

Today's Programme

Karen Stintz, Councillor Ward 16

Topic

A Better Tomorrow

Location

Upper Canada Room



Born and raised in North York, Karen Stintz is a lifelong Toronto resident. She started her political career when, shortly after buying her first house, she felt compelled to get involved in issues that affected her neighbourhood.

In 2009, Karen founded and co-led the Responsible Government Group that opposed former Mayor David Miller's increases in spending, property taxes and business taxes

and presented an alternative budget that proposed to cut \$80 million from the City budget. The group also vocally opposed the Mayor's handling of the 2009 City Workers' strike.

In 2010, she was named Chair of the TTC and in that role has committed to strengthening the organization's customer service focus, driving change, and improving the transit network. Accomplishments during her tenure included a Customer Service Charter, balancing the budget with a 10% reduction in the subsidy, realigning services to match revenue, contracting out garbage and maintenance services, launching Wi-Fi in the subway system, and approving the introduction of the Province's electronic fare system.

Despite her many commitments, her greatest love is spending time with her children Jackson, 9, and Hailey, 7. An avid athlete and sports fan she also runs, cycles and skis. Karen continues to live in her North Toronto neighbourhood with her husband, two children and her father.

Before being elected City Councillor, Karen spent seven years managing and delivering healthcare programs in both the public and private sectors. She is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, holds a Master of Science in Journalism from Boston University and a Master of Public Administration from Queen's University.

THE SECRET'S OUT!!!

- by Pat Neuman

Our Annual Fundraiser held on March 27 at the Steam Whistle Brewery was a resounding success. We raised \$57,000 for our many philanthropic projects!

Over 235 guests enjoyed a great buffet dinner and drinks and then it was off to the tables. Full house, a pair and straight rang out as guests competed for prizes such as a Jays Luxury Box for 22, dinners, spas, overnights in Deerhurst, Niagara Falls, wines and spirits, Jays tickets, Argos tickets with an autographed football, Golf for 4, laps in a Lamborghini, go karts, jet simulator flight, and a used hockey stick from the Sochi Bronze medal game (signed by Phil Kessel)!

Cards were free, the laughs were contagious and friendships forged.



Fabio with stick winner Anthony Pirri and card guru Chris Tessaro.

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The big winner of the Luxury Jays Box (for 22) with a hostess and \$500 for food and refreshments was Alan Cameron.

Thank you John Lloyd, Fabio Ventolini, Tom Noitsis, and all our great volunteers (Rotarians and Rotaractors) for a job well done! It was our most successful fundraiser at Steam Whistle Brewery to date.



At work: Eric, Maria, Paul, Mark and Graham

Welcome to Two New Members

– by Cliff and Lorna Johnson



Welcome Shelly McIntyre

Shelley McIntyre was born and grew up in Toronto. She is a single mother of two girls: Aidynn, age 4, and Caleigh, age

1. Shelley is an avid marathon runner and is currently training to qualify for the Boston Marathon. She will run the Miami half-marathon in January 2015.

As a past member of the Rotary Club of Mississauga-West, and president-elect, Shelley played an active role in that Club; however, she had to take a leave due to personal circumstances in 2012,

but is eager to be active in Rotary once again. Her late grandfather, Gordon Smart McIntyre, was a lifelong Rotarian, Club President, and Paul Harris Fellow with over forty years of service in the Bracebridge and Richmond Hill clubs.

Shelley was called to the Bar of Ontario in 2000, having graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1998. For the last fourteen years, Shelley has been counsel with the Office of the Children's Lawyer at the head office in Toronto operating within the Ministry of the Attorney General, Victims and Vulnerable Persons Division. She works as a litigator and supervisor in the Personal Rights Department and her caseload consists

of custody and access, child protection, adoption and secure treatment matters.

Shelley has volunteered with Big Sisters of Toronto, Adopt-A-School, partnered with the Toronto District School Board by coaching students for mock trials and acting as a resource for secondary school civics and law teachers. Shelley has been a tutor for Bar admission candidates with the Law Society of Upper Canada. She has also served as the Chair and member of the Board for Willowdale Community Legal Services. She is also Chair of the Parent Council at her daughter's school in Peel.



Welcome Kerry Bowser

Kerry Bowser is the Executive Director of Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre, a multi-service Not-For-

Profit community centre in the Blake-Boulton low-income neighbourhood. Kerry has worked in the Not-For-Profit sector all his life. He began his career as the founding pastor of Don-West Baptist Church that merged to become Cabbagetown Community Church several years later. Kerry then moved to Yonge Street Mission where he was responsible for initiating an ecumenical

faith community, one of Yonge Street Mission's four operational branches, and was eventually asked to join the Executive Team, providing leadership to all of Yonge Street Missions program operations as the Senior Program Director. He has also served as chaplain for 51 Division of the Toronto Police Services.

Kerry has been adjunct faculty at two colleges, served on the Board of Toronto Children's Aid Society, and operates a specialized foster home with the Children's Aid Society of Toronto. He was a member of the PERRS (Psychosocial Emergency Response & Recovery Services) Planning and Co-ordinating Committee for the city of Toronto's Emergency Response Plan,

is a trained Crisis & Trauma Responder, and was privileged to have been part of the Crisis Response Team sent to the U.S. to work with the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Kerry and his partner Kelly have lived in downtown Toronto all their lives and love the city. Kerry says, "The first time I attended a Rotary lunch and heard the motto 'Service above Self', I realized that was the reason I went into my chosen profession. Becoming a member of Rotary is a natural fit for me and I am thrilled to belong to The Rotary Club of Toronto!"

TORONTO RIBFEST
Canada Day Weekend
Volunteers needed – a great way to help our club
Contact Shannon.lundquist@sympatico.ca

ROTARY DISTRICT 7070

TRUMP AIDS POKER WALK™

April 26, 2014
Our fifth multi-club event in the Toronto Beaches
Contact
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Camp Scugog 2014

You've seen the images; you've heard the tales . . . now it's time to sign up for another weekend of hard work, great food and abundant fellowship.

If you're a newer member or someone who has not yet made it up, we strongly encourage you to ask someone who's been to tell you about the weekend. Members repeatedly say it's a highlight of their Rotary year and a weekend not to be missed.

What exactly is Camp Scugog? In simple terms, we head up for a weekend of hard work fixing up a camp (located near Port Perry) for disadvantaged families. What does this entail? Generally we're painting cabins, fixing fences and other assorted projects. No special skills are required - though there are specific projects for those who have a skilled trade background. You work in teams with an assigned friendly - if demanding - foreman.

In exchange for your time and work efforts, the "Camp Chefs" (fellow Rotarians) work long hours to prepare a meal extravaganza. We've never heard of anyone going home hungry. Our Club President drives the drinks cart around the campground to ensure no one goes thirsty.

Accommodation is basic, in the children's cabins. So you'll need a sleeping bag. Many members carpool.

Most people come up Friday and kick the weekend off with a social evening. Trust us - it's worth getting there Friday to enjoy the barbecue. Saturday is full-on work, and we try to get a half-day in Sunday as well.

We can only plan for those we know are coming; we need to put supplies and food orders in, so it is truly important that you **register as soon as possible**. You can also make a donation at the link below if you cannot attend

http://rtc.r-esourcecenter.com/event/Reg_form.asp?Event_ID=58

Once you register, you will be sent a full information package. This will



President Richard White and helper

outline the weekend schedule in detail, provide directions and include a quick survey re dietary requirements or project specialties.

If you have additional questions before registering, please contact Susan Howson showson@mackieresearch.com

DATES

May 23, 24 and 25

COST

\$ 100.00 Rotarians cost
increases to \$120.00 after May 1
\$80.00 Rotaractors

* This cost includes all meals,
and helps pay for our
work supplies. BYOB.

Rotary Bridge Closing Luncheon

Thursday May 1, 2014
Mississauga Golf & Country Club

Cost: \$60

11:30am start, lunch 12:15,
Bridge 1:30-3:00pm, Prizes 3:00-4:00

All Welcome!

Notify Peter Naylor at pnaylor@tippetrichardson.com 416-485-6184
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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

April 2014

- 11 Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto
- 18 Easter, no meeting

May 2014

- 2 Major General Richard Rohmer
- 9 Bob Howard, CEO St. Michael's Hospital
- 16 No Meeting
- 23 Camp Scugog Fellowship Lunch

Events

April 26 - Trump AIDS Poker Walk
June 28 - July 1 RibFest

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

Program Committee

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INNER WHEEL NEWS



Marjory Teresa (Rogers) Austin

After a brave fight, Marjory passed away Monday, March 17th in the company of her loving family at Sunnybrook. Marjory is survived by her lifelong love, John Austin, president of The Rotary Club of Toronto in 1983-84. Marjory lived a full life dedicated to family, friends and service. A hostess extraordinaire, Marjory was always at the centre of bringing family and friends together. Marjory contributed throughout her life to many worthwhile causes including the Toronto Junior League and Rotary Inner Wheel, to name a few.

A service was held at Eglinton St. George's United Church (35 Lytton Blvd, Toronto) on Thursday, March 20th.

Our best wishes go out to members of The Inner Wheel who have lost a dedicated contributor and to John who remains an active member of the Rotary Club.

CORRECTION TO DATE FINAL BRIDGE LUNCHEON on Wednesday, May 7th at the Islington Golf Club.

Mark your calendars and plan to come at 10 a.m. Bridge 10:30 to 12:30; social time until Lunch at 1 p.m.

The cost will be \$35 payable to Maryan Tisdale, Ste 707, 1907 Lakeshore Rd. W., Mississauga, ON L5J 1J6.

Please send your cheque as soon as possible so we will know numbers for lunch.

Thank you. We hope to see as many as possible - non-bridge players for lunch.

What You Missed March 28, 2014

— by John Andras



Meeting at the Imperial Room we had the pleasure to see past member Shannon Lundquist grace our meeting. She is returning to Toronto and plans to rejoin the club. She should be back just in time for Camp Scugog! Contact Susan Howson to sign up now for early bird special prices.

President Richard began the meeting by announcing the success of the annual Steam Whistle fundraiser. Over \$16,000.00 was raised during the evening in buy-ins alone! It appears that we may have had the most profitable poker night to date! Congratulations to Pat Neuman, Fabio Ventolini and all the organizing committee.

Maureen Bird reminded us that it is only 4 weeks to the Trump AIDS Poker Walk. 23 Rotary Clubs will be sending teams. There are over 16 million AIDS orphans in Africa. Great progress is being made especially in overcoming mother/child transmission during birth, where infection rates have dropped to 1/10 of 1% from 15%. Jackie Davies introduced Avrum Rosensweig the Founding Director and President of Ve'ahavta, Canada's only Jewish humanitarian and relief organization. Avrum, the child of a Rabbi, had a childhood that prepared him well for his mission. His home was a refuge for those less fortunate. With his father, he visited the sick and the imprisoned in jails. He learned that we are all creations of God.

He questioned the response to the Holocaust and the pledge of "Never Again" when some 800,000 to 1,000,000 innocent people were killed in Rwanda and the Jewish community remained

silent. He decided to get involved and contacted Bayer, the producer of Zyklon B gas, to get the antibiotic Cipro to the refugee camps. He realized that no one should sit back when faced with injustice. Avrum learned the true meaning of "Never Again." He realized that humanitarian work was his passion and that it was important that the Jewish Community launch a charitable organization. Ve'ahavta was born. The first program took place in the rainforests of Guiana. Setting up clinics in schools they served thousands of people, many who walked for days for treatment. Ve'ahavta has also worked in Zimbabwe at the Howard Hospital.

Closer to home, Avrum began the Ve'ahavta Street Academy (VSA) in partnership with George Brown College to provide educational opportunities for the homeless. VSA offers life skills and philosophy with guest teachers including Hockey Night in Canada's Ron Mclean. They also take field trips to the Holocaust Centre to speak to survivors. It is amazing the empathy, understanding and shared experience of these two groups. The eight-week program has been the turning point for the majority of those who sign up with most going on to higher education, employment or to start their own businesses. The Rotary Club of Toronto helped found the Street Academy with a substantial donation. Ve'ahavta is currently developing a toolbox to allow for the replication of this program. Avrum, based on his childhood and later experiences, believes that empathy is a learned behavior. "Rotary understands this."

Bert Steenburgh's ticket won but he drew a King and had to settle for the wine.

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