

Today's Program

Ian Urquhart

Topic

Election 2015: How Parliament Lost Control

Host

Robert O'Brien

Past-President Robert is a long-time Rotarian and member of the Program Committee. He is a keen historian and member of the Churchill Society.

Location

Imperial Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Ian Urquhart is a well known and respected journalist whose insider views of the political world have been widely read for more than thirty years. Ian graduated from McGill in 1970 and is a former City Hall reporter, Ottawa reporter, Ottawa Bureau Chief, National Editor, Managing Editor and Editorial Page Editor for the Toronto Star. He was Ottawa correspondent and Washington correspondent for Maclean's magazine. He is best known for his long running columns about Queen's Park which were featured in the Toronto Star after he succeeded Rosemary Speirs in 1986. Recently his columns in the Toronto Star have described the realities of the current federal election campaign which evoked the following response, "He was and is an evocation of some of the best of the Star's rich history of quality journalism."

Ian Riseley is selected as 2017-18 Rotary President

[The following is a reprint of an article by Ryan Hyland, Rotary News, 3 August 2015, which appears on the Internet, <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/ian-riseley-selected-2017-18-rotary-president>]



Ian H.S. Riseley, of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2017-18. He will become the president-nominee on 1 October if no other candidates challenge him.

Riseley says that meaningful partnerships with corporations and other organizations are crucial to Rotary's future.

"We have the programs and personnel and others have available resources," says Riseley. "Doing good in the world is everyone's goal. We must learn from the experience of the polio eradication program to maximize our public awareness exposure for future partnerships."

Riseley is a practicing accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., which specializes in advising local and international businesses, and has a strong interest in international affairs. He received the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in 2002 in recognition of his work in Timor-Leste. He also received the Order of Australia medal in 2006 for service to the Australian community.

"Governments see Rotary as positive representatives of a civil society," he says. "We should work with them to advocate for peace and conflict resolution, just as we are advocating for polio eradication."

A member since 1978, Riseley has served Rotary as treasurer, director, trustee, RI Board Executive Committee member, task force member, committee member and chair, and district governor.

He is also a former member of the Australian Polio Eradication Private Sector Campaign and a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Juliet, are Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Bequest Society members.



An enthusiastic volunteer waves a 'fan' of bills.

ACE OF CLUBS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are urgently needed for Ace of Club Ticket Sales. The prize money is now well over \$3,000. Practice your fund-raising technique and meet your fellow Rotarians as they approach you to buy tickets. Call Belli in the office to volunteer as Carol is away on a well-deserved holiday: **416.363.0604**

The Voice Needs You

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The Voice Editorial Board and 'Writers Union' are looking for some assistance. If you can help us edit the Voice a few times a year, we would very much like you to contact us. The job is not difficult, but it does require four or five hours of your time approximately once every 90 days. Or, if you would like to be part of our "What you Missed" writing team to report on the weekly Club meetings, we could use your writing skills. Perhaps you would like to contribute an article on a Club activity, function, committee, or anything else that relates to Rotary. That would be great, too. Most of us are writing e-mails, reports, proposals or evaluations on a daily basis, ... so it's nothing new, just a different application. Are you interested?

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We'd like you to
join our team!



Upcoming Speakers & Events

September 2015

- 4 No Meeting due to Labour Day Holiday
- 11 John Godfrey, Advisor - Ministry of Environment, Climate Change
- 18 The Honourable Michael H. Wilson, CAMH
- 20 Foundation Walk - Morningside Park
- 25 Dr. Shannon Meadows, Infectious Diseases (animal to human)

October 2015

- 2 Dr. Carolyn Harris, 800th Anniversary Magna Carta
- 9 No Meeting due to Thanksgiving Holiday
- 23 Andrea Cohen-Barrick, Trillium Foundation

November 2015

- 6 John Plumpton, Remembrance Day Lunch

Editor of the Week
Luba Rascheff

Editor September 11, 2015
John Andras

What You Missed Reporter for August 28
Maureen Bird

Propose a Speaker – Contact
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What You Missed August 21, 2015

– by Valerie Clarke



President David opened our meeting today in his usual charming, charismatic style. He, like a number of our members, had a particularly healthy glow having enjoyed our Club's successful Annual Golf Tournament which was held yesterday at the Richmond Hill Golf Club. Proceeds from this event will benefit UNITY Charity. This charity's Founder and Executive Director, Michael Prosserman, was our guest speaker.

Our members: John Farrell, Don Brooks, Sylvia Geist, Susan Howson, guest speaker Michael Prosserman, Karl Kremer and our very new member Chantelle McDonald, joined President David at the head table.

It is always a pleasure to welcome visiting Rotarians and guests. Our Club had the good fortune of hosting visiting Rotarians from, regionally, the Rotary Clubs of: Toronto Sunrise, Etobicoke, and Toronto Eglinton. And, internationally: the Merendón Rotary Club, San Pedro Sula, Honduras; Rotary Dubai; the McAllen North Rotary Club, Texas; and the Rotary Club of Kampala.

Members were reminded that we urgently need volunteers to assist with the Ace of Clubs 50/50 ticket sales at our meetings. This is a simple task, but it is an important part of our weekly lunches as the proceeds support our philanthropic activities. Please contact the Rotary office if you are willing to offer your assistance.

Karl Kremer introduced our guest speaker Michael Prosserman and what a dynamic, engaging and interesting presentation. Michael's career includes Cirque du Soleil, being featured in the major motion picture "Honey," and travelling the world as one of Canada's top breakdancers winning over twenty-two International competitions.

In 2007, Michael developed UNITY Charity. Currently, UNITY reaches 60,000 youths across Canada empowering them to become positive and influential leaders in priority communities. Youth are urged to consciously express the stress in their lives through art forms so they are better able to cope with the many challenges that life presents to teens in today's society.

Michael gave us a short live presentation of his breakdancing skills and we were delighted that he did not ask members in the audience to join him.

Host to our guest speaker, Karl Kremer won the Ace of Clubs Draw ticket with a possible prize of \$3,009, but he had to take home a fine bottle of wine instead.



Michael Prosserman demonstrates his technique

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