



Today's Program

The Honourable Hugh D. Segal, CM

Topic

The Two Freedoms that Matter Most and Why.

Host

Robert O'Brien

Location

The National Club



Hugh Segal, the fifth Master of Massey College, University of Toronto has served in the public sector as Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Chief of Staff and Associate Cabinet Secretary in Ontario to the Hon. William Davis and as a member of the Senate

of Canada. In the Senate he chaired the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Special Committee on Anti-Terrorism. A graduate from the University of Toronto in History, Hugh holds honorary doctorates from the University of Ottawa and the Royal Military College. He is a former Senior Fellow at the Queen's School of Policy Studies and Queen's School of Business. Hugh is now a Senior Fellow at the Munk School of International Affairs of the University of Toronto, Hon. Chair of the Navy League of Canada and an Hon. Captain in the Royal Canadian Navy. He serves as a distinguished research fellow at the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute and is a former chair of the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies. He is on the editorial board of the Canadian Naval Review and chairs the NATO Council of Canada. He is the author of seven books including *The Long Road Back: The Conservative Journey in Canada 1993-2006*, *The Right Balance: Canada's Conservative Tradition*, *In Defence of Civility: Reflections of a Recovering Politician*, *Beyond Greed: A Traditional Conservative Confronts Neoconservative Excess*. He received the Order of Canada in 2003, two years before being summoned to the Senate on the recommendation of Prime Minister Paul Martin in 2005. He resigned from the Senate to accept election as the fifth Master of Massey College in June 2014.

Rotary and the Environment

I want to let you in on a little secret, though it's not so much a secret as something that's not well advertised. Did you know that within The Rotary Club of Toronto there is a group of us that meet on the third Friday of each month immediately following lunch? We meet in the Rotary Office to discuss ways we can better the environment in Toronto. That's right, the Rotary Club of Toronto has its very own Environmental Sub-Committee.

In the past year, we've funded and worked on such projects as tree planting in the Don Valley in connection with Euphora, organized a Recycle Your Electronics event at the Metropolitan United Church, and worked with the Friends of Ritchie Parkette after receiving a grant from The George Weston Foundation to beautify this local parkette in Toronto's west end. We've helped fund the building of an ice rink in the winter time and this spring we'll be helping fund a butterfly garden with interpretive signage as well as installing a lend library. Coincidentally, the project was started by a Rotarian and is expanding globally.

Another initiative that we're working on is to urge all members of The Rotary Club of Toronto to opt out of receiving the paper based version of The Rotarian and instead elect to receive it electronically on your tablet. Here is the link to get you started: [CLICK HERE](#)

We're always on the lookout for new exciting ideas and ways we can improve our local environment. That said, we're also looking for new members who want to help the environment. Now that you know when and where we meet, you really have no excuse. Drop by at our next meeting. Coincidentally, it's today! See you there.



Tree planting



UPCOMING EVENTS

Taste@Sketch

Has been postponed until the fall

April 25 Trump AIDS Poker Walk

Sign up here: [CLICK HERE](#)



May 14 Cocktails and Rotary Flame

Please email Carol to reserve space for you and guests – this will be a sell out!

May 22-24 Lake Scugog Camp

A must attend event! [CLICK HERE](#)

June 11

Wine Night – watch your inbox

What You Missed April 10, 2015

– by Brian Westlake



With a large number of guests at our meeting, President Steve reported on the successful cocktail party with 80 in attendance that was held at The National Club on March 31, in lieu of a Good Friday meeting. The next similar event will be on May 14.

Geoffrey Johnson, as he is wont to do at this time of year, waxed eloquent on the sap rising and asparagus thrusting its spears from the earth. All this was in aid of the dinner that he is hosting on May 7, with the aid of his father, Cliff Johnson. If you like asparagus don't miss this one – all four courses of it.

Shannon Lundquist, in the guise of a camper writing to her mother, reminded us to sign up for Camp Scugog for the May 22-24 weekend to enjoy unmatched cuisine, camaraderie, and the satisfaction of helping kids have the opportunity to go to Camp. All new members should make it to this event to get to know their fellow club members.

James Hunter, in his capacity as a Board Member of Y.E.S., reminded us of our Club's role in establishing Youth Employment Services 47 years ago. It has gone on to be the model for similar programs in Ontario and worldwide to help youth at the crossroads find gainful employment. He highlighted the amazing career of our member Nancy Schaefer as President and CEO of Y.E.S. for the past 26 years, during which time she has led the organization from a budget of \$1 million to its current \$8 million level and has helped 150,000 youth who have benefitted from Y.E.S.'s services. James suggested that her hobby as teacher of Zen meditation might equip her to counsel one of our members with a seeming obsession for asparagus.

Nancy took the opportunity to thank the many past and present Y.E.S. board members and volunteers from Rotary and her senior management team, many of whom were there as her guests today to honour her retirement.



Robert O'Brien introduced our guest speaker Mark Sakamoto, a lawyer, broadcaster, film producer, musician, political adviser and author of *Forgiveness: A Gift from My Grandparents*. He recounted the story of his Canadian born grandparents of Japanese descent and their forced relocation from comfortable surroundings in Vancouver to internment in northern Alberta in harsh conditions. On the other side of the country his maternal grandfather from the Magdalen Islands served in Hong Kong, where all 2,000 Canadian soldiers were casualties of the Japanese invasion. The survivors used forgiveness as a tool – a way of life – for survival. Forgiveness is about tomorrow and not about yesterday and if it is not in the heart of the individual it cannot be acquired.

Mark's father has been a Rotarian for many years in Medicine Hat and he described how his father "came for the networking and stayed for the friendship." President Steve liked the turn of phrase so well that he wanted to adopt the tag line for our Club.

President Steve tried a new twist on the 50/50 draw – he had Mark draw a card and thereafter the qualifying ticket. Doug Hughes, whom we have seen frequently of late with winning 50/50 tickets, opted to choose his own card, but all it got him was a bottle of wine and not the \$1,700 at stake.

Upcoming Speakers

April

24 Neil McDstrich, *Once Upon A Brand: The Art of Corporate Storytelling*.

May

- 01 Kelly Murumets, CEO, Tennis Canada
- 08 Steve Cornish, Doctors Without Borders Canada
- 14 Thursday Evening Cocktails! Hosting the Rotary Flame
- 15 No Meeting due to the Victoria Day Holiday
- 22 Camp Scugog week Fellowship Lunch
- 29 Youth Friday Lunch

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