And...since you will already be in Australia, you might want to make plans to visit other great places, such as the Great Barrier Reef, the Great Ocean Road, Famous vineyards, Canberra, Melbourne, Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Adelaide, Ayers Rock and Perth. These are just a few of the many options available to you. Join other Rotarians from our Club and enjoy Rotary down under, where the Aussies promise great fun and even greater fellowship. Our member Mary Lach has already made bookings for a number of couples. If you are interested in joining the group, give her a call. 416 364 7211

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