The Rotary Club of Toronto

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Today's Program

Jason Colero, Director of Education & Community Programs, Toronto Argonauts Football Club

Topic

Toronto Argonauts Community SAS with Rotary

Location

Upper Canada Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Jason Colero started with the Argonauts in 1985 as a ball boy/locker attendant working for the visiting teams on game day. While working with the Argonauts, Jason attended York University and graduated with a BA in Psychology in 1995. He went on to receive a Post Secondary Diploma in Corporate Communications in 1998. In 1999, the Toronto Argonauts named Jason the Manager of Community Relations. He founded and facilitated the "Huddle Up Bullying Prevention Progam," presented by Tim Hortons. Inspired by Jason's personal life experiences, the program has visited almost 500,000 students, received numerous awards, and is listed on the Ministry of Education website as a leader in bullying prevention. Jason is also the Director of the Level the Playing Field Program presented by Tim Hortons which has successfully established football in ten Toronto high schools. Today, Jason continues his service to the Toronto Argonauts as the Director of Education & Community Programs.

Rotary Voice Still Needs a Few Good Editors!

Several invites to RCT members to join the Voice team have been published here—but we are still one or two good people short! So now the ad goes on the front page, where you won't miss it. You can make a regular contribution to the club that makes a difference by joining this committee. Voice editors compile articles that have been submitted, fit them into a template, give them a quick read to make sure all is (mostly) well, and sometimes, if they are highly motivated, even write an article themselves for fun. When your edition is done, you pass it on to a copy editor, who does his or her work and then sends it to design and press. Editors are responsible for one issue every six weeks or so. We meet for half an hour, monthly, on the first Friday of the Month.

Editing Rotary Voice is a great way to learn more about how the club works, its activities, and many of its members. Join us at our next meeting, on Friday, September 5. Or, contact John Suk (johndsuk@mac.com) or Jeff Dobson (jdobson@mulvihill.com).

Rotary Disc Golf Championship

by Cliff Johnson



Why pay 35 dollars for a green fee and then spend four hours swatting and chasing a little ball around a golf course, losing two or three along the way, when you can have a free and scenic round of Disc Golf on one of the two Disc Golf Courses on Toronto Island, a 15 minute ferry ride from downtown Toronto? The round trip is just seven dollars! And best of all, Disc Golf is free!

If you can throw a Frisbee, you can play Disc Golf. If you can't throw a Frisbee, a 5-minute lesson is all you need. It's all about the grip.

All Rotary Members and Rotaractors and their family members are invited to a Disc Golf Championship to be held at the Toronto Island Disc Golf Course the morning of Saturday, August 16, 2014. First tee off at 9:15 AM. Take the Ward Island Ferry at 8:45 to arrive on time and then either walk or ride your bicycle to the Toronto Island Fire Station about half a kilometre from the wharf. If you can't make it on August 16, join us any Saturday thereafter until winter arrives!

Completion of 18 holes will take you between two-and-a-half hours. Bring your Frisbee and a picnic lunch so that afterwards we can have a lunch together at either the 18th hole or at one of the picnic spots along the way back to the Ward Island Ferry.

Contact Cliff Johnson at cliff.johnson@me.com or (647) 352-9119 to reserve your spot. See you there!

Canvas Bag Program Thanks

YOUR HEALTHY BEGINNINGS COMMITTEE wishes to thank the following Rotarians and their friends for contributing to the canvas bag program for the past rotary year.

John Andras, Krystyna Benyak, Shane Blanchard (Rexall Drugs), Valerie Clarke, Norma Crawford, Jackie Davies, John Fortney, Nasir Gaylani, Geoffrey Johnson, Gloria Lee, Maria Maggiore, Sylvia Milne, Peter Naylor, Neil Phillips (DGN Marketing Services), Kevin Power, Carolyn Purden, Jack Robertson, Shopper's Drug Mart, Bob Smith, Blair Spinney, and The Ladies of the Inner Wheel and Paul Truelove.

The committee receives funding from the Pauline Hill Endowment fund, and special thanks to Maryan Tisdale who has knitted over 600 baby sweater sets.

Jackie Davies





Come and join your friends at Rotary for a fabulous day of golf, sun and a great time!

The Rotary Club of Toronto 66TH Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 21, 2014

Richmond Hill Golf Club

8755 Bathurst Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Register today

as singles, twosomes, threesomes, foursomes and non-golfers. Online at www.rotarytoronto.com or Contact the Rotary Office at

416.363.0604

Net Proceeds go to the selected charity: AboutFace, a Toronto based charity that supports youth with facial differences.

Our support will send ten to fifteen children to AboutFace's Camp Trailblazers. www.aboutface.ca

Upcoming Speakers & Events

August 2014

To Be Determined

No Friday, Lunch due to the Holiday Weekend Have a Safe and Happy Holiday! - Labour Day

September 2014

Terry Fallis, Novelist

Aug 21 - RRCT 66th Annual Golf Tournament

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What You Missed Reporter for August 15 Elizabeth Tremblay

Propose a Speaker - Contact Alex Brown, Chair alexbrown@integratedappliances.ca

Submit an article to the Voice Newsletter voice@rotarytoronto.on.ca



What You Missed, August 8 2014

- by John Suk



Pianist Heléna Bowkun played our humble keyboard with virtuosity and power at the past Friday's meeting, lending an air of aesthetic excellence to our special fellowship meeting. Her repertoire was highlighted by Schumann's Kinderzenen (Scenes from Childhood) but selections ranged from DeBussy to Fauré and Chopin to Mozart.

Bowkun's virtuosity with the keyboard served as a sharp contrast to President Steven Smith's bell ringing. Bereft of a competent Sergeant-at-Arms, Steve tried his luck with the bell himself. Unable to get the bell to ring at once with its usual clarity and urgency, Steve began the meeting with two fumbled peels in a minor key. Esteemed Past-President Sylvia Milne, trying, as she always does, to put things in as positive a light as possible, said, "He's showing promise." She couldn't help but add, however, "still, we won't know for sure how he's doing till December." Luckily, we get our regular Sergeant-at-Arms back next week.

This meeting was all about fellowship. "They're all very handsome," said Krystyna Benyak, trying to put the best spin on the men in the crowd. "And it's a delicious spread, too!" True enough! The buffet lunch featured chicken or salmon (or both, for some of us), mixed veggies, and several salad options. The dessert parfait was tasty as well. The coffee was—just usual. In spite of New Member Elizabeth Trembley's campaign to introduce an alcoholic beverage option at our meetings, only soft drinks were served. We'll have to introduce her to potential ally Neil Phillips.

Not much else happened. We were urged to sign up for the 66th annual Rotary Golf Tournament. Fellow Rotarians from as far away as Dubai, Great Britain, and Hawaii (obviously here for the our fine weather compared to back home) were welcomed. Heather Hetherington brought seven guests! President Steve actually serenaded our guests with a "Welcome to the Rotary Club of Toronto" tune he made up on the spot. Jason Colero put in a good word for the opportunity to sell 50-50 tickets on Tuesday, at the Argos game where John Chen will officially receive his Rotary Club of Toronto Community Champion Scholarship, which we are awarding in cooperation with the Toronto Argonauts. After Jason's announcement, President Steve admitted that his daughter is predicting that his opening kick might go as far as three or four yards. Join us next week to find out how he actually did!

President Steve then shared a note from Carol Beiser—who will return to us soon as the newly hitched (President Steve's word) Carol Hutchinson. Carol wrote, "In the beginning God created heaven and earth. On the sixth day God created a good and obedient wife and put one in every corner. And on the seventh day, God made the world round and laughed and laughed." I did too, though the theologian in me couldn't help but scowl just a bit, since what the Bible actually says is that on the seventh day God rested. The meeting concluded with the fifty-fifty draw. In spite of several inquiries, I couldn't figure out who went home with the bottle of wine, though all of Heather's guests are suspected!

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