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Today's Program

Pianist Heléna Bowkun

Topic

Fellowship Meeting with a Buffet Lunch and Guest Entertainment!

Location

Upper Canada Room,
Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Born in Toronto of Ukrainian parents, pianist Heléna Bowkun has established an international reputation as a performer, teacher and commentator on music. Since her highly acclaimed debut with the Toronto Symphony in which she played the Rachmaninoff Second Piano Concerto to a standing ovation and sold-out hall, Ms. Bowkun has performed extensively in recital and in concert, on television

and radio. Her orchestral appearances as soloist include performances with The Toulouse Symphony, The National Arts Centre Orchestra, The Edmonton Symphony, The Hamilton Philharmonic, CJRT and CBC Orchestras (Toronto).

Ms. Bowkun's recital appearances have included performances across North America, as well as concerts in Rome, Paris, Lausanne and St. Jean de Luz.

Her performances have been broadcast frequently on CBC Radio, as well as, CJRT, WQXR in New York and on Radio France. She has recorded for Jubal, the CBC SM series, and the Mastersound and RCA Red Seal labels.

She is a graduate of both the Royal Conservatory of Music and the Faculty of Music of the University of Toronto and has received many awards including a Chalmers Award Grant for Professional Development. Her commitment to the development of young musicians involves her as a teacher, adjudicator and workshop clinician. She taught at the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto and the Royal Conservatory of Music. She was artist in residence at both the summer programs of the Banff Centre and Festival Domaine Forget in Charlevoix, Québec. She is a master class presenter on performance and pedagogy and has lectured on related subjects, including the prevention of and rehabilitation of performance related injuries.

Ms. Bowkun's articles have appeared in publications such as the Toronto Star and the former Classical Music Magazine. She is a Steinway artist and has been listed in the Canadian "Who's Who" and Chatelaine's "The Who's Who of Canadian Women." Ms. Bowkun currently resides in Toronto.

Prince Frederik and Princess Mary of Denmark Joining Us!

Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary of Denmark will be our guests of honour at The Rotary Club of Toronto luncheon meeting Friday, September 19, 2014. Their Royal Highnesses are attending in support of our guest speaker, Thorkil Sonne, the Founder and Chairman of "Specialisterne" and the not-for-profit "Special People Foundation." The Foundation's mission is to create one million jobs for people with autism and similar challenges.

On the occasion of the official Canadian visit by the Royal Couple from September 17 to 19, a large Danish business delegation headed by the Danish Minister for Trade and Development will travel to Ottawa and Toronto to strengthen and increase existing business relationships between Denmark and Canada. Danish companies in the fashion, healthcare, pharma, medical devices, food and beverage, building, construction, interior design, city planning and energy efficiency fields will be represented.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Frederik was born on May 26, 1968. The Crown Prince is the son of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik of Denmark. He is in line to succeed to the throne and is regent when Her Majesty the Queen is out of the country. On May 14, 2004, the Crown Prince married Miss Mary Elizabeth Donaldson from Tasmania, Australia, who became Crown Princess Mary of Denmark. The couple has four children: Prince Christian, Princess Isabella, as well as twins Prince Vincent and Princess Josephine.

The Crown Prince and Crown Princess graced the opening of the Rotary International Convention at the Bella Center in Copenhagen 2006 with their presence. Now we are honoured by their attendance at our Friday luncheon, September 19. Mark the date in your calendar now and be sure not to miss a special occasion in our club.



Danish Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary

Congratulations to our Own Carol Bieser!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Carol Bieser and her beau John Hutchinson who will be married tomorrow, August 9! The entire Rotary Club of Toronto wishes you much happiness as you set out on this new and lovely adventure.

More Congratulations!

Yvonne Yu, former Accountant at RCT for several years, was married to Paul Kam on Saturday, July 26. Heartfelt congrats from your friends at Rotary! We wish them both the best in their future lives together.

New Member Elizabeth Tremblay



Rotarians! Elizabeth Tremblay of MacPherson Avenue and the Republic of Rathnelly is proud to be back home after living in Los Angeles with stops in Australia and Brazil. To keep her family from worrying so much about her, she has come to Rotary to make fast friends, to continue her lifetime dedication to humanitarian work, and to plead to each and every one of you to find worthy suitors with hearts of gold for her. Elizabeth has been a champion of the AIDS Committee of Toronto and of Home Hospice and Palliative Care while raising four, now

grown world explorers. When she is not fund raising or committee steering you will find Elizabeth at The Queens Plate, The Honda Indy, and at every Arts advocacy and charity gala she can find a gown for, or underdog charity that needs every lifting hand. Elizabeth hopes to be the Rotarian not only best known for nagging Rotary to serve an alcoholic beverage on a Friday afternoon, but best known as the Rotarian who works tirelessly and happily fund raising and leading to sponsor, Lorraine's, complete approval! Elizabeth was an active member of The Neighborhood Church in Palos Verdes, and now Grace Church on the Hill in Toronto. She will use her legal and executive assistant business skills acquired at U.C.L.A. to help Rotary, and to convince you to hire her, and you should! Until then, Elizabeth will see all of the ladies at Talbots on Bloor Street where it will be her pleasure to be your very own personal shopper, and to serve you. You are now all formally invited for a pool and sunset party - just call - and celebrate with Elizabeth being in the great city of Toronto and Rotarians all year long.

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 the August 16, join us any Saturday thereafter until winter arrives!

Completion of 18 holes will take you between two and 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!

World War I Remembrance

— by John Suk

This past week the newspapers were full of recollections about Canada's entry into World War 1 on August 4, 1914. We all have some understanding of the tragedy of that war. More than 60,000 Canadians died in World War I and about 150,000 more suffered casualties. Many Rotarians in the earlier days of the club were veterans of that war. All of us still live, in important ways, with the consequences of World War I, as it did much to shape the world that our parents and grandparents inherited. Take some time this week to reflect on our debts to the fallen, and our responsibility to work for peace and justice at every opportunity.



The Canadian National Vimy Memorial at Pas de Calais in France commemorates one of the key battles of World War I, where more than 3500 lives were lost. The memorial is inscribed with the names of 11,285 Canadians who went missing in action.

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Interota 2014: RCT Hosts RI President Huang

— by Neil Phillips



Three years ago, in Hurghada, Egypt, Rotaractors from Canada—including our own Rotaract Club of Toronto—bid for and won the right to host Interota 2014. The committee presented a unique bid that called for two cities, Toronto and Montreal, to co-host the conference.

Held every three years, this was the first time Interota came to Canada or the United States. Our Club was a key sponsor early in the process and honoured to help the steering committee these past years. One of this year's Interota highlights was that we hosted none other than Rotary International President Gary Huang.

President Huang and his wife Corinna arrived in Toronto direct from Taiwan early the morning of Saturday, July 26. The RCT was official "host Club" for the president, who was met by Past President Neil and Rotaractor Annie Chu. Acting as aide, Neil ensured they made it to the various events throughout the weekend and so the weekend ran smoothly for all. Saturday was arrival day for the 200-plus delegates from around the world. They were greeted at Victoria College for an informal barbeque, where they were able to socialize with the President.

Apart from the RI President, our Zone Director Julia Phelps and District Governor Brian Thompson were present to kick off the conference Sunday morning. Other keynote speakers included Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson. As official hosts, our own President Steve and his wife Debbie

lunched with Gary and Corinna and senior Rotary delegates. Gary was most impressed that Toronto is hosting the 2018 RI Convention and told Michele Guy he was sorry he was chair of 2019 and not 2018!

Sunday evening featured a harbour cruise, which despite stormy weather and a very wet ending, went very well with many past district governors and other Rotarians attending to support the Rotaract event. All in all, it was a successful weekend start to the conference and RCT was pleased to once again host the RI President.

While I was not able to join the delegates for their Niagara Falls trip, or the remainder of the conference in Montreal, all reports suggest both legs were absolute successes. If you followed on social media you saw many updates (including from our own Twitter account). As President Gary said, these young professionals are not the future of Rotary, they ARE Rotary. And when you listened to them share details of their global projects you certainly saw that.

We are fortunate to sponsor two very active Rotaract Clubs, and involve them with our events. As President Steve said in his inaugural address, we look forward to working even more closely with them in the future.

Congratulations to Andrea Tirone (Toronto) & Sean Yappe (Montreal), Interota co-chairs, and the entire committee, on a most successful conference.



Gary C.K. Huang, President and his wife Corinna Yao with Debbie Smith and RCT President Steve Smith visiting the CN Tower.



Corinna Yao, Gary C.K. Huang at Victoria College with Neil Phillips.

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What You Missed Reporter for August 8th:

John Suk

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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

July 2014

- 15 Jason Colero, Toronto Argonauts
SAS Program
- 22 To Be Determined
- 29 No Friday lunch due to Labour Day Weekend.
Have a safe and happy holiday!

September

- 5 Terry Fallis, Novelist

Events

Aug 21 - RCT 66th Annual Golf Tournament

See more at

<http://rotarytoronto.com/#sthash.6geDZwnj.dpuf>

Propose a Speaker

Alex Brown, Chair

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What You Missed July 25, 2014

— by Geoffrey Cobham



For those of you who missed last Friday's lunch, the Club received one new member into its fold, namely, Elizabeth Tremblay, who was introduced by Lorraine Lloyd. Welcome

Elizabeth!

President Steven Smith took the opportunity to remind the Club that he will be conducting a ceremonial kick-off at the August 12 Toronto Argonauts game. Although he stated confidently that he expects to kick the ball far enough to exceed the set goal (described at an earlier meeting as 30 feet, as opposed to yards), he did let slip that the last time he kicked a football was in 1974 (thereby laying to rest any argument that the goal is being measured in yards, and causing some to speculate that the proper unit of measurement is actually inches).

We had the pleasure of having Shelley McIntyre speak to us about giving children a voice through her role as a lawyer at the Office of the Children's Lawyer in Toronto.

Shelley comes from a family with a longstanding commitment to Rotary. Her grandfather served on three clubs and received numerous awards, including being named an Honorary Life Member. Shelley started her involvement with Rotary as a young child, and more recently was a member of the Mississauga West Club.

In her role at the Office of the Children's Lawyer, Shelley oversees the work of a number of lawyers. In addition to her supervisory role, Shelley maintains her own busy caseload, which includes

primarily appellate work in the areas of custody and access, child protection, adoption and secure treatment. Most of the members in the room were astonished to learn that her office typically serves 20,000 children at any given time and has more than 10,000 active files. Almost half of those files are devoted to child protection. Other areas include custody and access, estates and civil litigation. Truly, and as Shelley said, her office is "giving children a voice".

For those of you who regularly play the Ace of Clubs draw, you can all rest easy. Shannon Lundquist was the lucky winner, but she drew the Jack of Clubs and took home a lovely bottle of wine.



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

on

Thursday, August 21, 2014

at the

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



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