

## Today's Programme

The Presidential Address

## Topic

The Club's New Millennium

## Location

The National Club



*President of DGN Marketing Services, Neil has been a member of our Club since 1998. Proposed by Gerry Nudds, one of our Past Presidents, Neil has focused his abundant energy in many committees and as a member of our board for a three year term.*

*Neil is our Club's 101<sup>st</sup> President and leads our Club into its second century.*

## Message from President Neil

Well, we're here. We've reached our centennial.

After years of preparation, it's time for you to answer: "Here's what I'm doing for our centennial."

This year is about more than reflection. It's a time to honour our past, yes – and we certainly have an enormous amount to be proud of – but it's also a time to celebrate the "now".

That now includes ten incredibly active philanthropic and special committees, working on projects that have us giving away in excess of one million dollars this year. \$1,000,000. Think about it. What better way to celebrate the work we've done the last 99 years, and honour our predecessors, than to support the community in such grand fashion.

Throughout the year, I urge you to reconnect with our Club. Our history. Our Foundation. Our Rotaract Clubs. And, our Rotary community – other Toronto Clubs, our District and Rotary International. We've always been a far-reaching Club, and this year I hope we can build upon that.

For a centenary is about more than the past. For us to be relevant as a Club, it must also be about the future. So while we celebrate this year, let's also look to what we need to do to ensure that in another hundred years, there's another group of excited, engaged RCT members enjoying another celebration.

As a recent speaker said when speaking of The Rotary Club of Toronto: "You make a difference". Indeed we do. And we will continue to do so.

Let's have fun doing it.

## Letter of Congratulations from RI President

To the members of the Rotary Club of Toronto, Ontario, Canada,

I am delighted to congratulate the Rotary Club of Toronto, Ontario, Canada on the 100th anniversary of its charter.

Every Rotary club has its own personality and its own character; each one finds its own unique ways to serve. When a community gains a Rotary club, it also gains a heart: a group of caring and committed men and women who come together every week to make that community a better place.

It has been many years since I became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Japan. I did not know at the time what a momentous decision that would be. But in the years since, I have always been grateful to those who decided to form a new Rotary club in my town, and invited me to join. Because of them, my life has been richer, happier, and more fulfilling in too many ways to count. And because of them, Yashio has become a better place as well.

I am confident that Toronto has benefited greatly from your club's service over the last 100 years. I send you my congratulations on reaching this important milestone, and my best wishes for a year of Peace through Service.

Yours in Rotary,



**Sakuji Tanaka**

President, 2012-2013

For a profile of RI President Tanaka, please go to <http://vimeo.com/44106802> Incoming

## Michele Guy Receives The Rotary Club of Toronto Distinguished Service Award

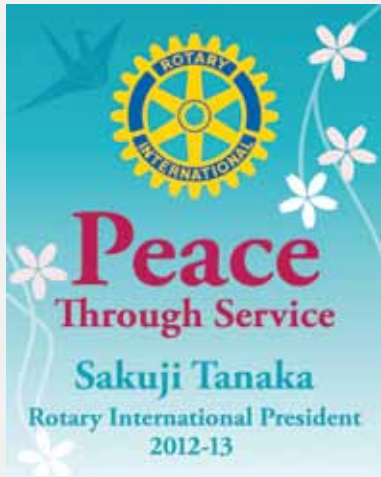
This award has only been given three times in our Club's history: 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1994-95. The award text reads "to Honour a Member for their Outstanding Contribution to the Work and Development of the Club". Michele's tireless work resulted in our Club having the honour of hosting the 2018 Rotary International Convention.



*President Neil Phillips, Past President Michele Guy  
Outgoing President Sandy Boucher with RCT Distinguished  
Service Award*

## Rotary International's 2012-2013 Theme: "Peace Through Service"

By Catherine Lloyd



Every year Rotary International's President creates and develops a slogan that will represent and form their year as President. Last year it was Reach Within to Embrace Humanity, the year before that was Building Communities Bridging Continents; this year's RI President, Sakuji Tanaka, has chosen the theme of Peace Through Service.

In a letter to Rotarians printed in the July 2012 issue of *The Rotarian*, President Tanaka talks about the theme for his year and he "ask[s] all Rotarians to actively work for Peace Through Service". He says that growing up in Japan after WWII he and his generation have come to see peace as a very important priority. He attributes Japan's prosperity to its capacity to embrace and foster peace, both as a nation state and as a people. He talks about the

traditional way that Japanese society has of supporting the needs of the group over the needs of the individual and he points to the March 2011 earthquake and its aftermath, showing how this principle has helped and is helping Japan to survive and rebuild. His argument is that when one recognises the needs of others over our own needs and then focus together on a common outcome that speaks to everyone's benefit the results are inspiring. He says, "It changes how we relate to the world. It changes our priorities. And it changes how we understand the idea of peace". He says the "belief in the power of service lies at the very heart of Rotary".

Peace and Service are long standing attributes of Rotary. As Rotarians, we know firsthand about service, we practice it in most of the events and activities in which we are concerned. On the other hand, our involvement with peace especially on an international scale is less well known. For instance in 1945 after the Second World War, 49 Rotarians acted as delegates, advisors and consultants in San Francisco to help draft the United Nations Charter. "The invitation to Rotary International to participate... was not merely a gesture of good will and respect toward a great organization; it was a simple recognition of the practical part Rotary's members have played and will continue to play in the development of understanding among nations." Think about it, every time we have an international youth exchange; every project that the International Services Committee takes on; each time we have a fund raiser for End Polio Now; every time one of our Club members goes to another country to help build a well or raise a schoolhouse; each RI Convention that we attend; every banner that we exchange; we are promoting peace by getting to know people from different countries and cultures and as President Tanaka says, "instead of trying to change others, we recognise that everyone and everything has something to teach us".

The words Peace Through Service are more than just a theme for another Rotary year, it is a way of living that will enable us all to be more grateful, caring people, giving us the opportunity to be more tolerant and more respectful of others while at the same time granting us the chance to help build a better world, the chance to make a difference.

## Winnipeg, Canada's first Centennial Club!

"We have heard there is a new Rotary Club in Winnipeg," wrote Chesley R. Perry, Secretary, National Association of Rotary Clubs, in December 1910. "We want you to affiliate with all other Rotary Clubs thru [sic] the National Association." A separate correspondence from him read, "It is evident that this will now have to be the International Association." On April 13, 1912, Paul Harris signed the Charter. With 54 members, Winnipeg became the 35th Rotary Club and the first Canadian and 'International' club. In 1917, E. Leslie Pidgeon of Winnipeg became the first Rotary President from outside the United States.



*The Winnipeg Club's first regular meeting was held in the Travellers Building. Notable among the Rotarians at the 1929 International Goodwill Weekend in Winnipeg was Rotary founder Paul Harris (center).*

## The Rotary Club of Toronto 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Join us on Thursday August 23rd, at The Richmond Hill Golf Club

**EARLY BIRD DRAW: July 20th**

Early Bird draw winner receives round of golf at Mississauga Golf and Country Club and lunch

**REGISTER NOW AND WIN!!!!**

www.rotarytoronto.com and click on "Annual Golf Tournament August 23, 2012"  
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Proceeds to UforChange, serving youth in St. James Town Sponsors and donations needed





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## The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 - 1912

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John Andras

### 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

### 2012

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| July | 13 | New President Neil Phillips,<br>"Centennial Year Kick-Off" |
|      | 18 | Argo vs Blue Bombers<br>Football Game                      |
|      | 20 | Ted Koziel, District 7070 Governor                         |
|      | 27 | Terry Fallis, Author                                       |

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| August | 3  | No meeting (Civic Holiday Weekend) |
|        | 10 | Musical Jazz Event                 |

Propose a Speaker – Contact  
Peter Simmie, Chair,  
Programme Committee  
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## Argos vs. Blue Bombers

July 18th, 2012

### If you haven't got your tickets yet, you better get them now

The Fan tunnel for being on the field can accommodate 50 Rotarians, if you want to be on the field please contact the office and let them know the number of people in your party. Rotarians will receive preference. Those who get their responses in quickly will be considered first. Those who are on the field should meet at Gate 14 (NW Corner) at 6pm on July 18th.

**Support the Club and celebrate our centennial.**



## What You Missed July 6, 2012

by Catherine Lloyd

Change Over Day; always fun and interesting and today was no exception. We had two visiting Rotarians from Japan, one from Scotland and our special visiting Rotarian from Barry Huronia. As well as many guests, almost Past-President Sandy Boucher's family was in attendance; along with the famous Mrs. Johnson!

Will Andras reminded the Club about the Argo's game on July 18th; where we will be making the cheque presentation for the scholarship award, to Ms. Souleik Kheyre, President Neil Phillips will kick out the first ball. Will told us that he thought seeing "Super Toe Phillips" would be worth the price of admission! President Sandy warmly thanked the outgoing Directors for their three year commitment on the Board, Rick Goldsmith, Lorraine Lloyd, Ric Williams and Catherine Lloyd. President Sandy also told us of the appointment of Ken Rawlins to the Board to finish Susan Wood's term; Susan has moved to The Soo, she will be missed, congratulations to Ken. President Sandy told us about the Distinguished Service Award, to date there have only been three winners of this

award. Now there is one more name to add to this rarefied list, Michele Guy! Hearty congratulations Michele very deserved!

Past President, Peter Love came to the podium to thank President Sandy for his able management of the Club over the past year. He talked about Sandy's cheerful manner in doing all that was necessary to be done; about Sandy's effectiveness and ability to make his and others' ideas work; he told us that President Sandy is a Rotary Warrior! After that, President Sandy spoke to us about his year. He said that when he was asked to be President, he had three areas of focus; Operations, Membership and Marketing & Communications. Much of the way the Club operates now is due in no small measure to Sandy's vision and perseverance. He went on to tell us that if we tell people about Rotary and about what we do, they will want to become a part of it. He told us about the new website; the strides that we are making with social media and the contacts we are creating with the media. He said, as Rotarians we need to "find something to do and think big", adding "this is what has made us unique in 100 years". Sandy thanked his wife, Bridget and their boys; and Carol Bieser for the commitment and effort she



Sandy Boucher and Neil Phillips

makes every day on our behalf. Sandy awarded the last Rotary Warrior pin to Neil Phillips. Then he told us to "make a difference". Thank you President Sandy, nicely done!

Next President-Elect Phillips took the oath of office; Past President Boucher handed him the gavel, gave him the President Pin and President Neil closed the meeting, but before he did so he awarded Sandy with a very large Rotary Warrior pin and then gave a bottle of wine to 50/50 winner Michael Morgan.

## Centennial Calendar

### June 1, 2012

The Rotary Club of Toronto and Toronto Argonauts Community Champion Scholarship Luncheon

### July 18, 2012

President Neil Phillips Argos Field Kick-Off

### August 24, 2012

The Rotary Club of Toronto Centre for Youth Employment Empowerment

### September 14, 2012

Rotary Health and Wellness Centre  
Good Neighbours Club

### October 19, 2012

The Rotary Club of Toronto, Emily's House  
Perinatal Program, Project of Philip Aziz Centre

### November 2, 2012

New Comer's Clinic, Sherbourne Health Centre

### November 23, 2012

Founders Day Luncheon

### January 18, 2013

Working Women's Community Centre

### February 8, 2013

Seeds of Hope

### February 24 to March 2, 2013

City of Toronto Rotary Week

### March 1, 2013

Guest Speaker, Rotary International  
President Sakuji Tanaka, Evening Cocktail Party

### April 12, 2013

Bakong Technical College

### May 10, 2013

Arts for Children & Youth

### May 23, 2013

Closing Event-Centennial Gala

## Rotaract News

On Friday June 22nd, the Rotaract Club of Toronto hosted its 2012 Changeover at Remy's in Yorkville. More than 30 Rotaractors, Rotarians and guests (including their Rotaract Knight) came out for a night full of celebration and great food! The Club said thank you to its outgoing President, Chialing Ku and her Board of Directors, and welcomed in the new President, Netila Demneri, and the new Club Board for 2012-2013. Did you know, that in the last year this Club held a whopping 38 events – including the joint Fundraiser for Polio held with the U of T Rotaract Club and RCT. The Rotaract Club of Toronto is looking forward to another amazing 2012-2013 Centennial year full of goodwill, service and fellowship! We're pleased with our close relationship with, and support provided by, RCT. We welcome Rotarians to join us as a guest at one of our bi-weekly meetings, held Monday nights at 18.30 at The Office Pub on John Street. Come see your future Rotarians in action!

As part of the End Polio Campaign, which is now back in Toronto on a Canadian Summer Tour, D'Arcy Lunn from the Global Poverty Project will present on the Tour, the successes of Polio eradication, as well as what is still required for a Polio-free world.

Join the Rotaract Club of Toronto then on July 16th at 6:30 pm at the Office Pub (117 John Street, 2nd Floor)! No tickets or pre-registration required. If you have any questions, email Maria Shibaeva at maria.shibaeva@alumni.utoronto.ca

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